

Dragon Zone Practices

As everyone is well aware, the 2010 Olympics has put restrictions on the Dragon Zone practice facility, we have no access on land or water from January till the end of March. Hopefully, we will have access before the end of March.

There is a physical barrier now at the entrance to the Cambie Street Bridge and will be there till the end of March. *Practices will take place between the Granville Street Bridge and the Cambie Street Bridge in False Creek.* Remember that lights on the dragon boat are required for the evening practices.

We have moved boats to 2 places for teams to practice:

False Creek Yacht Club

1661 Granville St, right under the Granville Street Bridge in the same parking lot at the Stone Grill and Nu.

Parking

There is parking at FCYC but it is limited, we don't want to fill all the spaces with dragon boat paddlers and have the FCYC members get upset at us. There is also free and paid parking on the street around FCYC. Look for the free parking all underneath the Granville Street Bridge on Granville Street. I would suggest teams car pool and park on the street.

During the Olympics, there will be no parking at FCYC so you will have to find parking on the street.

Equipment

- There are 2 Buk and 2 Swift 10 man dragon boats at FCYC. There are moored on the dock closest to land. You go down the marina ramp and take a left and walk along the dock closest to land and you will see the dragon boats.
- There is a small container in the FCYC parking lot in the corner underneath the Granville Street Bridge where the mural is. Open the right door of the container first, then the left door if you need to.
- In the container are PFDS, paddles, steering oars, safety kits, lights, keys to open the door to the marina and keys to use the washrooms.
- There are combination locks on the container and the boats. The boats are secured by cables and combination locks.
- **The combination is "1020"** for the container and to unlock the boats. Make sure you re-lock the combination locks on the container and the boats.

Storage

- Use the shelf in the container to store your belongings.

Access to the Marina

- There is a special type of key to open the Marina gate to access the docks. I will have someone there for teams using the facilities for the first time.
- NOTE: use the key to open the Marina gate and **RETURN THE KEY** back to the container. Do not bring the key with you on the dragon boat during your practice. Use the rope on the side to hold the gate open for you while you return the key to the container and then close the gate.

Washrooms & Showers

- There is a trailer which is in the parking lot, East side, there is a Women's and a Men's washroom for you to change. There are also showers.
- Please return the key to the container after each use.

False Creek Yacht Club Restaurant

- The restaurant is open for the paddlers use
 - Mon & Tue closed
 - Wed, Thur, Fri open at 5:30pm in the pub, kitchen opens at 6pm
 - Sat is usually closed for private events
 - Sun open for brunch 11am-2pm
- *During the Olympics, the restaurant will be open every day*

Marinaside Marina in Yaletown

1067 Marinaside Crescent

This is a private marina, not a club. We have the permission from the owner of slip C1 to store our boats and access them as necessary. There are no lockers, showers, washrooms or storage.

Parking

You have to find parking on the street

Equipment

- There is 1 Buk and 1 6/16 dragon boat at the Concord Marina. They are moored at the dock just East of the Aqua Bus dock. You will need an access card to get into the marina. I am working with Fred Roman on this. 2 people would go get the dragon boat and paddle it over to the public Aqua Bus dock where the rest of team will board and practice. Same for mooring dragon boat, team will disembark at Aqua Bus dock and 2 people paddle dragon boat back to dock and lock it up.
- There will be a cable and combination lock to secure the boats. The combination is '1020'.
- We don't have anything in place yet to store pfd's, paddles, safety kits, lights.
- The steering oars will be left in the dragon boats

Washrooms, lockers & showers

- I suggest to use the Roundhouse Community Center which is less than a block away.

Access to the Marina

- We are working with Fred Roman from the Concord Pacific team as Concord Pacific has graciously allowed Dragon Zone to use a private slip, C1.
- Teams will have to contact Fred Roman to get the key fob to the Marina.
- Once the Dragon Zone practice schedule is finalized for Feb and Mar, more details will be available.