



## BULLETIN #1

# PAN AMERICAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welland • Ontario • August 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

WELLAND INTERNATIONAL FLATWATER CENTRE



# Welcome

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

Dragon Boat Canada (DBC), the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF), and the Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) invite all Club Crews from within the Pan American region to race in the Pan American Club Crew Championships (PACCC), being held at the Welland International Flatwater Centre North Course located in the Niagara Region, Ontario, Canada. The 2015 PACCC Races will take place from the 14th – 16th of August over distances of 200, 500 and 2000 metres. All races will take place in Small Boats.

### **COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES**

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

### **PROVISIONAL ENTRIES**

All participating clubs are required to return their Provisional Entries Online\* by **January 30th, 2015**



# Event List

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 Welland International Flatwater Centre

Thursday, August 13th, 2015

**Crew Registration** and **Training** at the Welland International Flatwater Centre

Friday, August 14th, 2015

**Racing Day**

500m - Mixed including BCS and BPS

200m - Mixed including BCS and BPS

Noon - Opening ceremonies and  
Eye Dotting Ceremony

Saturday, August 15th, 2015

**Racing Day**

500m - Open and Women

200m - Open and Women

Sunday, August 16th, 2015

**Racing Day**

200m - Open, Women and Mixed



# Divisions, Racing, Competition & Entry Conditions

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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.

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## **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.

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## **ENTRY FEES:**

A fee of USD \$55.00 per person is to be paid by all racers.

All supporters (coaches, support staff and others wishing to have access to athlete village) are required to pay a fee of USD \$40.00 per person. Supporters will have access to the grandstand for the duration of the PACCC only. This does not include access of any kind to the WDBRC.

Grandstand only access may be purchased for a fee of USD \$15.00 for the weekend or USD \$10.00 per day.

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## **BOATS, PFDS AND PADDLES:**

IDBF Specification Dragon Boats will be provided for the Championships.

Crews are informed that only IDBF Spec 202a paddles will be permitted for use at the PACCC.

Paddles may not exceed 51". Paddles will be checked to ensure compliance. No exceptions will be made.

Paddles will be available at the venue. Booking is required in advance (through online registration). 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 book in advance (through online registration). Pricing for paddles and PFDs will be included in Bulletin 2.

# 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior B Open	All paddlers and drummer under 16 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A Mixed	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Junior A Open	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age of 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24 Mixed	All racers aged 18-23. A maximum of 3 racers may be 16-17 and 1 may be aged 24-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U24 Open	All racers aged 18-23. A maximum of 3 racers may be 16-17 and 1 may be aged 24-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier Mixed	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier Open	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Premier Women	All racers must be 12 years of age or older, all racers must be women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older, all racers must be women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older, all racers must be women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older, all racers must be women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blind and Partially Sighted	Open class – no more than 5 sighted paddlers permitted in the boat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breast Cancer Survivor	Open class – all racers Breast Cancer Survivors, no exceptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Classes may be added at the discretion of the PADBF. Contact [info@paccc.ca](mailto: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.

## **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 PACCC for at least six (6) months before the PACCC in question.

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.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

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 hotels and tourism operators throughout the Niagara Region to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the waterway.

A variety of hotel accommodations have been arranged with pricing as low as USD \$72.00 per person, per night based on double occupancy with two beds per room; with additional options for occupancies including single university accommodation starting at just USD \$54.00, 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 will be available online beginning December 2014. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

Event transportation is **only** being supported to the Official Accommodations.

<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Minutes to Course</b>	<b>Single Occupancy</b>	<b>Double Occupancy (1 or 2 beds)</b>	<b>Triple Occupancy (2 beds)</b>	<b>Quad Occupancy (2 beds)</b>	<b>Family (5-6) Occupancy (3 beds)</b>	<b>Meal Plan Availability</b>
Best Western	St. Catharines	30	\$162	\$86	\$72	\$63	\$59	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Best Western Rose Suites	Welland	4	\$189	\$99	n/a	n/a	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Brock University Residence	St. Catharines	23	\$54	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Days Inn	St. Catharines	29	\$135	\$72	\$63	\$56	n/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Holiday Inn	St. Catharines	28	\$189	\$99	\$81	\$70	\$65	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner

(\* Prices are given in USD per person per night. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.



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The only method for booking at one of the official hotels is through the Organizing Committee which will assist in ensuring each Federation has reliable and personalized transportation. Accommodation requests will only be secured and fulfilled upon first deposit. The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee will do its best to place participants at requested accommodations, based on availability.

***Provisional accommodation bookings must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

### **MEAL PACKAGES:**

Meal packages are available for purchase through the Organizing Committee; breakfast and dinner options are available at official hotels and lunch at the venue.

#### **LUNCH**

Lunch packages are available for purchase at the venue for Training and Racing Days (Wed Aug 12 to Sun Aug 16). Lunches are a healthy choice, minimum 1500 calories, options will vary daily. Lunches will be delivered directly to your athlete village tent at a predetermined time. Lunches will be USD \$12.00 per person per day and will contain:

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

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

#### **BREAKFAST AND DINNER**

Breakfast and dinner packages are also available at participating official hotels through the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. Information on breakfast and dinner options will be included in Bulletin 2; breakfast prices begin at USD \$10.00; dinner prices begin at USD \$20.00.

***Provisional meal orders must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

### **AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is offering arrival and departure transfers from/to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BNIA). Pricing will be included in Bulletin 2 and will be available in varying sizes, including singles, passenger vehicles, passenger vans, and coach buses.

***Provisional airport transfers requests must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

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### **LOCAL TRANSFERS:**

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is offering a shuttle service from official accommodations to the venue for all participants and supporters. Crews will be able to purchase a shuttle pass to have access to the shuttle service that will regularly run between the official accommodations and the venue.

Crews have the option to book a dedicated bus transfer from their accommodations to the venue. Those crews who opt-in to the dedicated bus transfer from the Organizing Committee, will receive a bus dedicated to their crew for a transfer from their accommodation to the venue. Crews are required to inform the Organizing Committee a minimum 24 hours in advance as to what time they would like their transfer from their accommodations to the venue. Crews who opt-in for the dedicated bus transfer will receive the shuttle service complimentary.

Options will also be available for crews to purchase a dedicated bus transfer for return transport from the venue to their accommodations.

Pricing will be included in Bulletin 2.

***Provisional local transfers requests must be submitted by January 30, 2015.***

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### **TOURISM EXCURSIONS:**

The 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee is organizing various tourism excursions and packages for participants to purchase in advance, to explore and discover the Niagara Region in advance, after and/or during competition. A variety of tours and activities, from 90 minutes to full day adventures will be made available for participants to book. Details of the excursions, prices, and booking information will be available in Bulletin 2.

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### **OPENING CEREMONIES:**

Opening ceremonies will be taking place at the race site. The opening ceremonies will include a welcome from local dignitaries and an athlete parade.

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### **PARKING:**

Parking is available on site for a fee of \$5.00 Per Day or \$20.00 for the duration of the event (including practice day).

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# Deadlines For Entries And Fees

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
Provisional Entries Provisional Accommodation/Transportation Meal Requests	<b>January 30th, 2015</b>
Confirmed Numerative Entries and Registration Deposit Deposit of USD \$300.00 per <b>CREW</b> Deposit is non-refundable  Confirmed Booking and Accommodation Deposit (50% Deposit on Accommodation, Transportation, and Meals)	<b>March 3rd, 2015</b>
Final Named Entries and Outstanding Registration Fees Due (USD \$55.00 per person less deposit paid). Due (USD \$40.00 per supporter).  Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing committee. Any requests for late entry must include a late entry levy of USD \$100.00 per Crew in addition to individual racer fees.  Accommodation, Transportation and Meals Remaining Balance of all booked arrangements due.	<b>July 3rd, 2015</b>

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**PAYMENTS:**

Deposits and registration fees are to be paid by electronic transfer in US Dollars to the 2015 PACCC Organizing Committee. Further details will be included in Bulletin 2.

Accommodation, meals, and transportation will be subject to applicable local taxes and applicable hospitality fees. Federations 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. Further details will be included in Bulletin 2.

*Contact [info@paccc2015.ca](mailto:info@paccc2015.ca) for event and payment inquiries.*

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**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.

**After May 1, 2015:** 30% of total costs

**After June 1, 2015:** 50% of total costs

**After July 3, 2015:** 100% of total costs

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