



26th STRATFORD ROTARY DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

August 10, 2023

Hello Paddlers!

We are ready for the Dragon to be awakened. Just a few notes to clarify about the races.

- With this email you will find the waivers and roster, also available on the website, which should be brought to the registration tent when you arrive on site.
- There will be a hydration station on site, so please remember to bring refillable water bottles.
- The races will go on rain or shine, so please be prepared for the weather.
- There is *no* ATM machine on site, so it is advisable to bring cash. There is an ATM at the William Allman Arena at Lakeside and Morenz Drive.
- Covid Protocol – Please maintain social distancing as much as possible. There will be masks, hand sanitizer and wipes for communally used paddles.
- There will be team photos taken on the island following your first race. Please stick around and we will email the pics to your team captain the following week.
- There is no on-site parking. We have now secured three off-site parking areas. You may drop off team gear at the corner of Queen Street and Lakeside Drive. Then, you can park your vehicle at:
 1. The Zehrs parking lot at 865 Ontario Street, OR
 2. The River Garden Retirement Residence at Romeo and Delamere, OR
 3. The overflow parking behind the Festival Marketplace Mall, just east of Zehrs.

There will be a Stratford Transit bus shuttle that will run, every 20 minutes, from 6:30am to 7:00pm. The shuttle goes to the Festival Theatre parking lot on Lakeside Drive. (See maps.)

- A Gold Sponsor, the Stratford Festival, is once again offering discounted prices for tickets for performances during the weekend of the event including Frankenstein Revived and Rent on Friday night; King Lear and Monty Python's Spamalot on Saturday night; and four different performances on Sunday afternoon. Please see the attached, "2023 Flexi Group Dragon Boat" offer, for more information.
- IMPORTANT – If you have extra paddlers, please let the registration tent know as many teams are short paddlers. There will be a place to list your team and then those looking for paddlers will contact you directly at your tent.
- Schedule of first heat will be emailed out when ready and on the Rotary website.

See you on the water!!

Susan Roach, Registration Committee