



**16TH ANNUAL
FAIRWAY GORGE
GORGE FEST DRAGON BOAT RACES
SATURDAY 9 AUGUST, 2014**

RACE INFORMATION PACKAGE

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<http://fgpaddle.com/races/dragon-boat/>**

PRESENTED BY



FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB

**2940 Jutland Road
(Selkirk Waterfront on the Gorge)
Victoria BC Canada**

FEATURING MILLENIUM DRAGON BOATS

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DRAGON BOATS** 

2014 FAIRWAY GORGE GORGE FEST Race Information Package

Date: Saturday, 9 August 2014

Location: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC), 2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC

Race Distance: 500 metres

Race Categories: Mixed and Women's. Open category also available, racing as one or two heats after the mixed finals. Open heats limited to 8 crews.

Race Management: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society

Boats: [Millennium Dragon Boats](#) from FGPC

Maximum Number of Teams Accepted: A maximum of **36** teams will be accepted in addition to a maximum of 8 open crews. Registration is accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and may sell out before the deadlines. We encourage teams to register as soon as possible in order to secure a spot.

Race Fees & Deadlines

**Early Bird Deadlines & Fees:*

- Early Bird Deadline: 20 June 2014
- Early Bird Fees: \$600 including GST
- Early Bird Fees: \$100 including GST for the OPEN category only.

**Regular Deadlines & Fees:*

- Regular Deadline: 10 July 2014
- Regular Fees: \$660 including GST
- Regular Fees: \$150 including GST for the OPEN category only.

Late Registration:

Subject to available space.

**Junior Teams:* Half price

Payment Options: Debit, Visa, MasterCard or Cheque*.

*Please make cheques payable to **Fairway Gorge Paddling Club**.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Step 1: Make your payment to reserve your spot in the festival and submit your Team Information form.

- Phone:** Call FGPC at 250.658.6333 (11am-6pm, Mon. to Fri.) with VISA or MasterCard payment. Mail in Team Information Form
- Mailing Address:** Mail team information forms and cheque payment to:
 - Fairway Gorge Paddling Club
PO Box 1234
621 Discovery Street
Victoria BC V8W 2T6

Step 2: Submit your COMPLETE team registration by 10 July 2014.

- Team Information form – **Fill and Print** Form
- Adult Group Waiver and Roster forms **Fill, Print, and Sign** forms. ***MANDATORY**
- Junior Group Acknowledgement of Risk and Roster forms (for paddlers under 19 years of age) – **Fill, Print, and Sign** forms.
- All forms must be mailed or hand delivered. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAXED COPIES**

Please ensure all forms are complete and that all fields are typed and/or signed. Any names or addresses that cannot be easily read will be discarded and that individual or team will be

***Festival Cancellation/Refund Policy**

There will be 15% administrative fee for all withdrawals. The final date to withdraw a team from the festival is **10 July, 2014**.

There will be no refunds of any kind after this date, including if the festival is cancelled due to weather conditions or other safety reasons.

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prevented from racing. The Team Manager **MUST** provide an email contact. All forms must be sent to FGPC Office.

***Privacy Statement:** All personal information given by participants will only be used for administration and regular communication with respect to the festival and related programs and events. Your information will not be sold or given to anyone else with commercial intentions or otherwise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Race Format: 500m 4-lane sprints.

***Race format is subject to change.**

***Please view the Race Rules & Regulations on the our website.**

We recommend that you have at least 8 practice sessions and a competent steersperson in order to safely compete in the festival.

***MIXED CATEGORY:** There must be a minimum of eight women paddlers in the boat at all times.

***WOMEN'S CATEGORY:** Minimum of 12 registered teams required to run category. If insufficient registration, women's crews may race in the mixed category.

***OPEN CATEGORY:**

***Limit of one race category per registrant.**

***See Rules and Regulations on the event website.**

LOCAL PRACTICES AND TRAINING INFORMATION

Train for Gorge Fest and other local and regional festivals! All local teams in the Greater Victoria area wishing to enter a team in Gorge Fest must participate in a Dragon Boat Program. The **Fairway Gorge Paddling Centre** (FGPC) is the official local training centre for the festival and offers a wide variety of program options for all ages and abilities. FGPC also features **Millennium Dragon Boats**, which are used exclusively at Gorge Fest and the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival.

Food and Beverages

Both Sol Fine Foods and Glo Euro pub will be open on race day and are located only steps away from the boathouse. In addition, a selection of "food truck" caterers will be on site to provide food and beverages.

RACE LOCATION:

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club

BOATHOUSE / 105-2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC

Tel. 250 658 6333

Email: info@fgpaddle.com

Gorge Website: www.fgpaddle.com

Free parking will be available at 320 and 401 Garbally Road, at the Dunedin lot, the Selkirk Parkade and on the street in designated parking stalls.

Team tents:

"Tent City" for paddlers and teams will be located along Jutland Road, which will be closed from the 2nd roundabout to the parkade on Garbally. As such, access to the parking lots will be from Garbally only. Tent space will be allocated to your team at registration; due to increased participation teams will be assigned spots. You **MUST** see the office during registration for tent space allocations. All teams are required to leave their assigned spaces in the same condition that they found them in – all garbage must leave with the team.

Beverage Garden:

Provision of alcoholic beverages will be available from 11.30 until 5pm. Beer will be available for \$4 a serving. Please bring cash.

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VISITING TEAM TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

For Visiting Team Accommodation and Victoria City information, please call Tourism Victoria at 1.877.247.0777 or visit their website at www.tourismvictoria.com.

ABOUT THE FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB SOCIETY (FGPC)

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club is a non-profit society, dedicated to sharing the benefits of paddling sports with people of all ages and athletic abilities. Concentrating on paddling sports, FGPC strives to encourage participation, personal challenge and the pursuit of excellence. FGPC broadens access to sport by offering programs that encourage broad participation and by producing dynamic community events.

ADULT GROUP WAIVER FORM
FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB SOCIETY

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, (the "Agreement")
BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU WILL GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE

PART ONE: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and provide all information required for Part One and Part Two of this Group Waiver Form

Re: Participation in Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society (FGPCS) paddling programs/events, pursuant to the FGPCS safety guidelines, rules and regulations, (collectively referred to as the "Rules").

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:

Manager: _____ Team: _____ Event: **FGPC GORGE FEST 2014**

Address: _____ City: _____ Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

(All personal information given by participants will only be used for administration and regular communication with respect to related programs/events with FGPCS).

To: FGPCS, and their respective directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, officials, agents, and volunteers.

Please **REVIEW** this **AGREEMENT**, provide the information required, **INITIAL** the bottom of the first page of this Agreement, and **SIGN** where indicated on subsequent pages. This **AGREEMENT** must be submitted to the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society and St. Michaels University School prior to participating in their programs and events.

(All personal information given by the Participants will only be collected, used and disclosed for administration and regular communication with respect to related paddling and rowing programs & events with the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society and St. Michaels University School.)

DISCLOSURE OF RISKS:

Participants in the Program must be physically agile and alert. Rowing and paddling sports have inherent dangers, hazards and risks, including, but not limited to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Death from drowning or being exposed to hypothermia by falling into water; | <input type="checkbox"/> Accidents which occur while loading and unloading equipment, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risks and dangers that occur when exposed to the forces of nature including unpredictable weather and waves. Abrupt weather changes and changes in conditions of water surface and variations in the water conditions, surfaces and currents. | <input type="checkbox"/> Accidents from equipment failure and improper use of equipment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overtuning or upsetting of the boat; | <input type="checkbox"/> Collisions with manmade or natural objects, motorized vessels or other paddlers or bystanders. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor swimming ability of the Participant or others; | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility & site hazards; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falling while moving about on slippery decks and ramps; | <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence of others, including St. Michaels University School Society and the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society. |

TO: the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society and St. Michaels University School and their directors, officers, members, employees, volunteers, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Releasees**").

IN CONSIDERATION OF the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society and St. Michaels University School permitting the Participant to participate in the Program and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the Participant voluntarily and knowingly signs this Disclosure of Risks, Assumption of Risks, Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement.

Definitions: "**Program**" means the paddling or rowing program detailed in box 6 above and shall include but is not limited to those activities as set out under the heading Disclosure of Risks which has been provided to and initialled in acknowledgement by the Participant.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

- I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the Program. I understand that there are risks associated with participating in the Program which could result in injury, damage or loss to my own (or other's) property, body, or life.
- I understand that risks are inherent in the very nature of the Program and simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the Program. I am aware that the risks may include, but are not limited to, those risks listed in the Disclosure of Risks document.
- I understand that although the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society and St. Michaels University School strive to provide a safe environment during the Program, risks may result from human error and negligence on the part of persons involved in preparing, organizing and leading any Program.
- I understand that I have a personal responsibility to learn and follow rules and procedures established by the Releasees and to make them aware at any point in which I question my own knowledge of those procedures or my ability to participate in any of the Program.
- I voluntarily **accept and fully assume** all risks, dangers and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from participating in the Program.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

- I hereby agree as follows:
 - To waive any and all claims that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and to release the Releasees from any and all liability for loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or my next of kin may suffer, resulting from my participation in the Program, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory duty or other duty of care on the part of the Releasees;
 - To indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from and against all claims, demands, actions and suits and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, charges and other expenses of every nature and kind, for any damage to property or personal injury to any third party, resulting from the my participation or presence in the Program; and
 - To hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all emergency expenses related to first aid or medical treatment and/or evacuation in the event of any accident, injury or illness. I acknowledge that all expenses associated with emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and will not be covered by the Releasees.

TEAM MANAGER
INITIAL HERE:

GENERAL

- I hereby agree as follows:
 - This Acknowledgement shall be effective and binding on my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and representatives in the event of my death or incapacity;
 - This Acknowledgement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Acknowledgement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia; and
 - In signing this Acknowledgement I am not relying upon any oral or written representation or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Program other than what is set forth in this Acknowledgement.

NOTE: By signing this document you are giving up certain legal rights, including the right to sue, which have potential financial implications for yourself and/or your family should you be injured while participating in a program or related activity. Understand clearly that marine activities have inherent risks.

**ADULT GROUP WAIVER FORM
FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB SOCIETY
PART TWO: Team Roster (ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED)**

Team Name:	Event Name: FGPC GORGE FEST 2014
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

#	Name (Please type)	Email (please type)	Signature
1	Captain:		
2	Steersperson:		
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As team manager I acknowledge that no person is permitted to board the dragon boat unless his or her name is on this list. I certify that the persons, whose names are listed above, have read and understand the waiver form.

Manager's name (print): _____ Email: _____
 Manager's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Witness name (print): _____ Witness signature: _____