



2026 LOTUS IRON

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Saturday, July 25

In 1989, the Lotus Sports Club organized the first outrigger race in Canada, the Lotus Iron. This year's race will not only be the 36th annual Lotus Iron Race, but also the 36th anniversary of outrigger racing in Canada! Be part of Canadian outrigger history!

Course Length:

Long Course (approximately 20 km)

The race course will highlight the scenery and many islands in Indian Arm. Actual route will be determined closer to race date in consideration of crews utilizing tides, currents and wind.

Short Course (approximately 10 km)

The race course will be determined closer to race date in consideration of safety, weather conditions, tides and currents.

Lotus can also organize a shorter short course for novice juniors or keiki paddlers.

Schedule:

9:00 am Short Course - short course crews in all divisions and categories

10:30 am Long Course - Women & Mixed Master 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+

1:00 pm Long Course – Men & Open Mixed

Awards and draw prizes will be presented at the clubhouse after each heat.

Food and Water:

Our celebrated Lotus BBQ will follow each of the heats (see the schedule).

Extra BBQ tickets will be available on race day for \$20 but there are a limited number available for each heat.

Water dispensers will be available.

Registration Fee:

\$ 300 per crew

Registration fee waived for Junior or Keiki crews but registration is still required (CORA is sponsoring Keiki and Junior crews and will cover the registration fee).

Registration fees are paid on-line at

<http://lotussports.com/races/lotus-iron-and-small-boats-races/>

Registration deadline is midnight on July 23; no race day registrations.

All paddlers must have a valid CORA membership before racing - please pay your annual or single event CORA on-line at

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/store/renew-your-membership/>.

Registration Submission:

E-mail registration form to registrars, Steve and Elson, at LotusIronReg@LotusSports.com
Please be sure that the names used for race registration match the names used for CORA membership

Canoe Class:

- 1) **Spec** - an OC6 hull that weighs a minimum of 400 pounds (if an OC6 hull weighs less than 400 pounds, the canoe will be classed as an Unlimited unless weight is added to the hull to bring it up to the Spec Class OC6 minimum weight of 400 pounds)
- 2) **Unlimited** - an OC6 hull that weighs less than 400 pounds

Gender Division:

- 1) **Men**
- 2) **Women**
- 3) **Mixed** (50% or more of the crew is comprised of female paddlers)

Age Classification:

- 1) **Keiki** (16 years of age and under; will not turn 17 in 2023)
- 2) **Junior** (19 years of age and under; will not turn 20 in 2023)
- 3) **Novice** (less than 2 years of racing experience in Big Boats)
- 4) **Open**
- 5) **Master 40+**
- 6) **Master 50+**
- 7) **Master 60+**
- 8) **Master 70+**

Equipment:

Crews are to supply their own boats and paddling equipment. All boats must have a minimum of six CSA (or equivalent) approved PFD's and two bailing buckets. Spray decks are optional. The Lotus Sports Club boats will have some boats available to borrow on request (see contact info below).

Please bring cradles for your canoe(s). At times the water level will change more than 0.5 M / hour.

Safety:

The Lotus Sports Club strives to ensure the safety of all paddlers at Lotus races. Officials are in contact with the Harbour Master and will abide by guidelines of CORA, the Canadian Coast Guard, and Transport Canada. Please follow the instructions of the race officials. If a crew fails to heed instructions from officials in the escort boats or on shore, it will face immediate disqualification.

Race questions may be directed to Race Director at LotusIron@LotusSports.com

Boat requests should be communicated to Registrars at LotusIronReg@LotusSports.com

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Schedule

7:30 am Registration opens for all Short Course crews

8:30 am **Steerspersons' meeting for all Short Course crews**
Registration for Short Course closes

8:45 am Canoes to start line for Short Course

9:00 am SHORT COURSE (for all divisions and categories)

9:00 am Registration opens for Long Course Women & Mixed Master crews

9:45 am *First Nations blessing on lawn*

10:30 am **Steerspersons' meeting for Long Course Women & Mixed Master**
Registration for Long Course Women & Mixed Master heat closes

10:15 am Canoes to start line for Long Course Women & Mixed Master heat

10:30 am LONG COURSE WOMEN & MIXED MASTER

10:30 am Registration opens for Long Course Men & Mixed Open crews

10:40 am Awards presentation for all Short Course crews
Food served after awards to Short Course crews

12:30 pm **Steerspersons' meeting for Long Course Men & Mixed Open**
Registration for Men & Open Mixed heat closes

12:55 pm Canoes to start line for Long Course Men & Mixed Open heat

1:00 pm LONG COURSE MEN & MIXED OPEN

1:10 pm Awards presentation for Long Course Women & Mixed Master crews
Food served after awards to Women & Mixed Master crews

3:00 pm Awards presentation for Men & Mixed Open crews
Food served after awards to Men & Mixed Open crews



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REGISTRATION FORM

Send Registration Form prior to event by e-mail to LotusIronReg@LotusSports.com. Signed waivers can be turned in to the registration table on race day.

Crew Name				
Club				
Canoe Name		Canoe Class	Spec	<input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited
Canoe Number		Canoe Description		
Course Length	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Course		<input type="checkbox"/> Long Course	
Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Men	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed	
Age Classification	<input type="checkbox"/> Keiki	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Open
	<input type="checkbox"/> Master 40+	<input type="checkbox"/> Master 50+	<input type="checkbox"/> Master 60+	<input type="checkbox"/> Master 70+

Registration Fee	\$300 per adult crew Waived for junior and keiki crew
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Paddler Names	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Steersperson	

Contact Name			
Contact Email		Phone	

ADULT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE

*****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

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BURNABY, B.C., JULY 25, 2026 (the "Event")

To: **LOTUS SPORTS CLUB ("LOTUS") AND ITS DIRECTORS, CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION AND ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, HIS MAJESTY THE KING, VANCOUVER FRASER PORT AUTHORITY, CITY OF BURNABY AND ITS BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION & AFFILIATED COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIETIES AND THE BURNABY POLICE BOARD AND THEIR OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS & AGENTS, and all EVENT SPONSORS (collectively, the "Hosts")**

IN CONSIDERATION of LOTUS accepting race fees from the undersigned and the Hosts allowing the Event and allowing the undersigned to participate in the Event, whether participating with the crew named below, on an individual basis or on a tandem basis with another Event participant, each of the undersigned agrees as follows:

- 1. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES.** I agree to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association or LOTUS applicable to the Event. During my participation in the Event, I agree to act responsibly with a view to preserving my own safety and the safety of other Event participants.
- 2. RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS.** I acknowledge that participation in the Event involves risks, dangers and hazards inherent in the sport of outrigger paddling including, without limitation: physical exertion for which I may not be prepared; weather extremes, including sudden and unexpected changes; dangerous water conditions, including cold water and movement, waves, currents, rapids and white water; immersion in cold water; hypothermia; underwater entrapment; collision with natural and man-made objects, including rocks, docks and other boats; equipment malfunction or failure; accidents in loading, moving and storing canoes and equipment; and delay or inability for rescue or medical treatment in a timely manner (collectively, the "Risks").
- 3. ASSUMPTION OF RISKS.** I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the Event for my benefit and enjoyment and the excitement associated with the sport of outrigger paddling with full knowledge of the Risks and I freely accept and fully assume all such Risks and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting therefrom including but not limited to, active or passive negligence, imprudence, lack of skill, error of judgment, breach of contract or breach of statutory duty of care on the part of LOTUS, the Hosts or other Event participants. I further acknowledge and agree that LOTUS makes no oral or written representations or warranties in respect of my safety during the Event or the quality, condition or suitability of any canoes, equipment, facilities or services provided during the Event, and no statements made by any of LOTUS's directors, officers, contractors, agents, members, invitees, donors, suppliers, volunteers or employees (collectively, "Representatives") shall supersede the foregoing.
- 3. RELEASE OF LIABILITY.** I hereby waive, release and forever discharge LOTUS and all other Hosts and their respective administrators, elected officials, Representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees") from, and agree not to sue the Releasees in respect of, any and all any damages, losses, liabilities, claims, costs and expenses (including legal fees) of any kind whatsoever and howsoever arising (including, without limitation, in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to any person or property, or any other loss or damage) (collectively, "Losses") that I or my heirs or next-of-kin may suffer or incur, or allege to suffer or incur, arising in any way out of my participation in the Event, even if due to the Releasees' negligence (including the failure to safeguard or protect me from Risks) or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, including under the *Occupiers Liability Act*.
- 5. INDEMNIFICATION.** I hereby indemnify and save harmless the Releasees from any and all Losses that the Releasees may suffer or incur arising in any way out of my participation in the Event, even if due to the Releasees' negligence (including the failure to safeguard or protect me from Risks) or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, including under the *Occupiers Liability Act*.
- 6. ALLOCATION OF RISK.** I acknowledge and agree that the foregoing terms are fundamental elements of this Agreement, reflect the allocation of risk between the parties, and without such waiver, release, indemnity and other limitations set out herein, the Hosts would not be able to allow me to participate in the Event at the race fees I have paid.
- 7. MEDIA RELEASE.** I hereby grant LOTUS and its members, volunteers, professional photographers and the media the absolute right and permission to take during the Event, and to use and publish, photographs of me, still or moving, with or without my name, and to reproduce same through any media, for artistic, promotional, advertising, web content or other commercial and non-commercial purposes, and I shall not be entitled to any monetary compensation of any kind in respect thereof.
- 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS.** This Agreement shall be binding on my heirs, next-of-kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives (collectively, "Legal Representatives") in the event of my death or incapacity. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, it will be severed from this Agreement and will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement sets out the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and may not be amended. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

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NOTE: Junior participants (under 19 years of age on date of event) require written consent of parent or legal guardian capable of giving consent - NO EXCEPTION. Please see separate Junior Informed Consent form.

I CONFIRM THAT I AM AT AN AGE OF LEGAL CONSENT, THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING IT AND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I OR MY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT A LAWYER FOR INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE.

CREW NAME: _____

(For CORA Cup points, a crew must use the same crew name, age class, gender division, and canoe type throughout the season)

1.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
2.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
3.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
4.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
5.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
6.	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Print name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Crew Captain: _____ Phone Number

Club: _____

Lotus Sports Club
Barnet Marine Park, Burnaby, BC

JUNIOR INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

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IN CONSIDERATION of LOTUS accepting race fees from the undersigned and the Hosts allowing the Event and allowing the undersigned junior participants (each a "**Junior Participant**") to participate in the Event, whether participating with a crew, on an individual basis or on a tandem basis with another Event participant, each of the undersigned parents and/or legal guardians agrees, in respect of the Junior Participant for whom he or she is the parent or legal guardian, as follows:

1. **COMPLIANCE WITH RULES.** The Junior Participant is required to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association or LOTUS applicable to the Event, including, without limitation, the wearing of a personal floatation device (PFD). During the Junior Participant's participation in the Event, the Junior Participant is expected to act responsibly with a view to preserving his or her own safety and the safety of other Event participants.
2. **RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS.** I acknowledge that participation in the Event involves risks, dangers and hazards inherent in the sport of outrigger paddling including, without limitation: physical exertion for which the Junior Participant may not be prepared; weather extremes, including sudden and unexpected changes; dangerous water conditions, including cold water and movement, waves, currents, rapids and white water; immersion in cold water; hypothermia; underwater entrapment; collision with natural and man-made objects, including rocks, docks and other boats; equipment malfunction or failure; accidents in loading, moving and storing canoes and equipment; and delay or inability for rescue or medical treatment in a timely manner (collectively, the "**Risks**"). I have informed the Junior Participant for whom I am the parent or legal guardian of the Risks associated with participating in the Event.
3. **INFORMED CONSENT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS.** I am the parent or legal guardian of the Junior Participant set beside my name below and I hereby freely consent to the Junior Participant's participation in the Event. I acknowledge and am fully aware that in participating in the Event, the Junior Participant is being exposed to risks of personal injury, death or property damage or loss, which may result from many causes, including the Risks, active or passive negligence, imprudence, lack of skill, error of judgment, breach of contract or breach of statutory duty of care on the part of LOTUS, the Hosts or other Event participants. I acknowledge that the Junior Participant is voluntarily participating in the Event for his or her benefit and enjoyment and the excitement associated with the Event, despite being informed of the Risks associated therewith.
4. **MEDIA RELEASE.** I hereby grant LOTUS and its members, volunteers, professional photographers and the media the absolute right and permission to take during the Event, and to use and publish, photographs of the Junior Participant, still or moving, with or without the Junior Participant's name, and to reproduce same through any media, for artistic, promotional, advertising, web content or other commercial and non-commercial purposes, and neither I nor the Junior Participant shall be entitled to any monetary compensation of any kind in respect thereof.
5. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:** This Agreement shall be binding on not only me, but my next of kin, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, it will be severed herefrom and will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder hereof. This Agreement sets out the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and may not be amended. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of British Columbia, Canada.

THE UNDERSIGNED JUNIOR PARTICIPANT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS SECTIONS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CERTIFIES THAT HE OR SHE:

- (i) IS THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE JUNIOR PARTICIPANT SET OUT BELOW WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSENT TO SUCH JUNIOR PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT,
- (ii) HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING IT, AND
- (iii) BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT IS GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT HE OR SHE OR HIS OR HER LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT OR GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT A LAWYER FOR INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE.

PRINT JUNIOR PARTICIPANT NAME

JUNIOR PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE