



Duelling Over A Grand Regatta Package

April 7-8, 2018

Victoria City Rowing Club (VCRC) invites you to a weekend of racing on Elk Lake. Duelling Over A Grand is unlike any other regatta on the West Coast: two crews race head to head for 1000 meters, with the winner advancing to the next round of racing. A double knockout format allows a crew to advance through the tournament until they lose twice and are knocked out of the tournament or progress all the way to the final. With the double knockout, tournament style format, crews have the chance to take what they learned in one race and apply it to the next one. The exciting sudden death final has the crew who lost only once (and progressed to the final through the “second chance tree”) racing the crew who won all its races (and progressed to the final through the “undefeated tree”).

VCRC is pleased to announce prizes for the following events*

Open Mens 1x	\$1000 (1 st Place), \$250 (2 nd Place)
Open Womens 1x	\$1000 (1 st Place), \$250 (2 nd Place)
Junior Mens 1x	Helo Jacket (custom sized)
Junior Womens 1x	Helo Jacket (custom sized)
Masters Mixed 2x	Helo Jacket (custom sized & Masters custom fit)

* Winners of the events must be in attendance to collect their prize. If they are not present the prize will be awarded to the second or third place finisher.

Deadlines

Early Bird Entry Deadline:	March 24th, midnight (after this date, entry fee + \$10/seat)
Normal Entry Deadline:	March 31 st , midnight (after this date, entry fee +\$20/seat)
Late Entries:	Late entries will be accepted until noon, April 4 th . Late entry fee: entry fee +\$20.
Fee Payment:	Due at time of normal entry (March 31 st , midnight)
Scratches:	Made before 12 noon March 31 st will not be charged a fee.
Scratch fee:	<i>Crews scratching after 12 noon March 31st will forfeit their entry fee and be charged a \$20 penalty.</i>
Preliminary Draw:	April 2 nd

Regatta Information

VCRC Regatta Website:

<http://www.vcrc.bc.ca/regattas-and-events/vcrc-regattas/duelling-over-a-grand>

Email: vcregattas@gmail.com

Events

	JR A	JR B	JR C	JR (A/B)	OPEN	MASTERS	PR1	PR2
Men	4x	4x	4x+	1x, 2x	1x,4+		1x	1x
Women	4x	4x	4x+	1x,2x	1x,4+		1x	1x
Mixed					2x	2x,4x		

Due to the unpredictable nature of advancement in this tournament style format, each competitor may race in **one event only**.



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Masters Racing

Similar to last year, an updated version of the [Garrett-Zezza handicap system](#) will be applied to Masters events, with prizes awarded based on adjusted times. Masters are those 21 or older, as of Dec 31 of the current year.

For more information please check the regatta website.

Registration

Registration opens March 5th, 2018. Please check the website for details and the registration link.

Entries will be capped at 18 for every event except the open 1x events.

The composition of the crew must stay the same throughout the regatta – no substituting. We encourage you to contact other clubs about entering composite crews, if you have an odd number of athletes and want to ensure all athletes get an opportunity to race. Late entry of composite crews is possible up to noon, April 4th.

Fees are due by the normal entry deadline: midnight, March 31st.

Please email club.admin@vcrc.bc.ca if you are not able to pay online.

Entry fees

	4X / 4+	2X	1X
Boat Fee (includes GST)	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Rowing BC Fee (\$8/athlete)	\$32.00/40.00	\$16.00	\$8.00
Bow marker deposit	\$10.00 (refundable)	\$10.00 (refundable)	\$10.00 (refundable)
Rowing Canada Seat Fee(\$3.25/athlete)	\$13.00/\$16.25	\$6.50	\$3.25
Total per boat (not including bow marker deposit)	\$125.00/\$133.25	\$72.50	\$51.25

Race Schedule

Please check the [VCRC Regatta Website](#) for schedule and draw updates.

Preliminary Event Draw will be posted on **April 2nd**.

Tentative Race Schedule

Coach, bow and coxswains' meeting: one hour before the first race on Saturday.

Saturday: 7:00 am to 6:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Training Times: The course will be open for training for one hour after the last scheduled race on Saturday or until posted sunset, whichever is earliest. The course will not be open for training on Saturday or Sunday morning. The course is not officially open on Friday. Visiting crews who wish to train on Friday are asked to contact the VCRC Club Manager (clubadmin@vcrc.bc.ca)

Race Course

- The race course is two lanes and 1000 m long.
- The lanes are marked by centre buoys every 20 m, distance markers every 250m and outside lane buoys at the start and finish.
- The Start is at Hamsterly Beach, using stationary floating platforms and boatholders.



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- The Finish is on the west side of the boathouse docks.
- Please consult the flow pattern map for racing and warmup flow patterns before going on the water. Maps will be posted on the [VCRC Regattas website](#), at the regatta site and included in each registration package.

Prizes

- A minimum of 8 entries for the Open 1X and minimum of 4 entries for the Junior 1X and Masters Mixed 2x is required to award prizes.
- All finalists will receive a medal
- Winners of the Open 1x, Junior 1x and Masters Mixed 2x events must be in attendance to collect their prize. If the athlete is not in attendance the prize will be awarded to the next place finisher.
- **In the event that inclement weather results in cancellation of on-the-water events**, the remaining Open 1x, Junior 1x and Masters Mixed 2x races will be moved to the erg room to finish racing and to determine a winner. All other events will be cancelled.

Events Draw

- A minimum of 4 boats is required to run an event. Crews entered in events that do not meet the 4 boat minimum will be given the option to move into a different event.
- Crews will be randomly assigned to their initial spot in the draw. Effort will be made to avoid entries from the same club racing each other in the first round. At the discretion of the Regatta Organizing Committee, events with large number of entries may be seeded. Check the [VCRC Regattas](#) website for updates.
- The tournament follows a double elimination format—crews are allowed two losses before they are knocked out. All crews entering the tournament draw will be guaranteed at least two races in the regatta.
- Crews that have a 'BYE' during the regatta do not row down the course for that round.
- **No shows: if your competitor does not show up at the start line you are still required to row down the course and across the finish line at a pace that does not impede the following racers.**
- Races will not be delayed for crews that are late to the start for any reason. A no-show crew at start time will be given a loss. Crews are expected to be in the starting area 5 minutes before their race. If you flip in the warm-up area such that you will not be able to make your scheduled start time, you will be given a loss for that race.

Safety

- All boats must have a secure bow ball and heel restraints to allow '**one-hand**' release (ties no more than 7.0 cm). Boats will be inspected prior to launching.
- Crews deviating from the designated flow pattern will be penalized and may be banned from further racing. Please check the flow pattern maps before going on the water.
- Any use of aerial drones must be cleared by the Organizing Committee.

Equipment Breakage

Due to the tournament style of Duelling and the tight schedule, **there will be no delays or rescheduling of races**. If equipment breakage occurs on the water, please notify the closest umpire or safety boat and we will try to help the competitor fix it within reason. There will be some spare parts and tools available close to the marshalling area (this will be elaborated at the coaches meeting). If a competitor is not able to make it to the start in time, they will be awarded a loss for that race. Please check your equipment before going on the water.



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Rules of Racing

Duelling Over a Grand will abide by Rowing Canada's Rule of Racing with the exceptions in the next section. The Organizing Committee would like to remind participating clubs of the following rules:

8.8 Other Boats on the Water

During the official hours of training and racing no boat (moving or fixed) shall be allowed on the regatta course or the training areas without the specific authority of the Chief Umpire or the Regatta Chair. The Chief Umpire shall determine the position and the movement of all approved vessels on the water during racing i.e., umpires' launches, rescue boats, media boats etc.

10.12 Coaching During Racing

It is prohibited to give any instructions, advice or directions to rowers or crews who are racing with any electric, electronic, or other technical device, either directly or indirectly.

Exceptions to Rules of Racing

2.3 Age Categories: the following categories not described in RCA ROR are included: Jr C(U15), Open (over 18). VCRC will not be confirming ages.

6.5 Blades are **not** required to be painted in the same manner on both sides, in the club colours.

7.5 Withdrawals (Scratches)

If a club withdraws from an event for which it has been entered, it shall give notice thereof to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, in writing, and **at least 30 minutes** before the start of the race in question. Scratches will be treated as a loss in the progression tree.

7.6 Crew changes before the First Heat

Up to 4pm on the day before the event, a crew may substitute up to one half the number of rowers in events entered. The changes must be communicated in writing to the Organizing Committee.

Before the first race and after the deadline, a substitution, including singles events, may be submitted for medical reasons to the OC with a proper certificate.

Crew changes (substitution of up to one half the number of rowers) may be made up to **4pm** on the day before the event. Before the first race and after this deadline, a substitution, including singles events, may be submitted for medical reasons to the OC with a proper certificate.

9.2.1 Row over (in the event of scratch, bye or no show): a) after the other crew has launched, the launched crew must row down the course to get back to the boathouse safely, at a pace sufficient to avoid interfering with the following race. The crew does NOT have to row down at race pace; b) before the other crew has launched: the crew does not have to launch and row down the course (i.e., no race); c) if the crew has launched but is notified of the scratch while they are in the warm-up area: for safety reasons, the crew must row down the course to get back to the boathouse, at a pace sufficient to avoid interfering with the following race.



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10.16 Protests

A protest must be made in writing to the Chief Umpire **not later than 20 minutes** after the Umpire has communicated his/her ruling regarding the objection or, in the case of disputing the published results, one hour after the results have been published.

In the event of a protest being allowed, the crew who suffered the disadvantage will be awarded the win and the other crew will be awarded a loss.

Appendix 2 Progression Option 5: Dual format, double elimination format.

Bow Markers

- Crews keep the same bow marker throughout the regatta. Each crew must have a bow marker each time they push off the dock. Crews that launch without a bow marker will not be allowed to race.
- **If you lose your bow marker during the regatta, please go to the Control Commission for a replacement.**
- Each crew must pay a \$10.00 bow marker deposit at the time of registration. Bow marker deposits (for returned bow markers) will be refunded online (via Peloton) after the regatta. Bow markers must be returned to the Registration Table within 30 minutes of the last scheduled race on Sunday, April 2.

Regatta Packages

Regatta packages may be picked up from the Registration Table Friday, April 6th between 4-6 pm and for 1 hour before the posted time for the first race. Please have only one person per club come to pick up the registration package. The package will include your bow markers, event schedules and course maps.