



WHAT IS DRAGON BOAT RACING?

Coined as the “ultimate team sport”, dragon boat racing is the world’s fastest growing water sport. This 2,500-year old Chinese sport involves 20 team members paddling in unison to a drummer’s beat in a long, narrow boat decorated at the bow and stern with a dragon’s head and tail. Dragon Boat racing is recognized for the camaraderie, strength and endurance fostered among the participants and has become extremely popular as a corporate team-building activity.

Dragon boat races feature an exhilarating combination of premier sport competition in concert with an entertainment showcase for corporations, community organizations and families.

START A TEAM TODAY!

Many corporations have turned to dragon boating as a means for employees to interact in a healthy and fun environment outside of the office while benefiting your employees, co-workers and clients in numerous ways. The secret to success involves collaboration, communication, commitment and coordination.

- Dragon boating creates an inclusive environment – people of all ages and fitness levels can participate
- The nature of the sport emphasizes unity and working together
- Driving towards the finish line renews energy, enthusiasm and motivation
- Paddlers communicate by cheering each other on
- Completing a race develops a sense of pride and accomplishment among participants
- Twenty paddlers in one boat = increased camaraderie



RAISING FUNDS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A charitable component comprises a large part of what dragon boat racing is all about, with festivals across North America raising millions of dollars each year for worthwhile causes, such as Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Children’s Wish Foundation, and YMCA.

Dragon boat races and festivals provide an opportunity for organizations to promote their social responsibility through their support of charities and worthwhile causes.

GREATER NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Debuted in 2010, the Festival merged the rich history and culture of New Orleans and the Northshore community of Madisonville with the sport of dragon boating. Staged along the Tchefuncte River in the heart of Madisonville, the festival is destined to have a major impact on the local event calendar.

One highlight of the weekend is the opportunity for teams to battle for bragging rights as the best crew in your industry!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 1,250 participants and 1,500 spectators
- Mixed, BCS, Open and Women’s division races
- Minimum of three (3) races per team
- Specialty and Industry Challenge Cups
- World class equipment with electronic timing
- Lots of awards and great fundraising prizes

Our Festival experience is where fun and sun come together, from the beer garden to unique activities; it’s where the party happens.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Large Athletes’ Village
- Vendor / Exhibitor Village & Food Concessions
- Health & Wellness Zone
- Beer Garden
- Dragon’s Nest Kids Zone

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Saturday, April 30, 2011 Tchefuncte River – Madisonville, Louisiana Team Registration Form

*To be completed by Team Captain

Team Captain Full Name*

Mailing Address*

City*, State*, Zip Code*

Gender*

Date of Birth*

Telephone Number*

Email Address*

Team Name*

Company (if different from Team Name)*

Will you be a crew member during the races*? Paddler Drummer Not in the boat

*All fields are mandatory

Cost (per Mixed Team Entry)

Through Dec 31, 2010	\$900	
Jan 1 – Feb 28 2011	\$1,000	
Mar 1 – Apr 30 2011	\$1,200	
Cost (per team) Total		\$ _____

Team Add-ons		Qty.
Upgrade to 10x20 tent	\$200	_____
Upgrade to 20x20 tent	\$400	_____
Table Rental	\$15 each	_____
Chair Rental	\$7 each	_____
Extra Practices	\$75 each	_____
Team Cotton T-Shirt	\$20 each	_____
Team Dry-Fit T-Shirt	\$30 each	_____
*T-shirts include company logo and must be ordered by March 1 st		
Team Add-ons Total		\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. No exceptions.
Make check payable to: Great White North Communications Ltd.

Mail this entry form and payment to:

GWN Dragon Boat
Attn: Carolyn Lee
577 Wellington St. West
Toronto, Ontario, M5V 1G3 Canada

www.gwndragonboat.com info@gwndragonboat.com

Each team entry includes:

- A minimum of three races
- Two practice sessions with a GWN coach during the 1-2 weeks leading up to the event (exact practice dates TBC)
- One 10x10 team tent
- Use of all required equipment (boat, life jackets and paddles)
- An event day steersperson will be assigned to your boat at no extra cost

*Minimum of 21 people / Maximum of 25 people per team (20 paddlers plus 4 alternates and 1 drummer)

*At least 8 paddlers in the boat must be female (based on a 20 paddler crew.
18 paddlers: require 7 women, 11 men; etc).

Next Steps:

- Please sign the waiver attached.
- GWN Dragon Boat will provide each team captain a log in and password to the online registration system/crew management tool to input the rest of the team (a how-to document will also be included)
- Each team member will be required to sign a waiver through the online crew management tool before participating. Please review all exceptions outlined in the how-to-use document

An event of:



GREAT WHITE NORTH COMMUNICATIONS WAIVER FORM

DO NOT SIGN THIS WAIVER FORM FOR ANY OTHER THAN YOURSELF. BY SUBMITTING THIS FORM, YOU ARE WAIVING IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY.

For the purposes of this Waiver, "Great White North" and "GWN" refers to Great White North Communications Inc. and Great White North Communications Ltd.

1. This Waiver covers my participation in any one or more of the following dragon boat Activities:

- (a) The Great White North Dragon Boat Challenge;
- (b) The Great White North Dragon Boat Training Camp;
- (c) Dragon Boat Practices at Outer Harbour Dragon Boat Club and Marilyn Bell Park;
- (d) The GWN Sport Regatta
- (e) The Mercer County Dragon Boat Festival
- (f) The Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival at WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT
- (g) The Greater New Orleans International Dragon Boat Festival
- (h) The Richmond International Dragon Boat Festival
- (i) A "Corporate Day" or company event involving dragon boat racing and involving Great White North; and
- (j) Any other event involving dragon boat racing/practices/instruction/clinic if Great White North is involved.

2. Participating in any of the above listed Activities involves risks, dangers and hazards. For example, a boat could capsize or boats could collide in good or bad weather. An approved personal flotation device ("PFD") is required to be worn by all participants at all times while on the water. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any participant that does not wear a PFD acknowledges that the decision to wear or not wear a PFD is their own. I am aware that by participating in any of the above Activities I am risking personal injury, death, or damage to property. I accept and assume those risks.

3. I release the following companies including their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors and volunteers:

- (a) Great White North Communications Inc.
- (b) Great White North Communications Ltd.
- (c) City of Toronto and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority
- (d) Mercer County Parks Commission
- (e) Walt Disney World® Resort
- (f) Outer Harbour Dragon Boat Club
- (g) Toronto Port Authority
- (h) Mike Cambre & Associates
- (i) Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers
- (j) Rocketts Landing Llc
- (k) Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation
- (l) Canadian National Exhibition Association and the Board of Governors of the Exhibition Place
- (m) WhatIfCreditUnions.com
- (n) Richmond Chapter of Credit Unions
- (o) Right to Play
- (p) Orlando Health, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando and all affiliated entities

(all of whom are referred to as the "Releasees" in this Waiver Form) from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expenses that I may suffer as a result of my participation in any of the Activities listed above, no matter how caused.

4. If someone sues me for negligence or alleged negligence, I agree not to claim contribution or indemnity from any of the Releasees. I release the Releasees from all liability that could arise from such a contribution or indemnity claim.

5. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees in respect of any claims, liability or legal expenses that they incur arising directly or indirectly by reason of a claim brought by me against any person or entity for loss, damage, injury or expenses suffered by me.

6. I confirm that I have attained the age of 18 years or if not, my parent or guardian has signed this Waiver.

7. I allow Virginia Tourism to use photos from the WhatIfCreditUnions.com Dragon Boat Festival on their website or promotional literature. They will have the Dragon Boat Festival on their calendar listing on their website.

8. I recognize and agree that I am not allowed to participate in any of the above listed Activities unless I sign this Waiver, and therefore I am receiving a benefit in exchange for signing this Waiver and it is binding on me. I agree that this Waiver is also binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

Paddler Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal Code/Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If under 18, consent must be provided from legal guardian.