



## New Liskeard Lions Dragon Boat Festival Team Safety Procedures

- The steersperson/captain is responsible for the team while they are on the water, and should communicate emergency procedures to his/her team prior to going out on the water.
- The emergency flag is located under the drummer's seat.
- Everyone must wear a life jacket or PFD.
- Each team member is responsible for his or her own safety at all times while engaging in the New Liskeard Lions Dragon Boat activities.
- Individuals deemed to be acting in an unsafe manner by New Liskeard Lions Dragon Boat Officials will not be permitted to continue to race.
- In the event of an emergency,
  - signal for assistance by:
    - waiving paddles in the air
    - Drummer waves orange flag and signals with whistle – 3 long blasts
  - Communicate emergency concerns to safety personnel
  - Follow directions of safety personnel.
- If the boat capsizes or swamps:
  - Use the buddy system
    - know who the weak swimmers are and pair with strong swimmers
    - steersperson and drummer join with nearest pair
    - this process must be established prior to boarding the boat.

### Procedure

- check that buddy is ok
- report problems to safety boat personnel
- follow directions of safety personnel
- assist weak swimmers into rescue boat
- paddlers and boat will be taken to the nearest beach
- safety boat personnel will direct the emptying of the boat
- re-enter and paddle back to the marshalling docks

### In the event of a collision

- should not happen if boat is stopped when directed by umpire
- keep hands clear of gunwale and avoid contact with head of other boat
- follow directions of safety personnel.