



## FANSHAWE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL CAPTAIN/PADDLER BRIEFING #2

June 2, 2024

Hello Team Captains (and Paddlers),

We hope you are as excited as we are about the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fanshawe Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Fanshawe Conservation Area in London.

The festival is less than a week away, so we hope you and your teammates are READY READY to get those PADDLES UP!

Here are a few MORE things to check off on your list to ensure that you and your team have the best possible experience at the festival:

- If you have not already done so, download and review the [Captain/Paddler package](#).
- Captains and Steersperson Meeting**  
The **Mandatory** meeting for Captains **and Steerspersons** is at **7:15am** on Saturday morning by the Lakeview Pavilion. Give yourself plenty of time to arrive at the site and park. (Click [here](#) for directions and maps.)  
**Captains** – when you arrive, check in at **Team Registration (@Lakeview Pavilion)** (open from 6:30am) to drop off paperwork (team roster/waivers) and confirm your team is cleared to race. **WE MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR ROSTER AND HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ALL WAIVERS ARE DONE BEFORE RACING STARTS!** Team roster and online waiver link available [here](#). Please complete waivers **ONLINE!**
- Arrival Time and Race Times**  
Inform your team members to arrive **AT LEAST two (2) hours before your first scheduled race time** (earlier if paper waivers still need to be collected from your paddlers). [Race schedule is posted to our website](#). We will have the schedule at community practices this week. Races are called by **RACE NUMBER** – not time. Please listen to the announcements for your team's **race number** as the schedule can run ahead. The marshalling area is a bit of a walk from the paddler's village so we will be calling races ahead of time. Again – please listen for your race number and give yourself lots of time to get to marshalling!
- What to Bring**  
Remind your team members to dress for the weather conditions (layering is good) and to bring dry clothes to change into. Dragon boating is a “water sport”!! Bring sunscreen! **Bring your own drinking water or water bottle with you on festival day** – there will be water filling stations at the site. The tree close to Registration and by the Pink Port a

Pottie and Change tent. Vendors will also have water and other refreshments available for sale.

**There is no ATM available at the site.** Food and merchandise vendors may have the capacity to process debit/credit **but cash is recommended.**

- Paddle for a Purpose – Massel Cruickshank Patient Assistance Fund**  
Did you know that teams and individuals have raised over \$100,000 over the past few years? The team that raises the most money will win **free entrance** into next year's festival and the individual that raises the most money will receive a nice gift. Momentum is certainly growing, and team and individuals are busy raising money and pledging online. To learn more or to check out the leader board, visit the fundraising page [HERE](#).  
Please bring any off-line funds raised to the Lakeview Pavilion (Registration/ Information area). The team and individual winner will be announced at the awards area at Lakeview Pavilion at the end of the day. **\*\*Funds will be accepted from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm ONLY. \*\***

Back by popular demand – our **VIP porta-potty!** Please bring your loonies/ toonies/5s. All funds raised support the Massel Cruickshank Patient Assistance Fund.

- Paddlers' Village – Tent Set-up**  
You are welcome/encouraged to set up your team tent on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm until 7 pm. Please set up **within the marked areas** as we need a walking path to the marshalling area and a path for the gators. Please do not leave any valuables at your tent overnight.

## **SITE & PARKING**

[https://fanshawedragonboatfestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Site\\_Map\\_PDF-1.pdf](https://fanshawedragonboatfestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Site_Map_PDF-1.pdf)

- There is plenty of parking close to the festival site. There will be volunteers to direct you **to** and **within** the parking area.
- Paddlers or spectators arriving after 6:00 am have the option of entering Fanshawe Conservation area by the back gate. To access the back gate, drive east on Fanshawe Park Road until it ends, turn right (south) and drive until you reach the gate. The **back gate will be open from 6:00am to 9:00am ONLY**. This entrance will get you quickly to the festival site near the Lakeside Pavilion.
- Fanshawe Conservation Area – free entrance for all paddlers and spectators on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

- From 6:30 Team Captains must check in at **Team Registration/Control Central** at the Lakeview Pavilion when they arrive. Drop off team roster/confirm online waivers have been completed for all members of team, etc.
- 7:15 am **The Mandatory Meeting for Captains and Steerspersons at Lakeview Pavilion**
- 7:40 am Opening Ceremony at Lakeview Pavilion followed by drumming warm-up. Please join us for a fun workout to set the mood for a great day of racing!
- 8:10 am Teams in first race are at marshalling area (approximate time).
- 8:30 am Racing starts.
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ONLY \*\* **Funds will be accepted for Massel Cruickshank Pledge Program\*\***. (Registration/Info area at Lakeview Pavilion)
- 11:00 am [approximate time] **BCS Flower Ceremony** - to honour those who have lost their battle with cancer.
- 1:30 pm [approximate time] Lion Dance performed by the Chinese Canadian National Council, London
- 4:30 pm 2 km race with top 7 teams and London's own Rowbust team!

from 2:00 pm... **Immediately** after your final race of the day – the entire team goes to the Lakeview Pavilion area for an award ceremony! **Results will only be posted after they are announced at the awards ceremony.**

### **Some other notes:**

- \* We will be holding a 50/50 draw. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 – CASH ONLY. License: posted on site. [Vendor area]
- \* There is First Aid on site – within the Marshalling Area – beside the docks
- \* Lost & Found is located next to Info area/Registration at Lakeview Pavilion
- \* There is playground equipment adjacent to the paddlers' village. Also, the Fanshawe Pioneer Village is within walking distance to our venue.
- \* **This is a NON-SMOKING event! Please be respectful of other paddlers and spectators.**

