

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Caressant Care  
Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival  
Saturday August 9, 2014  
[www.dragonboatwoodstock.ca](http://www.dragonboatwoodstock.ca)

**TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company/Organization/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM ENTRY FEE: FESTIVAL MIXED DIVISION**                      **\$750.00 (if received by Jul 15<sup>th</sup>)**  
**HIRED STEERSPERSON FEE**    **\$ 50.00\***

\*\*\*\*\*\$50.00 late registration fee if received after July 15th \*\*\*\*\*

**\*The Rotary Club of Woodstock requires that you have a Qualified Steersperson for your team.** A \$100 deposit must accompany all entries. The balance is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Make cheques payable to                      For more information contact:  
**The Rotary Club of Woodstock**  
Mail to:  
Rotary Club of Woodstock                      e-mail [teams@dragonboatwoodstock.ca](mailto:teams@dragonboatwoodstock.ca)  
P.O. Box 1615  
Woodstock, ON N4S 0A8

**Spaces are limited Registration Deadline July 15, 2014**

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Team Manager Signature

Date

Please note: Entry fee includes 3 Festival races and 2 practice sessions of 1 hour each during the week prior to the event. Additional Practices may be booked for a nominal fee. There is no discount for unused practice time.

**OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Revised Feb. 27, 2014

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There is no personal floatation device exemption. All paddlers must wear a certified pfd. The use of an inflatable pfd will be permitted if they are of the self-inflating type. We will be holding a 2000m Mixed race for the top 8 teams at the end of the day, time and weather permitting.

#### CATEGORIES TO BE CONTESTED

Festival Mixed 500m  
Festival Mixed 2000m for the top 8 teams at the end of the day  
Breast Cancer Survivor 500m  
Community Challenge 500m, fastest Oxford County crew

#### PRIZES

Winner of the Platinum Championship Division receives a free entry into the Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival the following year. The winner of the Community Division receives a free entry into the Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival the following year. 22 Medals will be awarded to each 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in each division.

**This is a fun event designed to promote community spirit and friendly competition.**

#### RACE COURSE

Length - 500 metres, 2000m  
Number of lanes - 4  
Lane Width – 15 Metres  
Number of boats - 8

#### SAFETY

Each crew member should be able to swim 100 metres while wearing light clothing.

Each crew member is solely responsible for his/her own safety at all times while engaging in activities relating to practicing and racing in the Dragon Boats.

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Life jackets are mandatory for all practices and competition and are available for all teams.

## WEATHER

Dragonboating is an outdoor sport and as such is subject to natural forces beyond the control of the organizing committee. In the event of weather interfering with the festival the organizing committee will work with the race officials to determine how best to provide a full day of racing. If this is not possible the race may be cancelled part way through the day. **No refunds will be given** in the event of the festival being modified or cancelled due to weather.

## WAIVERS/ TEAM ROSTER

All team members must sign and accept a waiver stating that they have read the conditions of the waiver and are aware of the risks associated with the event, and thus waive any right that they may have to any course of action against any or all of the sponsors and organizers for injury to the person(s) or loss/damage to personal property.

All team members must sign and return the waiver prior to participating in any practice sessions or race activities.

Team managers are responsible for submitting signed waivers from all members of his/her team to The Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival Committee.

Dragon Boat Canada Qualifying teams must submit rosters in accordance with DBC Rules. Rosters of all other teams must be submitted by 8:00am on race day

## DRAGON BOAT RACES AND EQUIPMENT

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All boats, paddles, and drums will be provided. Our supplier is Great White North Communications.

All equipment used during the practice sessions and races will be returned intact. The replacement cost or repair of such equipment will be charged to the responsible team should negligence be determined.

## TEAMS

A registered team member must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or will be sixteen (16) in the year of competition. No team member under the age of sixteen(16) will be allowed to practice or race without written consent and waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Team roster for practice and races will be composed of a maximum crew of twenty-seven (27) crew members. One (1) team manager, twenty (20) paddlers, one (1) steersperson, one (1) drummer, four (4) spares. All register on one (1) Festival team.

The Race Marshal reserves the right to check the crew members in the boat and the names recorded on the team roster prior to all races

The Team Manager will be responsible for:

- team conduct
- communicating and distributing information to the team
- gathering and submitting all necessary forms and waiver for the team
- being the liaison with the Marshall and officials

## TEAM SPONSORSHIP

The Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival Committee retains all rights to advertising, sponsorship and commercial representation for the event. The Event Organizer is under no obligation to individual Team Sponsors, and may refuse any commercial representation on the Dragon Boat Festival site and on the water venue. Representation of the organization responsible for the Team and its Sponsor(s) shall be limited to:

- a) clothing such as team uniforms (T-shirts, sweat suits, hats, head bands, athletic bags)
- b) one team flag not exceeding six feet in any direction
- c) other items deemed appropriate by the Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat Festival Committee

## PRACTICES

Practice time will be scheduled for participating teams on a fair basis as determined by The Rotary Club. Teams will be able to book 60 minute practice times from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm from Tuesday to Friday during the week prior to the Festival.

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The Woodstock Rotary Club has two dragon boats that will be available for hire throughout the summer.

Coaching will be available at the practice sessions and a Steersperson will be provided should you not have a qualified steersperson. The Rotary Dragon Boat Committee reserves the right to substitute an experienced steersperson on race day if a proficient level of control is not demonstrated.

It is recommended that teams participate in practices with no less than ten (14) paddlers.

#### STARTING PROCEDURES

Rules regarding starting and racing conduct will be announced to Team Captains or Managers on the morning of the event.

#### LOADING DOCK/ MARSHALLING AREA

Races will run every 12-15 minutes. Be prepared to report to the Dock 20 minutes before your race or face disqualification. Be prepared if we get a little behind or ahead of schedule. You should have someone responsible to keep on top of this.

#### JUDGING AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Judging and disqualifications shall be the sole discretion of the Referees and Race Officials.

#### PROTESTS

Must be made at dock on or before race or before teams are out of boat. Teams using ineligible paddlers (not on their Team Roster) will be disqualified. Teams using less than required number of women will be disqualified. Teams may paddle with as few as 16 but at least 8 must be female.