



Parry Sound Area Dragon Boat Festival

SAFETY MEASURES

1. All precautions will be made to ensure the safety of every participant, spectator and volunteer. It is expected that everyone will comply with requests of the Race Coordinator or other Festival Volunteers with regard to safety issues. If you see an emergency occurring, please contact a volunteer, readily identified by their bright yellow t-shirts with the Dragon Boat logo on the front.
2. There will be a minimum of 2 race committee boats, equipped with radio and/or walkie-talkies, which will monitor each race.
3. In the event of overturned or capsized boats, ***please stay with your boat*** and do not panic. Your Personal Floating Device (PFD) will keep you afloat if worn properly, and it will be easier to account for and retrieve all the participants if they are together.
4. Communicate any emergency situation to the steerer on your boat, who will request assistance by blowing ***3 long sharp notes on his/her whistle***. Steerers, please see information on Rescue techniques. First two seats raise paddles vertically.
5. ***A First Aid Station*** will be located at the Pavilion at Waubuno Park; an Emergency Response Team will be available on site, and attending to medical situations; and an ambulance will be standing by. An arrangement has been made to take safety boats directly to the Coast Guard docks for direct access to an ambulance if necessary.
6. Water and/or juice will be available after each race, but please bring or purchase additional water to ensure proper hydration. Sun-block, hats and protective clothing is the individuals' responsibility.