



26th STRATFORD ROTARY DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Team Entry fee: \$975.00
Early Bird Entry fee by July 1st: \$925.00

Held on Lake Victoria in Stratford, the one day festival will have up to 50 teams participate in the recreational Hong Kong style races, including a 2000 meter final featuring the top 8 teams. The Grand Champion and Community Division Champions are honoured with trophies at the closing ceremony.

Over 2,000 will attend to watch the races and enjoy the food, refreshments, entertainment and Kid's Tent. Proceeds from the event support Rotary community activities with over \$800,000 raised to date!

Please check our Sponsorship page and follow us on facebook.

Directions to Stratford

Ottawa and Toronto teams will take Hwy. 401 west to interchange #278 at Kitchener. Follow Hwy 8 west through Kitchener, then join Hwy 7/8 west to Stratford. Once in Stratford, Hwy 7/8 becomes Ontario Street upon reaching the city limits. After the second set of lights (2 blocks) turn right on Queen St. and proceed to the river. Teams can unload at The Festival parking lot at the end of Queen St. on left side of street until 10 a.m.

For London teams, Hwy 7 becomes Erie Street. Once in Stratford continue until you reach Ontario Street. Turn right and at the second street past the third set of traffic lights turn left on Queen St. Proceed straight to the river. Teams can unload at The Festival parking lot at the end of Queen St. on left side of street until 10 a.m. All teams must check in at the registration desk at the tent upon arriving with waivers signed and roster lists.

Your team may set up their tent Friday or early Saturday. Check in with Rotary Personnel on Friday for a place to setup.

Parking

YOUR CAR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL! There is no on-site parking.

All streets will be closed and barricaded between Ontario St to Lakeside Drive and Nile St. to Queen St. on September 16th from 6:15 a.m. until 9:00 pm.

No cars will be permitted access to this area unless you live in this area. If area residents have a concern, they are requested to contact the Stratford Police Department.

Parking will be at the Zehrs parking lot, 865 Ontario Street. A Shuttle service will be available from 6:15 am until 7:00 p.m. for participants and spectators. The shuttle goes to the Festival Theatre parking lot on Lakeside Drive. (This may change. We will let you know.)

Food / Beverages

There will be a licensed beer/food area open to all.

Food Trucks:

To Be Determined

Breakfast and coffee will be available from 7:30 am.

Entertainment

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 11:00am with the traditional dotting of the eye ceremony and the breast cancer ceremony.

Two local bands will entertain from the main stage.

Accommodations

Please go to online travel sites or www.visitstratford.ca to book accommodations. Book your rooms early.

Site Regulations

No unauthorized vendors permitted.

No raffle or ticket sales (other than Rotary) at the Dragon Boat Festival.

No vehicles permitted on the dragon boat site.

No alcohol permitted outside licensed area.

Race Format

A one-day recreational Hong Kong style dragon boat races for awards.

Race Course Length - 500 metres or 1640.4 feet

Number of lanes - 4

Lane width - 10 metres or 33 feet Number of boats - 8

2,000 metre race for top 8 teams

Race Classes

Mixed Division –

- Mixed teams must have 16 to 20 paddlers, with not less than half the paddlers female

Breast Cancer –

- A Breast Cancer team consists of 20 Breast Cancer Survivor paddlers and a female drummer. The steersperson may be male and does not have to be a Breast Cancer Survivor

Women Division –

- A Women's team consists of an all-female team. The drummer must be female.

Awards

	PLACEMENT AWARD	
DIVISION A	Winner	Trophy + 25 Gold Medals
	2nd	25 Silver Medals
	3rd	25 Bronze Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
Division B	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	2nd	25 Silver Medals
	3rd	25 Bronze Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
DIVISION C	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	2nd	25 Silver Medals
	3rd	25 Bronze Medals
DIVISION D	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
DiVISION E	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
DIVISION F	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
DIVISION G	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals
DIVISION H	Winner	25 Gold Medals
	Consolation	25 Gold Medals

Breast Cancer Winner Trophy+ 25 Gold Medals
Women's Winner Trophy+ 25 Gold Medals

100 Meter Mixed sprint Winner 25 Gold Medals
100 Meter Women's sprint Winner 25 Gold Medals
100 Meter Breast Cancer sprint Winner 25 Gold Medals

2,000 Meter Race Winner 25 Gold Medals

