



Kelowna Dragon Boat Festival August 25-26, 2018 City Park, Kelowna BC

Welcome to the 2018 Kelowna Dragon Boat Festival! This year we are bringing you something new and exciting – we are collaborating with RibFest!!! This means we have moved to City Park but better than that – we have more vendors, more activities and a great view of the races. We are super excited to have you all attend.

Festival Site and Parking: The festival will take place at City Park, located at 1600 Abbott Street. We will provide ONE parking pass for each team. This parking pass is for your manager or for equipment. For parking during the festival, please visit www.downtownkelowna.com and search 'parking' or a variety of parking options.

Registration and Check-In: Teams will check in at the registration tent at 7:00 am onwards on Saturday August 25th. Please come with your Team Roster and Team Waiver. You will receive your welcome package containing wristbands that must be worn by all paddlers, drummers and steerspersons in order to race. We have included garbage and recycling bags in your package; please ensure that all of your site area is clean at the end of the festival.

Food Bank Donations: We will be collecting nonperishable food items for the local Food Bank. You can leave your donations at the registration tent.

Tent Set-up and Paddler's Village: Tents can be set up at the site on Saturday August 25th starting at 7:00 am. Tent spots will be randomly drawn and assigned. Spots will be marked out with wooden spikes. Your assigned tent location can be found at the registration table. There will be no set up Friday night. All tents to be weighed down, no spikes/stakes allowed.

Security: Will be provided by Secureguard.

Race Grid: The race grid and time keeping will be compiled by Elemental Dragon Boat Inc. and sent out via e-mail a week prior to the festival. All races will be 250 meters except Guts N Glory which is 2000 meters.

Steersperson's Meeting: All steerspersons will meet with the race director at 7:30 am on Saturday August 25th outside of the registration tent.

Guts and Glory Race: A 2000 meter race will take place on Saturday August 25th. Please sign up on Saturday at the registration tent. There will be 2 races: the first 3 WOMEN's teams and the first 3 MIXED teams to register will race. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.

Blindfold Challenge: We will be holding our third annual Blindfold Challenge race in honour of our visually impaired team, the Sonar Dragons on Saturday August 25th. Up to 5 paddlers from each team are welcome to join and the cost is \$10 per paddler, to a maximum of 40 paddlers. Please sign up at the registration tent on Saturday. All sighted paddlers will be blindfolded, but the drummer and steerspersons will not. All proceeds from this race will be donated to BC Blind Sports.

Masters Race: We have 3 teams racing: Penticton Golden Dragons; KDBC Lift What's Draggin; Silver Dips.

Breast Cancer Ceremony: Our annual Breast Cancer Ceremony will take place on Sunday August 26th.

First Aid: First aid will be on site and provided by St. John Ambulance.

Central Okanagan Search and Rescue (COSAR): Once again, we are very pleased that COSAR has again volunteered their time to provide on the water first aid. Boat and trained rescue personnel will be on the water.

Vendors: There will be festival t-shirts and many other vendors on site, in collaboration with RibFest. There is also an ATM on site.

Physiotherapy Tent: On Sunday, stop by for some well deserved therapy offered by some amazing physiotherapists.

Food Concession and Beverages: There will be a selection of food trucks and, of course, ribs!

Paddlers Party: Please join your fellow paddlers between 3 and 6 pm on Saturday at the Beer Garden – there is a designated area for paddlers. Have some fun and maybe win a prize!

Washrooms & Water: There are washrooms on site and a water station, bring your water bottles!

Schedule of Events

Saturday August 25:

7:00 am	Registration Opens
7:30	Steerspersons Meeting
8:00	Races, round #1
9:20	Races, round #2
10:40	Blindfold Race
	Masters Race
11:00	Mayor's Welcome
	Lunch break
Noon	Races, round #3
1:20	Races, round #4
3:00	Guts and Glory
4:00	Beer Garden

Sunday August 26:

9:30	Semifinal races
1050	Corporate Team races
1100	Harley's Cup Ceremony
	Taiko Drummers
	Lunch break
Noon	Finals
1:30	Award Ceremony

Thank you for registering for the 2018 Kelowna Dragon Boat Festival! We look forward to racing with all teams and to growing our festival in the coming years with you by our side. Be sure to fill in your evaluations of the festival and leave at the registration tent for a chance to win one free team entry for any out of town team for the 2019 festival, sponsored by David Lofthaug of 2% Reality!!