



**18th ANNUAL SYDENHAM CHALLENGE
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
REGISTRATION FORM**

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June 01, 2019 on the Sydenham, Wallaceburg Ontario

Complete entry form, mail or drop off payment to:
United Way of Chatham-Kent
152 Duncan Street
Wallaceburg, ON
N8A 4E2

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 1, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m. (noon)

NAME OF TEAM

NAME OF TEAM CAPTAIN and/or Team Contact person

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY_____

POSTAL CODE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SPONSORING COMPANY/ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)

SIGNATURE OF TEAM CAPTAIN/COACH

DATE

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WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS EVENT?

*The Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival is a fund raising event.... Your entrance fee helps United Way of Chatham-Kent continue to provide service to the Chatham-Kent community and also support the Breast Buddies Dragon Boat Team.
"Breast Cancer Survivors" from Wallaceburg, Dresden, Chatham, Sarnia, Forest and surrounding areas.*

**18th ANNUAL SYDENHAM CHALLENGE
 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
 TEAM INFORMATION SHEET**

This Dragon Boat Festival is a mixed team regatta. All teams must have a **minimum of 8 female paddler's** for a total race complement of 20 paddlers', and 1 drummer. Team members under the age of 18 must sign a parental/guardian consent form. (available at www.sydenhamchallenge.com)

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand
**18th Annual Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival
 RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY (D-18)**

TEAM MEMBERS: (please print)

(Signature)

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NOTE: The 22nd & 23rd spot is for team spares. You can interchange and add more spares through-out the day providing they have signed the release form at the Festival tent where they will receive a festival wrist band.

If you recruit a spare who is already in possession of a festival wrist band on the day of the festival; they have already signed & agreed to the release conditions and do not have to report to the festival tent. Only team members with a wristband are allowed in the boat. A team member without a wristband may disqualify that race.

IMPORTANT

NOTE: Form B18 - C18 - D18 must be completed and handed in at the team registration table on the day of the event June 01, 2019 between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

By signing this document you, the captain or designate are acknowledging that all members on your team has read and understands in full the Release, Waiver and Indemnity (D-18) form.

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TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN (please print) : _____

**18th Annual Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival
RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY**

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the 2019 Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival and/or practice sessions offered by Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival. I, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the Sydenham Dragon Boat Festival, The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 18, Practice site location, all sponsors of and contributors to the Sydenham Dragon Boat Festival, Raging Dragons, Breast Buddies, Chatham-Kent Canoe Club, United Way of Chatham-Kent and all their respective directors, members, trustees, agents representatives, officers, sponsors, licensors, servants, employees, contractors, successors and assigns OF AND FROM ALL claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action, whether in law or equity, in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property HOWSOEVER CAUSED, arising or to arise by reason of my participation in the said event and/or practice sessions, whether as spectator, participant, competitor or otherwise, whether prior to, during or subsequent to the event or any practice session, AND NOTWITHSTANDING that same may have been contributed to, or occasioned by, the negligence of any of the aforesaid. I FURTHER HEREBY UNDERTAKE TO HOLD AND SAVE HARMLESS AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY all of the aforesaid from and against any and all liability incurred by all of them as a result of, or in any way connected with, my participation in the said event and/or practice sessions.

I and my next of kin are duly aware of the risks and hazards inherent in the sport of paddling and entering the premises for the purpose of launching, docking and storing equipment used in the sport of paddling, and specifically in participating in the Sydenham Dragon Boat Festival and the practice sessions held at the said premises and participating in the said event knowing that conditions may be hazardous and dangerous and that obstructions may exist, and that high winds may cause rough water, and that I hereby give notice that I am a competent swimmer and that I voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or to any property while in or upon said premises or engaged in said event.

I agree to properly wear, at all times while participating in the Sydenham Challenge Dragon Boat Festival, including any practice sessions, an approved personal flotation device or life preserver/life jacket meeting C.S.A. standards.

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Here's what you need to do!

Pull a team together - You need 21 people. Your team can be a sponsored team by a company, business, a service club/organization or even just a bunch of people pitching in. (If you need help with some different ideas and suggestions regarding finding a sponsor just give us a call)

REGISTRATION FEE

\$600.00 (paid in full) by May 1th, 2019 - \$700.00 after May 1th, 2019.

Note: A \$100 deposit is required when registering. (payment in full is due by May 1st, 2019. This will get your team on the race roster on a first come first serve basis. Teams paid in full will be guaranteed a spot on the race roster on a first come first serve basis.

However, teams that are not paid in full by the deadline date could be replaced by teams that have paid in full before or after the May 1, 2019 date. If this is the case your deposit will be returned provided SCDBF has been successful in replacing your team with a new team.

Register as soon as possible –

- Payment by cheque/cash preferred or credit card if needed.
- Please make your cheque payable to **“Sydenham Challenge”**.
- Drop off or mail your registration form and deposit to:

United Way of Chatham-Kent, 152 Duncan Street, Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4E2 519-628-5456. If you plan on dropping off in person, please call 519-628-5456 to ensure the office is open.

Team practice – Teams will receive one scheduled practice session (included in your registration fee). Practice session will include on land instruction and technique as well as in boat on water instruction. (approx... one hour)

For safety purposes all community teams are required to participate in at least one scheduled practice session.

Practice schedule instructions will be forwarded upon registering.
More information to follow.

All team members will be required to read & sign a practice RELEASE, WAIVER and INDEMNITY FORM prior to entering the dragon boat. Additional forms will be available in your team folder at the practice location. In the interest of time we recommend the Team Captain or designate to inform the sterns person upon arrival for your captains information package.

Please note: Form **B18 - C18 – D18** will be required on race day when registering your team. Practice waiver forms will need to be signed at your practice location.

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RULES & INFORMATION:

A Dragon Boat Team:

A full team (**crew**) will include 20 paddlers', 1 drummer, and 1 qualified steersperson (**provided**). One team member will need to be selected to hold the position of team captain. This person is responsible for team conduct, communicating and distributing team information to all members, gathering and submitting all necessary forms and waivers for the team. A Captains meeting prior to the race (June 1, 2019) must be attended and/or acknowledged by the team captain or designate.

Each Dragon Boat Team must have a minimum of 8 female paddler's.

Age Requirement:

Anyone under the age of 18 will be required to sign a parent/guardian consent form. This form will be available for download at www.sydenhamchallenge.ca
Or by e-mail at brian@uwock.ca.

Safety:

Each team member is responsible for their own safety at all times while engaging in activities related to practicing and racing in Dragon Boats. Each team member should be able to swim 100 meters while wearing a personal floatation device (PFD). Please note that on the day of the festival (at the loading dock) the people who are assisting you in the dragon boats are experienced dragon boaters. If they have any concerns for you or for other participant's safety, they have full rights to refuse a person from entering a Dragon Boat.

Proper footwear must be worn at all times in a Dragon Boat. Flip flops, clogs, sandals or open toe/heal footwear will not be allowed!

Waiver/Roster Form:

Each team captain is responsible for submitting the Team Waiver/Roster, signed by all team members must be submitted at the registration table on race day. **NO signature on the waiver form, NO wrist band, NO entry into Dragon Boats.** The race committee reserves the right to disqualify a team(s) when: A team member has no wrist band or in the case of inappropriate conduct or if signs of excessive consumption of spirits.

Festival wrist bands:

Wrist bands will be issued upon the final registration. Only those team members who have signed the waiver form will receive a wrist band. (23 in total) If you recruit or replace team members on race day following registration and they don't have a wrist band they must report to the festival tent prior to boarding the Dragon Boat. This person(s) will be required to sign a waiver form as well provide the team name to receive their wrist band.

Only those team members wearing a wrist band will gain entry on the dragon boats as well have full access at no cost to the nutrition bar (water & fruit).

Dragon Boat Equipment:

All Dragon Boats, paddles, drums, and PFD's will be provided. Each Dragon Boat is fully equipped with a dragon head and tail. All equipment used during practices and races shall be returned intact. Replacement costs or repair of such equipment will be charged to the responsible team, should negligence be determined.

Food & Refreshments: Will be available throughout the day. Once again the **Legion** will have BBQ's serving lunch. Refreshments of various kinds will also be on hand. **Subway** will also be receiving team orders and delivered on site on the day of the event. Pre order forms will be available.

Get ready to have a whole lot of FUN!
Remember space is limited. We anticipate selling out this year.
Register early to avoid disappointment.

NOTICE: On the festival date (June 01, 2019) it is important that your team is in the Dragon Boat loading area immediately after your team name has been announced!
Once announced your team will be given a 5 minute grace to arrive. If your team is not in the loading area after this time, one last call for loading will be made. At this time and if your team is not in the loading area after the second call your team could forfeit that race.
The posted race schedule displays your teams post race times and the approximate order that your team will race in. Please note that due to conditions beyond our control; weather, current, race times etc. etc. the posted race times can vary up or down. We will do our utmost to adjust the times as needed however it's your responsibility to keep close attention to the



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Quick Facts

- **Register Early** – This will not only get your team in the lineup but you will save \$100.00 under the early bird rate. (A call or e-mail indicating your participation in this year's event also helps us in the planning). Due to the demand of teams

wanting to participate we have no choice to respect the “first come, first serve” policy.

- ***Start pulling a team together.*** Dragon Boating is a very popular, fun event on the water that brings many friends, family, long lost friends together in one spot. It’s also a great opportunity for organizations, workplaces, & community groups to enhance “team work” in a fun exciting environment!
- ***\$600.00 registration fee*** – *sponsored teams* are the most popular as companies (big or small) like to participate in fun, healthy community events that give back to the community. *Some teams* find it easier to just have everyone on the team pitch in. Be creative. If you would like to explore different ideas we are here to help, give us a call.
- ***Forms B18 - C18 – D18.*** Be prepared to hand these forms in on race day morning. The more prepared you are with the correct names the faster you will slide through the registration table.
- ***Team Practice*** – in order to guarantee a safe experience for all; we require that all community teams sign up for the practice sessions. Teams can be excused from practice if: they are from a dragon boat club that has excess to a dragon boat and have practiced with a qualified sterns person. Community teams with history with SCDBF and you have 2/3 of your team that have participated in the past two years can forfeit your practice with notice, however we do not encourage this as this is about safety and team building. If you wish to waive this option, you must clear it first with the SCDBF organizer first.
Practice – Once your team is registered you will receive further information regarding times & dates and how to register for your practice session. Stayed tuned for further information in this regards.
- ***May 31***, evening before the race. Once again overnight security will be on site from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. you are welcome to locate & set-up your team site (tent). Although we cannot guarantee 100% that all will be safe we have never experienced a problem. If you choose to exercise this option, we will need you to notify us in advance. A member of the team will be on hand that evening to assist.
- ***The Roster***, a three step process: (a) teams that call in or e-mail to say “count me in”, (and we appreciate that) your name and contact info is placed in the roster line up on a first come first serve. (b) Teams who register with a deposit bumps the team that hasn’t registered. The teams who hasn’t registered (paid) remains in the roster however the registered team (with deposit) moves ahead in the lineup, again, first come first serve. (C) teams who have registered and paid in full shoot to the top of the roster guaranteeing their spot on a first come first serve basis.

- **First Round Race Day Lineup.** In order to publish the first round lineup in advance to teams, keeping in mind that a few teams are registering late preventing the publication of race times. This generally occurs with-in the week prior to the festival when everyone on the committee is extremely busy. Last year we ran into a few little snags. This year we are pleased to say and after several reviews and meetings around this process the first round teams are placed in the following manner.
 - (a) Teams are broken down in 3 categories, Survivor, Travel & Community.
 - (b) In order to save time we place the Cancer Survivor Teams at the end of round one. This way they are all loaded in the boats, ready to go in preparation for the carnation ceremony. (all by draw)
 - (c) Travel Teams, (2/3rds of the team members have over an hour drive to the festival. These teams are placed behind the survivor teams allowing them driving time. We have some teams traveling 2-3 hours (all by draw)
 - (d) Community Teams, (teams with-in a one hour drive) are then placed to fulfill the roster all by draw.
 - (e) The SCDBF Committee reserves the right to make adjustments to the first round lineup only on an as needed basis such as odd numbers or possible conflicts.

Note: the second and third round placement is calculated according to your teams race time in round one.

Paddles Up!