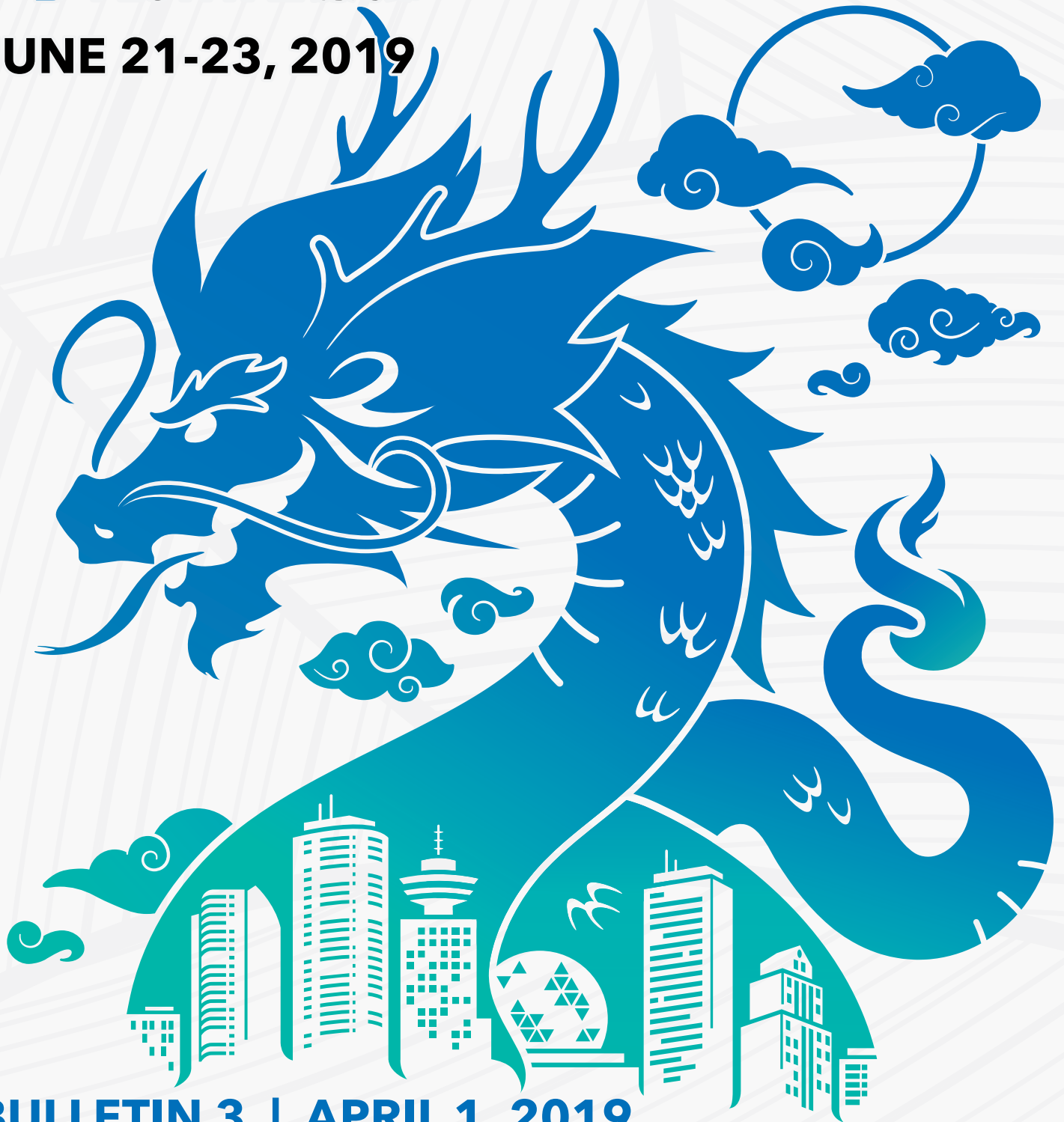


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Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival

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To all dragon boat teams, clubs, and organizations across the world:

With just over two months to North America's flagship dragon boat festival, we are excited to provide you with updates on this year's festival. We have been hard at work over the past few months to update our race programme, provide even more on-site services, and create a Festival environment that celebrates our local Vancouver culture as well as dragon boat racing.

In the following pages, you will find updates on registration, race rules, and race format. Of particular note is that all specialty races on Saturday are anticipated to now be 100 M knockout races. We have done so in an attempt to streamline the racing day, but also to create unique racing opportunities for more people in response to your ideas from last year's Festival.

We have also implemented a new online form for you to request services and tickets in an effort to simplify your team's experience at the Festival.

In addition, we have increased opportunities on site for you to get a taste of Vancouver's local arts and culture scene. From local headliners and emerging acts at the 102.7 THE PEAK Main Stage presented by Creative BC in the heart of Creekside Park, to community acts and circus workshops on the Concord Community Stage presented by Creative BC at the Concord Community Park right beside Racer's Village, we hope you have a chance to celebrate with us, in the true spirit of the dragon boat festival.

Further information on the event is located in the following pages to assist you with your experience at the Festival. Please email us if you have any questions at info@dragonboatbc.ca.

We look forward to welcoming your team to North America's flagship dragon boat festival in the heart of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada at the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival.

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Executive Director and General Manager

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fees

	Premier/Adult	U24/Senior	All Access/BCS	Junior Division
Lower Mainland	\$1995.00	\$1495.00	\$1495.00	FREE
North American	\$1495.00	\$1295.00	\$1295.00	FREE
Off Continent	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

Register online at register.dragonboatbc.ca. Email info@dragonboatbc.ca if you have questions.

We recognize Concord Pacific's support of all teams, and the Milton K. Wong Legacy Project in funding all Junior teams to race in the Festival at no cost. Learn about the Milton K. Wong Legacy Project and our commitment to community at www.dragonboatbc.ca/community.

All Access teams require pre-approval from Dragon Boat BC prior to registration to access specialty rates. All Access team types include, but are not limited to cancer survivors, medical needs, and/or individuals of various abilities. Please email info@dragonboatbc.ca for verification.

Composite Teams

Teams are allowed to race in the Premier Women or Premier Open divisions at a reduced rate if all members on the roster are already racing in the Festival on a team. Email info@dragonboatbc.ca if you have any questions.

Registration Deadlines

Regular registration ends May 31, 2019 or when slots are filled up. Please note that the Festival regularly sells out divisions before cut off dates; register early to avoid disappointment.

Main Divisions

- Premier Mixed: 70% sold out - 4 X 500 M races, top 18 teams race in Premier Mixed Guts and Glory on Sunday , fastest non-local teams race in International Cup on Saturday
- Premier Women: 70% sold out - 4 X 500 M races, top 16 teams race in Premier Women Guts and Glory on Sunday
- Premier Open: 70% sold out - all teams will race 2 X 500 M (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday) OR 3 X 500 M (2 Saturday, 1 Sunday) races pending race grid
- Junior Mixed: 85% sold out - 4 X 500 M races

Specialty Races

- U24 Cup: WAIT LIST
- Senior Cup: 2 slots
- Breast Cancer Survivor Cup: slots available
- All Access Cup: slots awarded through applications by charities
- Survivor Showdown: Email info@dragonboatbc.ca for information
- International Cup: Slots awarded by invitation
- Premier Mixed Guts and Glory: Boats determined by placements in Sunday Finals
- Premier Women Guts and Glory: Boats determined by times on Saturday of Festival

Waivers

Teams with incomplete waivers will not be allowed to race. All racers MUST have completed their waiver through the online portal at register.dragonboatbc.ca OR submitted a paper waiver to their team manager to hand in before your first race.

All teams and racers should take note that waivers signed electronically before January 1, 2019 may no longer be valid in the system. Automated reminders have been sent out to racers listed on the rosters of teams participating in any Dragon Boat BC event this year to resign their waivers. Managers are encouraged to check their team's waiver status by going to the online portal at register.dragonboatbc.ca, selecting their team in the right hand panel under "My Teams," and verifying that all racers participating in the event are showing "Waiver signed."

Rosters

All teams racing in the Festival must also submit a physical roster prior to their race.

Premier teams MUST generate their roster by having their manager, captain, or administrator log in to the online portal at register.dragonboatbc.ca, click on the team they are creating a roster for in the right hand panel under "My Teams," then create a roster for the Festival. Each division requires a separate roster (i.e. Premier Mixed, Premier Women, Premier Open, Junior Mixed).

Junior teams may download a paper roster from www.concorddragonboatfestival.ca/downloads and have their team manager submit that to the Race Registrar.

Rosters will be accepted during the Vessi 500 Championship and at the Race Registrar's tent leading up to the Festival. Local teams are highly encouraged to submit their rosters at the Vessi 500 Championship. Team managers are reminded that their final rosters are due no later than the Friday before the Festival. Teams will not receive their racer packages unless they have submitted their final rosters.

If you require assistance with your waivers or rosters, please email info@dragonboatbc.ca well ahead of time.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Location

Racing Lanes: False Creek from East of Cambie Street bridge going NE to Creekside Park. The race course is 9 lanes, and is a tidal saltwater course. Starts are free floating.

Festival Site: Concord Pacific Place to Creekside Park, to Creekside Community Centre.

Racer's Village: Location TBA in Concord Pacific Place

Race Regulations and Specifications

The Festival uses the Dragon Boat BC 2019 Official Rules and Regulations. A copy of the 2019 Rules and Regulations is available online at www.concorddragonboatfestival.ca/downloads.

Please note the following change for 2019: The International Cup, U24 Cup, Senior Cup, Breast Cancer Cup, and All Access Cup are 100 M knockout races. The Guts and Glory Grand Finals are 2,000 M turns races. All other races are 500 M straight lines.

Roster Qualifications and Verification

Gender Categories

- Mixed: Minimum of 10 female paddlers, and maximum of 10 male paddlers (Note: deviation from IDBF Rule. A team with 13 female and 7 male paddlers can race in Mixed).
- Women: All female racers including drummer and steers.
- Open: No gender restrictions.

Age Categories: Age category racers may be required to present identification to prove their age.

- Junior: Paddlers and drummer at least 12 years old but under 19 on December 31, 2018.
- U24: Racers at least 12 years old but under 24 on December 31, 2018. Two racers per roster are allowed to be over 23 but under of 26 on December 31, 2018.
- Senior: Paddlers and steers over the age of 59 on December 31, 2018.
- Premier/Adult: All racers at least 19 years old. Racers under 19 may be approved on a case by case basis by the Race Director through the Race Registrar (registrar@dragonboatbc.ca).

All divisions may have a maximum of 26 racers on their roster plus 1 team manager, except for Junior teams. Junior teams registered in the Junior Mixed division may have a maximum of 30 racers on their roster plus 1 team manager. Racers include steerspeople and drummers.

Rosters must be submitted to the Registrar ahead of the Festival. All racers that will race on a crew (including substitutes, drummers, and steers) must be listed on the Roster.

Random roster checks may be conducted throughout the Festival. Crews racing in Grand Finals may be checked, as will all medalling and 4th place crews. Roster variances will be subject to disciplinary action.

All racers (including drummer and steers) must be wearing a racer wristband for the entire duration of the Festival. Wristbands are non-transferable.

Cross Rostering

Racers may only paddle for one team in a single division. There is no restriction on the number of teams a racer may steer or drum for in a single division. While being rostered in multiple divisions is common, the Festival will not hold the race schedule to accommodate racers that race in multiple divisions. It is the team's duty to ensure their racers are available to be marshaled and checked at least 30 minutes prior to their race time.

Race Equipment

Races are in 20 person BuK boats.

All paddlers must wear an approved PFD at all times on the docks and water. Racers are permitted to use their own PFDs if they are approved by the Department of Transport, Canadian Coast Guard, or Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Paddlers normally resident in the US and on a non-Canadian team may use US Coast Guard approved PFDs.

Inflatable PFDs are not allowed.

Personal paddles are allowed if they meet IDBF 202a specifications. Club paddles and approved PFDs are available free of charge for your race.

Accessibility

All Access paddlers requiring adaptive equipment should contact registrar@dragonboatbc.ca to ensure that the Festival can provide support during the race.

Paddlers with mobility impairments are advised that the Festival is looking into a number of arrangements including on-site shuttle services to allow for easily mobility from Racer's Village to Creekside Park and Marshalling.

General Notes

All teams must have a team manager over the age of 19 who is not necessarily listed as a racer on the team roster as well as a team captain who is listed as a racer on the team roster.

All boats must carry at least 16 paddlers (18 racers) at a minimum.

ON SITE AT THE FESTIVAL

Please note that for 2019, we are streamlining our requests for information through the Team Request Form online that will be sent out to managers, captains, and administrators. Please complete this form as soon as you can to ensure that we can provide full services to your team at the Festival.

Racer's Village

A secure zone for racers to relax and prepare for races will be provided for teams at Concord Pacific Place. Access to Racer's Village will be only granted to those with Racer or Team Official wristbands. Wristbands are provided inside your racer packages.

All teams will be assigned a tent space. Tents should not exceed 10X10. Teams from outside British Columbia may request a tent for free. Teams from within British Columbia may request a tent for a nominal cost. Please request these services online through the Service Request form.

Racer's Village is expected to be in the parking lots immediately North of the Concord Pacific showroom at 88 Pacific Boulevard. A limited number of parking passes will be provided to each team for free parking in the Racer's Village parking lot West of the Concord Pacific showroom. We are working on finding additional parking spots, and highly encourage teams to take public transit to get to and from the Festival

Host Teams

We invite local teams to join us in welcoming visiting teams to Vancouver. Local host teams get the chance to meet visiting teams, while visiting teams get a helping hand around the Festival.

This year, the Festival will provide basic hosting services to all teams including refreshments and snacks inside the Concord Pacific team hosting tent. Please complete the online form to indicate that you would like to host a team, or would like to be hosted.

Visiting Team Welcome- Free for all teams to attend
VISITING AND HOST TEAMS GET FREE DRINK AND FOOD TICKET
Additional drinks and food vendors available on site

We welcome everyone to Vancouver for the Festival at the Visiting Team Welcome Party. Everyone is invited to meet friends new or old as the Festival kicks off at this free event; attendance is free!

Visiting and host teams enjoy free bites and drinks. Local teams not hosting a visiting team are welcome to purchase drinks and food from the vendors on site. Please order paddler drink vouchers online through your team manager.

Festival Wrapup Party- Free to attend
PADDLER DRINK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE BY ORDER FOR YOUR TEAM - \$10 VOUCHER
REDEEMABLE FOR 2 DRINKS AFTER 3:00 PM ON CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

Kick back and celebrate with paddlers and visitors from across the world at the Festival Wrapup Party; it's the perfect time to trade jerseys and pick up a last minute souvenir!

Prepurchased drink vouchers can be traded in during the party; teams can buy vouchers that you can trade in for two drinks. Please order paddler drink vouchers online through your team manager.

Food/Beverage Service

Enjoy a taste of Vancouver at our food trucks located on the Festival site, or a drink at British Columbia's largest beverage gardens- the Red Truck Patio.

Water stations are located throughout the entire Festival site, and is also available for purchase at various vendors. Tap water on site is safe to drink.

A water station will be stationed near the entrance to Racer's Village, the southern Creekside Park Festival entrance, and inside Creekside Community Centre; please bring your own water bottles.

On Site Attractions

In response to paddler and attendee feedback, we have begun a revamp of our on-site attractions to provide a total Festival experience that celebrates the ancient roots of the dragon boat festival, the competitive aspect of paddling, and the cultural quirks that make Vancouver a unique place in the world.

We hope that your team takes advantages of the many free shows across the entire Festival site.

102.7 THE PEAK Main Stage presented by Creative BC

- Headliners on All Access Friday during the Visiting Team Welcome and throughout the day on International Saturday
- Headliner Announcement and Countdown Concert at Parq Vancouver on May 23

Concord Community Stage presented by Creative BC

- Circus performers and workshops throughout the day
- Medal Ceremonies on Championship Sunday

Paddler Marketplace

A paddler's marketplace will be set up outside of Racer's Village for paddlers to pick up a spare paddle, accessories, and clothing throughout your entire time at the Festival.

Festival Merchandise

The official merchandiser and team jersey supplier of the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival is Oddball Workshop, headquartered in Vancouver and founded by paddlers for paddlers.

Pre-orders for Festival merchandise will open approximately 1 month prior to the event.

Banking Services

The Festival site is within walking distance to multiple banks. An ATM is available on site. Most vendors take major credit cards; however, please note that individual vendors may have different payment options.

VISITING TEAM INFORMATION

Visas and Letters of Invitation

Depending on your citizenship, you may require a visa to enter Canada. Team managers should submit one Letter of Invitation request to info@dragonboatbc.ca for their entire team as soon as their travel is confirmed to allow ample time for visa processing.

Please include a full list of names as listed in travel documents, travel document number, travel document date of expiry, date of birth, citizenship, and contact information in a spreadsheet to expedite your request. Citizenship, Immigration, and Refugees Canada recommends applying for your visa at least 12 weeks prior to departure to avoid any delays or travel inconveniences.

Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA)

All travelers flying into Canada are required to obtain an eTA from Citizenship, Immigration, and Refugees Canada. Please visit their website online to apply for an eTA.

Please note that the Festival is not able to provide any support in obtaining an eTA. Please seek support from your travel agent.

Transportation

We highly recommend that teams take advantage of Vancouver's public transit system, TransLink, to get to and from the Festival and to explore the region.

Tickets are valid for travel for 90 minutes in any direction for any number of trips; fares are organized according to a zone system, and prices are determined based on whether you stay within or cross zones. Visit www.translink.ca for more information on fares.

If you are planning on travelling often on public transit while in Vancouver, consider purchasing a Compass Card for discounted rates. Compass Cards are available at Skytrain and Canada Line stations for a refundable deposit of \$6.00. The cards must also be loaded with a credit before using them on the system.

If you are only using public transit once or twice, please note that you can tap your tap-enabled Visa or MasterCard on Compass Card readers, and the fare will be automatically calculated and charged to your card when you get on and off public transit.

Getting to the site from Vancouver International Airport: Take the Canada Line to Olympic Village Station (10 minute walk to Creekside Community Centre).

Single cash fares from the airport to Olympic Village are \$9.20 for adults, and \$7.90 for seniors or youth under 18 with valid photo ID showing age. Compass Card fares are \$8.35 for adults, and \$7.85 for seniors or youth under 18.

Getting to the site from other areas in the Lower Mainland: Stop at Main Street-Science World for the main Festival entrance or Stadium-Chinatown (both stops on Expo Line).

If you are in Downtown Vancouver, take any eastbound bus down Pender Street and getting off at Abbott Street, or walking along the Seawall.

If you are at UBC, take the 99 B-Line along Broadway to Main Street then any northbound bus to Terminal Avenue, or take the 84 bus to Ontario Street, then walking to the water.

Single cash fares from within the City of Vancouver are \$2.95 for adults, and \$1.90 for seniors or youth under 18. Compass Card fares are \$2.30 for adults and \$1.85 for seniors or youth under 18.

Practices

Practices are available for visiting teams from Thursday June 20 to Friday June 21. Visiting teams qualify for 1 free practice session a day while slots last.

We highly encourage visiting teams to book their practices on Thursday, as there are traditionally fewer spots and higher demand on Friday. Practice sessions before Thursday are available upon request at registrar@dragonboatbc.ca.

Visiting teams that need additional sessions will be charged at \$100/session. Practice sessions are 1 hour on the hour OR half hour, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Travel Insurance

Ensure you have travel/medical insurance while in Canada. Please note that we do not provide travel/medical insurance.

CONTACT US

Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society/Dragon Boat BC
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For general inquires including registration and payments, please contact info@dragonboatbc.ca.
For the Race Registrar, please contact registrar@dragonboatbc.ca.

PROVISIONAL RACING AND TRAINING SCHEDULE

Please note the following schedule is subject to change. Visiting teams are advised to arrive on June 20 if possible. Race times are subject to change depending on the race grid.

Thursday June 20, 2019

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Visiting Team Practices and Race Registrar Open

Friday June 21, 2019 | All Access Friday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Visiting Team Practices
 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Race Registrar Open
 3:00 PM Racer's Village Opens
 TBA Boat Blessing and Opening Ceremony
 4:30 PM Races Begin (subject to change depending on Race Grid)

- Survivor Showdown (cancer survivor race) and Flower Ceremony
- All Access Cup Grand Final (charity race): 100 M Knockout

6:00 PM Visiting Team Welcome Party and Kickoff Concert

Saturday June 22, 2019 | International Saturday

6:30 AM Racer's Village and Race Registrar Open
 8:00 AM Races Begin

- Junior Mixed- Heats and Seeding
- Premier Women- Heats and Seeding
- Premier Open- Heats
- Premier Mixed- Heats and Seeding

1:30 PM Concord Pacific Champions Race Series

- International Cup Grand Final: 100 M Knockout
- Senior Cup Grand Final: 100 M Knockout
- U24 Cup Grand Final: 100 M Knockout
- Breast Cancer Cup Grand Final: 100 M Knockout

~6:30 PM Premier Women Guts and Glory Grand Final: 2,000 M Race

Sunday June 23, 2019 | Championship Sunday

6:30 AM Racer's Village and Race Registrar Open
 8:00 AM Races Begin

- Junior Mixed Semi Finals
- Premier Women Semi Finals
- Premier Mixed Semi Finals

~12:30 PM Championship Finals

- Junior Mixed Finals and Grand Final
- Premier Open Finals and Grand Final
- Premier Women Finals and Grand Final
- Premier Mixed Finals and Grand Final

2:00 PM Medal Ceremonies Begin at Main Stage
 3:30 PM Festival Wrapup Party begins at Main Stage/Beverage Patio
 ~6:00 PM Premier Mixed Guts and Glory Grand Final: 2,000 M Race

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATIONS 2019

University of British Columbia

Orchard Commons

\$130/night: Double Occupancy

- Semi-private two bedroom unit with single beds and a private washroom (approximately 36-50 guests per floor). Multi-level floor lounges offer seating, TV, fridge, sink, and microwave. Buildings are equipped with elevators.
- NOTE: Each bedroom contains 1 twin bed. Maximum capacity per 2 bedroom suite is 2 people.

Booking Instructions:

13+ ROOMS: Reserve online at booking.ubconferences.com/event/dragon-boat-festival-2019

FEWER THAN 13 ROOMS: Go to <https://goo.gl/forms/gPd8XQZSlkVS6cU53> to reserve your space.

The Listel Hotel - ROOM BLOCK ALMOST SOLD OUT

\$279/night: Double Occupancy (3rd and 4th person rate: \$30 per person per night)

- The Listel Hotel is a cultural hub, known for its enthusiastic service and commitment to high design and guest comfort. This intimate Robson Street hotel boasts a perfect location in the city's premiere hopping and restaurant precinct, in a city enthralled by both its own extraordinary beauty and the diverse cultures of the Pacific Rim. This modern hotel features an in-hotel restaurant featuring BC inspired cuisine, and access to multiple fitness facilities.
- Wireless internet access
- Unlimited phone calls within Canada and the USA
- Wine reception - daily (5 PM - 6 PM)
- Zero-waste disposal
- Filtered / Sparkling water dispensers on each floor

Booking Instructions: Call 1 800 663 5491 or email reservations@thelistelhotel.com, and quote Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival before May 10, 2019 to get this special rate if still available.