



New Liskeard Dragon Boat Festival

SAFETY PROCEDURES

- The steersperson/captain is responsible for the team while they are on the water, and should communicate emergency procedures to his or 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 Dragon Boat activities.
- Individuals deemed to be acting in an unsafe manner by the New Liskeard 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