



## **Shuswap Association for Rowing & Paddling**

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### **SARP Race Information Package 2012**

Dear Paddler:

In keeping with our mission statement, SARP strives to foster a healthy, happy lifestyle and build a stronger community through promoting and developing paddling and rowing activities. While our annual Dragon Boat Festival is a small gathering of paddling teams, we try to provide an atmosphere of camaraderie and a positive spirit of competition as a beginning to the Dragon Boat Racing season for participating teams. We hope to see old and meet new friends this year as we again host our Dragon Boat Festival in Salmon Arm June 23, 2012.

2012 SARP President: Len Sept

Shuswap Dragon Boat Festival

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## **SARP**

### **2012 Shuswap Dragon Boat Festival**

#### **Registration Details**

1. The last day for early registration will be May 18, 2012. The registration fee of \$550 together with the completed registration form must be received by SARP by 5 PM May 18. After May 18, 2012 the Registration Fee is \$600. Incomplete registration forms will be returned with no race place held.
2. Registration is on a first come basis. Space is limited! If needed, teams will be added to a waiting list when the registration reaches capacity.
3. An email contact for your team is essential. Confirmation of successful registration will be sent by email, as will any updates or changes that occur. A written receipt will be available in your racing package.
4. Completed team waivers and team rosters are to be received by June 08, 2012. Final team waivers/rosters are due before racing commences on June 23rd, 2012.
5. Please include a brief team bio at this time.

### Award presentations

Awards will be presented at the Gazebo as close to the completion of the final race as possible.

### Frequently Misunderstood Rules and Regulations

#### **Equipment:**

- Paddles will be available, however, you may use your own personal paddle if it is IDBF approved (as per Grey Owl club paddles)
- Friction tape and wax may be used on your own personal paddles only.
- PFD's will be provided. If you wish to use your own PFD's, they must be Department of Transport/Canadian Coast Guard Approved (except self-inflating jackets) –dock personnel before each race will inspect them. It is up to the dock manager if the Personal Flotation Device will be allowed.
- Water bottles are allowed on the boat.

### Race Rules

Races will be conducted according to the rules document that will be available at the SARP website.

### Team Composition

Mixed Team

Women's Team

Masters mixed 55+

### Race Course:

- All races will be approximately 500 metres in distance
- Lanes will be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.
- There will be lane markers.
- Races will begin at 8 AM sharp.

### The Start

- The Officials at the start will signal the crews to line up in their respective lanes in the pre-start area before the start of the race. The race will commence without your team if you choose to ignore line-up instructions.
- The Starter will start the race when boats are prepared (lined up) for a "standing start" (in the starter's opinion, under the best possible conditions for a fair start)

**The Start Commands will be:**

1. "Paddles Up"
2. "Attention Please"
3. An air horn blast or similar signal will occur, 1-5 seconds after "attention please"

**Re-race Rules**

At the Official's discretion, a re-race may be ordered when:

- There is a false start called by the Starter, or
- There is clearly a collision within the first 50 metres of the race, or
- There is an equipment breakage, other than paddle, within the first 50 metres of the race.

There will absolutely be no grounds for the re-races once boats have passed the 50-metre mark, except one that is initiated by Officials under extraordinary circumstances.

**Conduct**

Responsible behaviour and abiding by the values of good sportsmanship is expected.

**Waivers and Team Rosters**

The waiver and team roster is required to be submitted, according to the date on the registration details, before you participate in the SARP Dragon Boat Festival. If changes are required to your roster due to changes in the composition of your team, you are required to present these changes accompanied with the signed waiver before your race.

**Race Package**

A race package will be available to team managers at the pre-race meeting the morning of the race.