**Why is Dragon Boat Canada launching a Race Series in 2017?**

A Race Series is part of Dragon Boat Canada’s goal to provide the best and most valuable dragon boat racing experiences to the largest amount of paddlers, crews and clubs across the country.

The Race Series will:
- Engage crews from across Canada in National, Regional and Age-Category competition(s)
- Increase communication with festivals across the country
- Highlight race opportunities for paddlers across Canada

**How do I enter?**

If you race in any regatta featured as part of the DBC Race Series you have automatically entered.

Our ranking system will allow the top 69 crews in each regatta (in 3 separate categories) to be ranked.

In summary, just go to your local regatta and check the DBC Race Series page and see where you are ranked.

**How much does it cost?**

$0.

The DBC Race Series is free. No charge to enter.

**What can I win?**

DBC Race Series banners will be awarded in 23 separate categories. They will look similar to the DBC Canadian Championship banners and are a great addition to your team’s trophy case.
How do I keep track of my team’s progress?

Go to the DBC Race Series page at www.dragonboat.ca and review the updated standings.

Race Series standings will be updated every few weeks, immediately following each Race Series events.

Does the DBC Race Series determine the fastest crew(s) in Canada?

No. The Canadian Championships determine both the fastest Canadian crews and the Club Crew World Championship (CCWC) qualifying crews.

The DBC Race Series is designed to reward 2 things:

Performance: the higher ranked you are at DBC Race Series regattas the more points your crew will earn

Participation: the more DBC Race Series regattas your crew attends the more points they will earn

If I participate in a DBC Race Series Regatta outside of my region, will I still earn the points?

Yes

Why is DBC using a points system instead of a time based system?

(like: http://www.mofosdragonboat.com/Rankings/RankingsIndex.php)

The DBC Race Series is designed to reach the widest possible set of crews across the entire country. Based upon these factors it is determined that a points based system can achieve the desired goals.

How/Why did DBC select these regattas?

A wide variety of considerations has and will continue to be put into selecting the most appropriate regattas as part of the DBC Race Series including:

- Takes place before September 2nd (conclusion of 2017 Race Series)
- Separate Sport Division
- Multiple (IDBF approved) race distances or formats offered
- DBC approved roster check process
- All (or partial) DBC Certified and reviewed officials
- DBC approved equipment
- Minimum water depth
- Water consistency (currents, tides)

Additional efforts have been made to offer an appropriate amount of DBC Race Series regattas in each region.

The regatta selection process is detailed and ongoing. We anticipate additional regattas to join the DBC Race Series over time. We encourage any regatta that would like to be involved to communicate with DBC and athletes to provide feedback regarding regattas they would like to see become a part of it.
If my crew adds some of these regattas to our season plan will we accumulate more points?
Yes.

Will there be roster checking at all of these regattas?
The DBC Race Series is a completely volunteer run operation in 2017. So we can’t guarantee roster checking at all regattas. However, DBC will collaborate with Race Series regattas to continue or improve roster checking procedures as much as possible.

What if my crew/club uses different names at different regattas?
It is possible that your crew could be listed twice under 2 different names in the Race Series standings. If this is the case please contact us and we will make a determination whether you can be awarded the cumulative points.

Our recommendation is to try to register at all regattas with a consistent crew name in an attempt to avoid this situation.