

VCKC Dragon Boat News

2010 August:

VCKC Guts 'n Glory Dragon Boat Race (2x1250m)

This first VCKC Dragon Boat race fielded just 4 teams but everyone appeared to have a good time with numerous compliments and promises to return next year. The race course gave ample space for the two competing boats. The mixed crowd of paddlers made the most of food & beverage concessions, and the great weather. The Champion 10-paddler boats provided [Nightstar](#) of Nanaimo were a great success being tried in 5 demo races: the oldsters versus youngsters being an incredible finish to the day of racing. The results from the main racing are

- VCKC Grand Dragons took the **Gold Medal** in 13:20.
- Paddlers of the Fifth Moon from GRPC took the **Silver Medal** in 13:32
- VCKC Na-Torious Warriors (a joint Namakas – Victorious Secret team) took the **Bronze** in 13:41.

Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival

- VCKC First Class Dragons took **5th** place in the Jade Consolation Final.
- VCKC Grand Dragons took the **Silver Medal** in 50+ Division and the **Bronze Medal** in the Gold Division. Only 0.01 seconds ahead of Castaways in the Gold Semi Final but much more soundly (1.24 s) in the final. Mainlanders took top spots in these divisions. Darn! GRPC's Amazing Greys skipped the 50+ Final – tired of being in our wake? The GDs set VCKC's best time of 2:10.15 on Saturday (within the 20 fastest teams at the festival).
- VCKC Namakas took the **Bronze Medal** in the Women's Division against stiff competition from the mainland. Great job! VCKC's Caroline Roberts (a turncoat?) was with the 4th place Rip City Paddlers from Portland (who did a practice Friday at VCKC) – did she drag her paddle?
- VCKC Victorious Secret took **2nd** place in the Gold Consolation Final.
- Stumptown Paddlers (our hosts in Portland) took the **Bronze Medal** in the Silver Division.
- VCKC Komodo Dragons took **4th** place in the Bronze Division.
- VCKC Jack Pack took **4th** place in the Pearl Division.

About 60 joined in on Saturday's Dinner at the Crystal Jade Restaurant.

Even with the spill (a false alarm causing an alarm!) and race administration foul-ups, a good time had by all. Even Herb! (But why do they charge so much for beer and for registration?)

GRPC Gorge Fest

- VCKC Namakas took the **Silver Medal** in the Women's Division (their first race!).
- VCKC Grand Dragons took **1st** place in 50+ Final and the Mixed Red Division B Final
- VCKC Victorious Secret took **4th** place in the Mixed Red Division B final.
- VCKC United took **3rd** place in the Mixed White Division B Final.
- VCKC Komodo Dragons took **3rd** place in the Mixed Green Division, a bronze medal!
- VCKC Just the Boyz (a mens' team combined from VCKC teams) came **4th** in the He-Man Bro-tastic 'Stash-down against some heavily favoured merged teams (Gorging Dragons & Xtreme Reach, Goblin Empire & Navy Achors, Blu-By-U & Dragonslayers)

2nd Camp Blanshard - Kids Paddle

Five VCKC Dragon Boaters took 12 kids and their 2 guardians for a spin around the gorge. They didn't believe that the green growth on the shore was troll fur but they still had a great time scaring the trolls under the Admirals Bridge. They returned to the clubhouse for BBQ'd hotdogs and fresh local peaches. Check out their thank you card on the mantel.

2010 July:

Champion 9 meter Boat Arrives

Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival

- VCKC Grand Dragons took **2nd** place in B Final Platinum Division and jointly won the 50+ category **trophy** with.
- VCKC First Class took **1st** place in Mixed Diamond Division B Final
- VCKC Victorious Secret took the **Bronze Medal** in the Mixed Gold Division.



1st Camp Blanshard - Kids Paddle

Gorge Canada Day Picnic

2010 June:

Nanaimo Paddlefest

VCKC Victorious Secret took **1st** place in Mixed Red Division.