



## Race Information Package 2019

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# **2019 Save on Foods Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival**

## **Race Information**

**Date:** July 5 to 7, 2019 (Racing only July 6 & 7)

**Location:** Nanaimo, BC, Canada - Nanaimo Harbour, Maffeo Sutton Park

**Race Course:** 500 metres

**Race Categories:** Mixed, Women's

**Race Management:** Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC)

**Boats:** Millennium Dragon Boats from FGPC

**Special Races:** Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge, Gut & Glory Challenge

### **Race Format:**

- A. The sequence for advancing is:
  - QUALIFYING HEATS (Round 1 & 2), SEMI-FINALS and FINALS.
  - All teams will race in four races (weather permitting).
  
- B. To the best of our ability, race organizers have seeded and evenly distributed teams of all abilities across every race in Round 1. Placement in Round 2 is based on a predetermined formula, explained in the advancement footer of each race on the race schedule. Advancement into the Series Semi-Finals races is based on each team's accumulated times drawn from the first two races. In other words, your performance in each of the first two races affects your placement in the semi finals! All teams are guaranteed a final race. Which final race a team participates in is based on the team's finishing position in the Series Semi-final round.
  
- C. Each team will compete in 4 races (weather permitting), 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Every team will race in a final. The qualifying rounds will provide the fairest and most accurate ranking of teams so that based on a 60-team example, the Platinum A (medal) final will see the 1st through the 4th fastest ranked teams race each other, and so on through to the 60th team, alternating between championship (medal) races and consolation (pin) races. This format eliminates the challenges of "Team Category" eligibility. There will be no Novice, Recreational or Competitive Divisions. Teams will not enter a specific event but participate in a final race based on that team's performance in the qualifying rounds.

- ✓ **Race format is subject to change.**
- ✓ **Please view the Race Rules & Regulations on the website.**
- ✓ **We recommend that you have at least 6 practice sessions.**
- ✓ **You MUST have a competent steersperson in order to safely compete in the festival.**
- ✓ **MIXED CATEGORY: There can be no more than 10 male paddlers in the boat at one time**
- ✓ **MIXED AND WOMEN'S CATEGORIES: A minimum of 16 registered teams is required to run a category. If insufficient registrations are received, women's crews will race in the mixed category.**
- ✓ **CHALLENGE RACES: Breast Cancer Survivor, Guts & Glory.**