



BULLETIN #2

PAN AMERICAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

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WELLAND INTERNATIONAL FLATWATER CENTRE



TO: ALL PADBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANIZATIONS FROM WITHIN THE PAN AMERICAN REGION

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 2

Racing for the 2015 Pan American Club Crew Championships will take place from August 14th - 16th inclusive, with the Opening Ceremony on Friday August 14th, 2015. Competing Teams for the PACCC are expected to arrive in Welland no later than Wednesday, August 12th.

Provisional entries to compete were received by the following Crews: Aqua Force Dragon Boat Team (Trinidad & Tobago), Aquaholics Dragonboat Club (Trinidad & Tobago), Barrie's Ribbons of Hope (Canada), Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Canada), Charlotte Harbor Paddlers (United States), CSDC (Canada), Dragons Abreast (Canada), Fort Langley Canoe Club (Canada), Gorging Dragons (Canada), Lambton Shores Dragon Boat Club (Canada), London Dragon Boat Club (Canada), Oar Struck Dragon Boat Club (Trinidad & Tobago), Oceanus Dragon Boat Club (Trinidad & Tobago), Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Canada), Peeking Ducks Dragon Boat Club (Trinidad & Tobago), PFBC Shockwave DBC (Trinidad & Tobago), Queen's Royal College Dragon Boat Team (Trinidad & Tobago), Rowbust (Canada), San Juan Dragonborn Club (Puerto Rico), South East Sea Dragons (Trinidad & Tobago), St. Joseph's Convent Port of Spain Wave Breakers (Trinidad & Tobago), Survivor Thrivers (Canada), Titans Dragon Boat Racing Team (Trinidad & Tobago), and WonderBroads BCS Dragon Boat Team (Canada)

PROVISIONAL ENTRIES RECEIVED BY COMPETITION CLASSES - AS OF APRIL 20, 2015

SMALL BOAT	OPEN CLASSES			WOMEN'S CLASSES			MIXED CLASSES		
	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m
Premier	7	6	3	4	4	3	9	8	3
Senior A	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	2	2
Senior B	1	1	1	5	5	5	2	2	2
Senior C	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
U24	2	1							
Junior A	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Junior B							1	1	1
BCS	7	7	6						
BPS									

EVENT OUTLINE: This outline is provisional and provided to assist crews in planning. Please note that changes may take place as necessary. Any required changes will be communicated immediately.

ARRIVAL: Competing Crews are advised to arrive in the Niagara Region no later than Wednesday, August 12th. Crews are however invited to arrive earlier.

Wednesday, August 12th, 2015

Crews Arrive and Registration at the Registration Headquarters at the Seaway Mall in Welland

Thursday, August 13th, 2015

Crew Registration at the Registration Headquarters at the Seaway Mall
Training at the Welland International Flatwater Centre

Friday, August 14th, 2015

Opening Ceremonies and Eye Dotting Ceremony

Racing Day AM

200m - All Women, All Age Category Open

Racing Day PM

200m - All Mixed, BCS, and BPS

Saturday, August 15th, 2015

Racing Day AM

500m - All Women, All Age Category Open

Racing Day PM

2000m - All Women, All Age Category Open

Sunday, August 16th, 2015

Racing Day AM

500m - All Mixed, BCS, and BPS

Racing Day PM

2000m - All Mixed, BCS, and BPS



Confirmed entries are now called for from all PADBF Members and Non-Members in the Pan American Region by **May 15th, 2015**.

When completing your Crews Confirmed Entry, visit https://idbfchamps.org/login_panam.php for electronic entries. Name changes, entry revisions, and confirmed entries must be made on the online registration system.

If you need assistance with any of your arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee.

Administration: info@paccc2015.ca

Accommodation, Transportation and Meals: stay@paccc2015.ca

ENTRY AND PAYMENT TIMELINES

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Confirmed Booking and Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals 50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals	Within one week of receiving invoice
Confirmed Entries	May 15th, 2015
Final Named Entries, PADBF Registration Fees, Balance of Admin Fee Named Entry Form – Against which all Regatta Fees (Administration and Registration) will be finalized and charged Administration and PADBF Registration Fee - USD \$55.00 per person Supporter Fee - USD \$40.00 per person Accommodation, Transportation and Meals Remaining balance of all booked arrangements due	July 3rd, 2015

VISAS

All visitors to Canada require a visa except citizens of countries where an exemption has been granted. Please visit the following website to obtain visa requirement information about your specific country:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp

An Official Letter of Invitation will be sent via email to each Crew. Do not delay in beginning your visa process. Official Letter of Invitation requests can be made to the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee at: visa@paccc2015.ca. Once a request is made, a member of the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will forward a spreadsheet to be completed. One invitation letter will be provided for the entire crew.

Note: Canadian Visas are not available at the border or airport upon entry to Canada, **visas must be obtained before travel to Canada.**

FEES AND CHARGES

REGATTA FEES

All fees, except the Regatta Fees, that is, the PACCC Administration Fee and the PADBF Registration Fee are optional. Teams are not required to use the arranged transportation, accommodation and meal plans, and are free to make their own transport and accommodation arrangements.

All payments should be made by wire/bank transfers:

- 1. Entry Fees**
- 2. Accommodation**
- 3. Meal Plan**
- 4. Transportation**
- 5. Tourism Excursions**

1. Entry Fees

USD \$55.00 per person

The Entry Fees are payable for every individual participant attending the 2015 Pan American Club Crew Championships. This includes but is not limited to supporters, coaches, staff, team leaders, and athletes: everyone included on the Final Named Entry Form and wishing access to athlete areas.

Entry Fees include the USD \$15.00 Pan American Dragon Boat Federation Registration Fee and USD \$40.00 Pan American Club Crew Championships Administration Fee.

An Administration Fee Deposit is of USD \$300.00 per CREW is due with Confirmed Entries.

Only in exceptional circumstances will Administration Fee Deposits be refundable, for example in the case of visa problems or refusals. The balance of the Entry Fees are to be paid with the Named Entries no later than July 3rd, 2015. PACCC Entry Fees are to be paid to the PACCC Organizing Committee.

Crews that make their own arrangements (e.g. transportation, accommodation) are required to pay the full PACCC Entry Fees for each person shown on their Final Named Entry Form.

2. Accommodation

Although the initial period for requesting Official Accommodation from the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee has now passed, there are still accommodations available through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee.

Accommodation bookings and requests should be made to: stay@paccc2015.ca.

Crews are under no obligation to make their bookings through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. Please be advised that neither the PADBF nor the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will take any responsibility for services and accommodation arranged through other service providers.

Niagara is comprised of 12 distinct and vibrant communities, all just a short drive from the Venue. The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is working in partnership with various accommodations and tourism operators throughout the Niagara Region to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the water.

A variety of hotel accommodations have been arranged with pricing as low as USD \$68.00/CAD \$80.00 per person, per night, based on double occupancy with two beds per room. Accommodation options for other occupancies, including single university residence accommodation are available starting at just USD \$51.00/CAD \$60.00, or triple, quad, and five/six participants per room, bed sharing options at a variety of area hotels. Below is the list of Official Accommodations for the 2015 PACCC. Detailed descriptions of accommodations and prices are available online at www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

Event transportation will only be provided for those Crews staying at an Official Accommodation.

Teams are free to make their own accommodation and transport arrangements, but the only method for booking at one of the Official Accommodations is through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee, which will assist in ensuring each Crew has personalized transportation. The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will do its best to place participants at requested Accommodations, based on availability.

For full accommodations details and pricing options, refer to www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc.
The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is still accepting accommodations requests.

ACCOMMODATION RATES IN USD/CAD

Accommodation	Location	Minutes to Course	Single Occupancy (USD/CAD)	Double Occupancy (1 or 2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Triple Occupancy (2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Quad Occupancy (2 beds) (USD/CAD)	Family (5-6) Occupancy (3 beds) (USD/CAD)	
Brock University	St. Catharines	23	\$51/\$60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Days Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$128/\$150	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	\$53/\$63	n/a	NEARLY SOLD OUT
Best Western	St. Catharines	30	\$153/\$180	\$81/\$95	\$68/\$80	\$60/\$70	\$56/\$66	
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	5	\$179/\$210	\$94/\$110	n/a	n/a	n/a	NEARLY SOLD OUT
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	25	\$179/\$210	\$94/\$110	\$76/\$89	\$66/\$78	\$61/\$72	

**All prices are subject to applicable taxes
USD rates are subject to change, based on CAD to USD exchange rate
Rounding occurs to present pricing in whole dollars*

3. MEAL PLAN

LUNCH

Lunch packages are available for purchase at the Venue for Training and Racing Days (Thu Aug 13 to Sun Aug 16). Lunches are a healthy choice, minimum 1500 calories, and will vary daily. Lunches will be delivered directly to your Athlete Village tent at a predetermined time. Lunches will be USD \$12.00/CAD \$13.00 per person per day and will contain:

- 2 sandwiches/wraps
- Fruit
- Side (ie. Granola bar, nuts, or cheese and crackers pack)
- Vegetable salad/assorted raw vegetables
- Milk/juice

Note: Lunches will be available for various dietary needs, upon request

BREAKFAST AND DINNER

Breakfast and dinner packages are also available at participating Official Accommodations through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. Breakfast prices begin at USD \$11.00/CAD \$12.00; dinner prices begin at USD \$17.00/CAD \$20.00, based on Accommodation option.

Each meal offered by the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee at Official Accommodations has been specially selected and prepared with athletes in mind. Dependant on the Official Accommodation, either a buffet style scenario, or a plated meal has been arranged featuring a mix of proteins, carbs, pastas, starches, fresh vegetables, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Your Accreditation Badge will identify you and provide you access to the meal plan.

All meal pricing includes gratuities.

Below is a sample menu of the meals that will be served by Official Accommodations during the 2015 Pan American Club Crew Championships. Please note that the menu below is a simplified menu and is subject to change based on accommodation location. A full detailed menu for each Official Accommodation will be made available online come mid-April

BREAKFAST & DINNER RATES IN USD/CAD

Accommodation	Location	Breakfast (USD/CAD)	Dinner (USD/CAD)
Brock University	St. Catharines	\$11/\$12	\$17/\$20
Days Inn	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27
Best Western	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	Continental Included	n/a
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	\$13/\$15	\$23/\$27

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BREAKFAST

- Variety Cereals: including Muesli, Vector, Special K & Cheerios
- Vanilla & Strawberry Yogurt Bowls
- Fruit Salad Bowl
- Variety of Fresh Whole Fruit; including Orange Wedges, Bananas, Grapefruit
- Selection of Freshly Baked Goods, Assorted Breads
- Apple/Orange Juice
- Coffee/Tea

Daily Special Items Include:

- Spinach, Pepper & Cheese Frittata with Home Potatoes and Bacon/Sausage Links
- Sunrise Sandwiches (Egg, Cheese, Ham/Sausage on English muffins) with Home Potatoes
- Scrambled Eggs with Home Potatoes and Bacon/Sausage Links

DINNER

- Pasta Bar - Penne or Vegetable Fusilli with your choice of sauce (Marinara, Bolognese or Chicken Alfredo); Penne Alfredo; Mesclun Mix (Dressing on the Side); Caesar Salad; Garlic Rolls & Butter
- Chicken Vegetable Stir Fry with Brown Rice and Orange Ginger Sauce; Oriental Vegetable Stir Fry with Chow Mein Noodles; Spinach and Mandarin Salad; Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls
- Zesty Beef Lasagna; Vegetable Lasagna; Mesclun Mix (Dressing on the Side); Caesar Salad; Garlic Sticks
- Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice; Fresh Vegetable Korma with Basmati Rice; Naan Bread; Caesar Salad; Mixed Greens
- Balsamic Glazed Pork Loin; Herbed Rice; Fresh Seasonal Grilled Vegetables; Baked Hummus & Vegetable Pockets; Assorted Dinner Rolls; Variety Coleslaw; Bean Salad

4. TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORT WELCOMING SERVICE

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will have welcome centres at Toronto Pearson International (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BUF). Crews who purchase an airport transfer from the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will be greeted upon arrival and directed to their bus/van that will transport the crew to their accommodations in Niagara.

In the event of lost luggage, the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will assist all participants, officials, and supporters with the retrieval of their luggage. Once the luggage is found, the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will arrange to have the luggage brought to Niagara and returned to its owner.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is offering airport arrival and departure transfers from/to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BUF). Refer to pricing below:

COACH BUS

From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$761/\$895 \$957/\$1125
Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$591/\$695 \$804/\$945
Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 26 Passengers Up to 50 Passengers	\$506/\$595 \$702/\$825

SCHOOL BUS

From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 30 Passengers	\$761/\$895
Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 30 Passengers	\$591/\$695
Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 6 Passengers (Passenger Van) Up to 12 Passengers (Passenger Van)	\$506/\$595 \$702/\$825

AIRPORT PRIVATE TRANSFERS

	From/To	Group Size	Price (USD/CAD)
Private Sedan	Toronto Pearson International (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 2 Passengers	\$183/ \$215
Private Van	Toronto Pearson International (YYZ)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$532/ \$625
Private Van	Hamilton International Airport (YHM)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$383/ \$450
Private Van	Buffalo International Airport (BUF)	Up to 10 Passengers	\$417/ \$490

LOCAL TRANSFERS

VENUE SHUTTLES

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is excited to offer a wide selection of transportation services, including the option to order:

- Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle for your individual team (up to 55 passengers)
- Daily Regular Venue shuttle to each Official Accommodation operating on a schedule
- Daily Tourism Shuttle to Niagara Falls for all shuttle pass holders
- Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle

Dedicated AM Venue Shuttles

Crews have the option to book morning shuttles dedicated to their Crew, which provides a shuttle to the Venue from their Official Accommodations, each morning. Those Crews who opt-in to the Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle, receive a bus or busses dedicated to their Crew for a transfer from their Official Accommodation to the Venue at the time your Crew schedules on each day purchased for. The Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle is available for lease on both training days and competition days.

Team Managers will be required to inform the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee a minimum 48 hours in advance as to what time in the morning they would like their transfer from their Official Accommodations to the Venue. Crews who opt-in for the Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle receive full, complimentary access to the Daily Venue Shuttle (available on Training and Competition Days on same day as purchase), and complimentary access to the Tourism Shuttle to Niagara Falls (available on competition days, on the same day as dedicated shuttle purchase).

Dedicated Morning Transfer - USD \$1075/CAD \$1265

* On average, the cost is USD \$20.00/CAD \$23.00 per person per day, based on 55 passengers

* Crews who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the Daily Venue Shuttle service and Tourism Shuttle service to Niagara Falls complimentary

Dedicated PM Venue Shuttles

Crews wishing to order a Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle can book through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. The Dedicated PM Venue Shuttle allows crews the flexibility to return to their accommodations at a time that best suits the needs of the Crew. Allowing Crews to leave the Venue without having to wait or catch the Daily Venue Shuttle. Team Managers will be required to inform the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee a minimum 48 hours in advance as to what time in the morning they would like their transfer from the Venue to their Official Accommodations.

Dedicated Afternoon Transfer - USD \$700/CAD \$825

** On average, the cost works out to be USD \$13.00/CAD \$15.00 per person per day, based on 55 passengers*

** Crews who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the Daily Venue Shuttle service and Tourism Shuttle service to Niagara Falls complimentary*

Daily Venue Shuttle

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will also be offering a regularly scheduled, looping, shuttle service from all Official Accommodation locations to the Venue and back, for all participants and supporters, running until one hour after the last race daily. Crews will be able to purchase a shuttle pass to have access to the shuttle service that will regularly loop between all Official Accommodations and the Venue.

Daily Venue Shuttle USD \$17.00/CAD \$20.00/person/day

Independent Transportation Services

For Crews who select to arrange their transportation with an independent transportation services, there is a site access fee that must be paid upon entrance to the Venue.

The site access fee for any independent transportation service is CAD \$100 per bus, per day.

No parking will be available on site for any independent buses.

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is not responsible for any outside arrangements made by Teams/Crews.

5. Tourism Excursion

Tour and package descriptions, pricing, and pre-booking information will be posted on www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc by mid-May. Tours will be available from August 12th through August 26th. Pricing will range from \$3 to \$253 CAD (applicable taxes are included). Transportation will be included in the pricing of each tour. Individuals will be picked up at the Welland International Flatwater Centre and will be dropped off at their accommodation. Special arrangements can be made in regards to transportation locations. Private and group bookings are encouraged.

Various tours will be available to purchase onsite at the Venue during training and competition days and will not require pre-booking. However, pre-bookings are strongly encouraged for out-of-town tours and to avoid disappointment.

Booking

To book your accommodation, meals, or transportation, fill out the Services Request Form for Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation and submit it to stay@paccc2015.ca. Request Form can be found at: www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc

Booking details for Tourism Excursions will be released at a future date. Keep checking www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc for information on the various tours being offered and how to book.

PAYMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will be accepting payment for services offered by the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee (Accommodations, Meals, and/or Transportation) in Canadian (CAD) and American (USD) currency. On the Services Request Form, teams must indicate which currency they prefer to be invoiced in.

Note: The Canadian (CAD) pricing rates, outlined in this Bulletin, are not subject to change. The American (USD) pricing rates outlined in this Bulletin are subject to change based on exchange rate at time of invoicing.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

Deposits are to be paid by electronic transfer in CAD or USD to the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation will be subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Crews will receive a pro forma invoice for Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation prior to payment dates and a final invoice for settlement with the July 3rd Remaining Balance Payment.

CANCELLATION TERMS

In the event of an Accommodation, Meals, and/or Transportation cancellation, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee.

After May 1, 2015: 30% of total costs

After June 1, 2015: 50% of total costs

After July 3, 2015: 100% of total costs

TAXES

Services offered by the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee are subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Rates provided in this Bulletin for Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation are not inclusive of taxes. In Canada, there are mandatory sales taxes that is levied by the provincial and federal governments. In Ontario, there is a 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) consumption tax, that we are required by law to charge.

The 13% HST will be charged on Accommodations, Meals, and Transportation.

For more details on the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), visit: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/tax/hst/>.

In the Niagara Region, a 3.8% Destination Marketing Fee (DMF) is commonly found on accommodations. DMF is used to support local tourism and marketing initiatives. This 3.8% fee will be charged on accommodations.

The following taxes will be charged on the following services provided by the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee:

Accommodations: 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) & 3.8% Destination Marketing Fee (DMF)

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner): 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

Transportation (Airport and Local Transfers): 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

CREW PROFILES

Crews are asked to submit a short (100 word maximum) crew profile and up to five (5) images for the online program. Text and images may be submitted at any time up to July 3rd 2015.

Submissions are to be sent to info@paccc2015.ca

TRAINING SESSION

Official Training Sessions are available on Thursday, August 13th from 08h00 – 18h00.

Crew Official Training Sessions booking requests can be submitted to the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee at info@paccc2015.ca. A booking form will be available on the website (<http://www.wifc.ca/site/2015paccc>) at the beginning of May.

PRE-TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions prior to August 13th respectively may be available on a limited basis at a cost.

Please contact info@paccc2015.ca for booking information.

Rates:

Small Boat: CDN \$35.00/hour

Divisions, Racing, Competition & Entry Conditions

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below. This event is a **Small Boat Championship** only.

Classes may be combined in the early rounds of the competition but the Grand Finals will be separate. Each PADBF member may sanction an unlimited number of crews in each Competition Class with no restrictions on the number of entries per club. All entries must be sanctioned by the appropriate PADBF member or IDBF Member National Organization (PADBF countries only).

Cross rostering between Divisions in the same Gender Class is discouraged (e.g. Senior A Mixed and Senior B Mixed). In the case of 'back to back' races the Officials will **NOT** delay races for racers (Steers people/Drummers, or Paddlers) to transfer between crews.

COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES:

The Championships will be conducted under IDBF Competitions and Rules of Racing.

ENTRIES:

All entries to the 2015 PACCC must be sanctioned by the PADBF member organization to which the crew belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries within the Pan American Region where there is not a PADBF member may compete, subject to the agreement of the PADBF.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

A racer may only represent one Dragon Boat Club. A Racer must have been a bona fide member of the Dragon Boat Club that they represent at the 2015 Pan American Club Crew Championships for at least six (6) months before the 2015 PACCC.

A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained/competed for the Club that they represent during the minimum period of six months.

BOATS, PADDLES, AND PFDs:

Boats

IDBF Specification Dragon Boats will be provided for the Championships.

Paddles

Crews are informed that only IDBF Spec 202a paddles will be permitted for use at the 2015 PACCC. Paddles may not exceed 51". Paddles will be checked to ensure compliance. No exceptions will be made.

Grey Owl Club paddles (wood) will be available for rental at the 2015 Pan American Club Crew Championships. Paddles will be available for rent at CAD \$65.00 per paddle; \$50.00 deposit and \$15.00 rental fee. Deposit will be returned once paddle is returned and inspected for damages. All paddles MUST be reserved by contacting the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee at info@paccc2015.ca before July 3rd, 2015.

PFDs

Under the IDBF Competition Regulations, participants are not required to wear PFDs when racing, unless the Chief Official so decides. This decision is solely at the discretion of the Chief Official and may be determined by the weather (e.g. Junior's, BPS required to wear PFDs). PFDs will be available at the venue. Availability may be limited so if the desire to use a PFD is known in advance, please contact the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee at info@paccc2015.ca.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Teams are required to submit both their **Confirmed Entries** and **Final Named Entries** (team member details, image etc.) online at https://idbfchamps.org/login_panam.php.

The deadline for Confirmed Entries is May 15th, 2015.

Competition Classes

Small Boat - 12 Racers

Mixed Crews include a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 female **paddlers**

Racing Class	Age Requirements	200m	500m	2000m
Junior B Mixed	All paddlers and drummer under 16 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	✓	✓	✓
Junior B Open	All paddlers and drummer under 16 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	✓	✓	✓
Junior B Women	All paddlers and drummer under 16 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12. All racers must be women.	✓	✓	✓
Junior A Mixed	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	✓	✓	✓
Junior A Open	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	✓	✓	✓
Junior A Women	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12. All racers must be women.	✓	✓	✓
U24 Mixed	All racers aged 18-23. A maximum of 3 racers may be 16-17 and 1 may be aged 24-25	✓	✓	✓
U24 Open	All racers aged 18-23. A maximum of 3 racers may be 16-17 and 1 may be aged 24-25	✓	✓	✓
U24 Women	All racers aged 18-23. A maximum of 3 racers may be 16-17 and 1 may be aged 24-25. All racers must be women.	✓	✓	✓
Premier Mixed	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	✓	✓	✓
Premier Open	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	✓	✓	✓
Premier Women	All racers must be 12 years of age or older, all racers must be women	✓	✓	✓
Senior A Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior A Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior A Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older, all racers must be women	✓	✓	✓
Senior B Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior B Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior B Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older, all racers must be women	✓	✓	✓
Senior C Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior C Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	✓	✓	✓
Senior C Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older, all racers must be women	✓	✓	✓
Blind and Partially Sighted	Open class – no more than 5 sighted paddlers permitted in the boat	✓	✓	✓
Breast Cancer Survivor	Open class – all racers Breast Cancer Survivors, no exceptions	✓	✓	✓

Other Classes may be added at the discretion of the PADBF. Contact info@paccc.ca for more information.

AGE REGULATIONS: The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Steersperson in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above. Eligibility for all classes is determined by age on June 1 of the competition year.

REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

The Registration Headquarters will be located at the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation's Community Office located at the Seaway Mall in Welland. Team Manager(s) will have a scheduled appointment time at the Registration Headquarters. Appointment times with Team Manager(s) will be based on arrival date to Niagara, appointment times will be arranged leading up to 2015 PACCC. Transportation will be available for Team Manager(s) that may require a transfer to the Registration Headquarters

A Registration Office will also be located at the Venue in the main entrance of the Athletes Centre.

SITE INFORMATION

SPECTATORS

To have access to the grandstands during competition days, spectators are required to purchase a pass. Passes will be sold for \$10.00 per day or \$15.00 for the duration of the event. Grandstand passes will be available for purchase at the Venue during competition days.

FAN PASS

For the ultimate inside access to all the exciting happenings at Dragon Boat Niagara, the Fan Pass offers numerous perks for athletes, supporters, spectators, ect. to take advantage of throughout their stay in Canada or take advantage of while visiting their own backyard!

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

- Access into a VIP seating area (limited space)
- 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 and Expo and local businesses throughout Niagara
- These are just a few of the many Fan Pass perks!

Further Fan Pass information regarding benefits as well as purchasing details will be available on the website come May.

PARKING

Parking is available on site 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. No parking will be available on site for any independent buses. Site access fee must be paid upon entry to the Venue.

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