
TO: ALL WDBRC 2015 PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS

PAYMENTS

Any outstanding payments to be made will be settled at the Accreditation Office at the time of Team Registration. Payments must be made prior to access to accommodation and competition.

BOATS FOR SALE

BuK GmbH and GWN Dragon Boat are proud to provide the original International Racing Standard Boat and the High Performance 10-person boat as the official dragon boat of the 12th IDBF World Nations Championships in Welland, Canada. Leading the way in the development of modern dragon boat design and performance, BuK has long been the boat of choice and in 2015 will be the boat for the World Championships.

After the World Championships, GWN will be selling the boats to the public. Only a few High Performance 10-person boats remain for as low as \$6,250.00 USD. This is the best deal of the season. Each boat comes with the drum seat, scales, built in CoxBox speakers. Other accessories such as dragon heads and tails will also be available at a steep discount.

These boats will not last long. If interested in taking advantage of this special offer, or for more information, please contact GWN at aaron@gwndragonboat.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses to the Opening Ceremonies will depart the official accommodations at 6:30pm on Monday, August 17. After the Opening Ceremonies, buses are scheduled to depart Table Rock Parking Lot starting at 10pm. Further details will be distributed to Team Leaders.

Buses to the Closing Celebration will be departing the official accommodations at 7:00pm and 8:15pm on Sunday, August 23.

Shuttle bus schedules will be posted at each of the five (5) official shuttle accommodations for the daily venue shuttles:

- o Brock University, St. Catharines
- o Niagara College, Welland
- o Days Inn, St. Catharines
- o Hilton Hotel and Suites Niagara Falls/Fallsvue, Niagara Falls
- o Niagara College, Niagara on the Lake

The Brock University, St. Catharines, NOTL and Welland shuttles will loop through the Seaway Mall in Welland during Mall hours for all your shopping, pharmacy, communications, and laundry needs. See the shuttle schedules for more information.

MERCHANDISE

Niagara's own RegattaSport is the Official Apparel Partner and Official Merchandiser of the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.

Pre-order event apparel: www.regattasport.com/product_lines/view/624/c:1

RegattaSport will be selling merchandise onsite in the Plaza by the Main Building

FAN PERKS

For the ultimate inside access to all the exciting happenings at Dragon Boat Niagara, the Fan Perks offers numerous perks for all spectators and visitors to take advantage of throughout their stay!

For CAD \$25.00, the Fan Perks will provide:

- Access into a VIP seating area (limited space) when paired with a Grandstand Pass
- A number of contests and prizes throughout the event
- Fast track service lines for select vendors and the wine & beer garden
- Coupons to vendors in the Shoreline Market & Expo and local businesses throughout Niagara

With over CAN \$250 in savings and value, this is an opportunity you don't want to miss out on. Get your FAN Perks, become a VIP and SAVE while shopping and dining, all around the venue and Region!

You can purchase your Fan Perks onsite at the Box Office. You also have the option of ordering your Fan Perks online at www.wdbrc2015.ca and your purchased Fan Perks can be picked up at the Box Office upon your arrival.

TICKETS

By purchasing a General Admission Ticket, pass holders are able to enjoy grandstand access, located at the finish line of the race course. To have access to the grandstands during competition days, spectators are required to purchase a General Admission ticket. Individuals have the option to purchase a Day Pass or an Event Pass. Children 9 years of age and younger are free of charge and do not require a General Admission Ticket.

Day Pass: CAD \$10.00

Event Pass (August 19 - 23): CAD \$25.00

To purchase your WDBRC General Grandstand Admission today, please visit:

www.wdbrc2015.ca/site/tickets

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EXPERIENCE, INTERACT, & INVEST

The City of Welland, located in the region of Niagara would like to welcome you to our beautiful region which provides you opportunities to compete on the tranquil waters of the Welland Canal.

Mix business with the pleasure while competing in the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Think of the possibilities that Welland and Niagara can provide utilizing our local and regional businesses. Welland and the Niagara Region are home to many diverse business opportunities such as green energy, advanced manufacturing, bio-materials, medical, aerospace, automotive, environmental, agricultural including wineries, and a top notch educational network (Brock University, McMaster University, Niagara College and Mohawk College) and not to mention international sports venues such as the Welland International Flatwater Centre, Youngs Sportsplex, and Welland Arenas to name a few.

If you would like to know more about opportunities to do business in Welland/Niagara and participate in business to business meetings, enjoy lunch or dinner with a group of local businesses and educational professionals and/or take part in company tours, please contact the Welland Economic Development office.

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A booth will be located at the entrance of the Athlete Village and all are invited to learn more about the many opportunities for business in Welland / Niagara.

OPENING CEREMONIES

At the base of the majestic Niagara Falls, a parade of athletes from around the globe will wave their flags alongside one of the Seven Wonders of the World to signify the beginning of the 2015 World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Beat to the drum and power of Niagara!

Hosted every 2 years to celebrate the best dragon boat teams from across the world, this is the first time Canada has hosted these World Championships; Canada dominates in dragon boat and is the team to beat on the waterway.

Welcoming 17 countries, the Opening Ceremonies will consist of traditions deeply rooted in the rich history of dragon boat: the eye dotting ceremony and awakening of the dragon, native Canadian history, Canadian youth and Canadian rock talent. Audiences will eagerly await the highly anticipated, spectacular firework display - brilliant cascades of colour colliding in the night sky over the rainbow of the illuminated Falls. August 17th will be a night you will not soon forget, the festivities are only just beginning of week of Niagara wonders and surprises.

Transportation will be provided to all participants who purchased accommodations through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Buses to the Opening Ceremonies will depart the official accommodations at 6:30pm on Monday, August 17.

Date: Monday, August 17th, 2015.

Time: 7:30 p.m – 10:00 p.m

Location: Coca- Cola Stage

6415 Niagara Parkway

Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S8

CLOSING CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating fierce competition, new friendships, and a shared passion of dragon boat, the Closing Celebration will take place on the evening of August 23rd, 2015. It will be an event to commemorate the comradery of the Championships – a night of music and dancing under the stars with the waterway lit with fire pods as the backdrop. Food trucks, drinks, and a photo booth are some of the many features of the Closing Celebration. There will be a separate party in the same location for Junior athletes (Under 19 years of age) to enjoy.

The awarding of the Junior, Senior, and Nations Cup will be at the Closing Celebration Party at 9pm, be sure to be there to celebrate these World Champions.

Tickets will be available for purchase through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Pre-booked tickets were just USD \$20.00 per person, and included entry to the event, transportation from all Official Accommodations, and music entertainment. Tickets will be available at the Venue and will cost USD \$25.00.

Buses to the Closing Celebration will be departing the official accommodations at 7:00pm and 8:15pm on Sunday, August 23.

SHORELINE MARKET & EXPO

The FREE Shoreline Market & Expo will take place on the banks of the Welland Recreational Waterway during Dragon Boat Niagara 2015, August 14 – 23, 2015. The shoreline of the waterway will be buzzing with activity and feature a wide range of businesses: food vendors, beer garden, wine garden, merchandisers, Kids Zone, and much more. Visitors from around the world will be highly entertained by the many attractions in this unique setting, while watching the best dragon boaters in the World competing for glory.

PARKING

Parking is available at the Venue for a fee of \$5.00 per day or \$20.00 for the duration of the event, including training days. The site access fee for any independent transportation service is CAD \$100 per bus, per day and includes site access for athlete drop off and parking at the Venue for the bus. Site access fee must be paid upon entry to the Venue each day.

CONTACTS

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Event Websites: www.idbf.org and www.wdbrc2015.ca