

**TO: CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL SOCIETY (hereinafter referred to as the "OPERATOR")**

In this agreement: 1. the term "paddling activities" shall include all activities, events or services provided, arranged, organized, sponsored or authorized by the Operator with respect to the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival, Dragon Zone Paddling Club, Steveston Dragon Boat Festival and Creekside Kayaks, including, but not limited to: regattas, competitions, races, demonstrations, practices, events, orientation and instruction sessions, paddling courses and workshops including kayak, dragon boat, canoe and outrigger programs, and other such activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to the Operator; and 2. the term "Operators" shall include the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society, Dragon Zone, City of Vancouver, Vancouver Parks and Recreation Board, City of Richmond, Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society, City of New Westminster, Concord Pacific Developments Ltd., all official sponsors, official suppliers, volunteers, and all of their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, successors and assigns.

**SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge that I have been advised that I must wear a life jacket while participating in paddling activities. Instruction as to the proper use of the life jacket is available from the Operator. I am aware that the physical exertion required of paddling activities and the forces exerted on the body can activate or aggravate pre-existing physical injuries, conditions, symptoms or congenital defects. I have been advised to seek medical advice if I know or suspect that my physical condition may be incompatible with paddling activities.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS**

I am aware that paddling activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: accidents which occur while loading and unloading equipment; accidents which occur while standing or walking on docks, floats or ramps, overturning or upsetting of the boat; falling from the boat while on the water; collision with rocks, trees, logs, dead fall, other vessels, and other boating equipment; collision with other participants; equipment failure; variations in the water conditions, surfaces and currents; changing weather conditions; high winds; drowning; loss of control; entrapment; immersion in cold water; hypothermia; exposure to temperature extremes; and negligence of other participants. Communication in the terrain used for paddling activities may be difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be readily available. I am also aware that there is a risk of NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATORS, INCLUDING THE FAILURE BY THE OPERATORS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PADDLING ACTIVITIES. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH PADDLING ACTIVITIES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

**COACH BOAT USE**

I am aware that on occasion the manager, coach, instructor or other person may use the Society owned coach boat and motor on behalf of the team I am a member of, and that I may be held partially liable in cases on damage or loss.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the Operators agreeing to my participation in paddling activities, and permitting my use of their equipment and facilities, I hereby agree as follows: 1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against THE OPERATOR AND TO RELEASE THE OPERATOR from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in paddling activities DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE OPERATOR, AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATOR TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PADDLING ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE; 2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE OPERATOR from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in paddling activities; 3. To familiarize myself with all rules, regulations and protocol pertaining to the use of all Operator equipment and assets; 4. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity; 5. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, depending upon location of activity 6. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought within the Province of British Columbia. 7. MEDIA CONSENT: In consideration for my participation in the Concord Pacific Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival, Steveston Dragon Boat Festival, or any other paddling activity offered by the Operator and its representatives I give employees, professional photographers and the media the right and permission to publish, copyright and use photographs of me and my property, with or without my name, and to reproduce the photographs through any medium for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, web content or other purpose. In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Operators with respect to the safety of paddling activities other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

**I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE OPERATORS.**

☐ I hereby authorize the Operator and its representatives to notify me (via mail, email or fax) throughout the year for special offers, events news and information about our services.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED, SIGNED, DATED, AND WITNESSED PRIOR TO YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PADDLING ACTIVITIES.