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Days 1 and 2: the 500 metre program

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Introduction

This report is for the paddlers, coaches, families and supporters following the Club Crew World Championships from home — and above all for the Senior A, Senior B and Senior C crews who make up half of this championship and who want the first two days set down accurately, in one place, before the sprints begin.

Two days of 500 metre racing on Liyu Lake decided 43 world titles. Canada's clubs won 21 of them. The pages that follow give the full results of every event, Senior classes first, with each day's key insights up front; then the standings, a section written for coaches, and a look ahead to the 200 metre days. Background on the championship, the size of every field and every participating team is in the appendices.

Every result is taken from the official results service and cross-checked against the organisers' own medal tally. The organisers describe all medal tables as unofficial until the International Dragon Boat Federation ratifies them; this report uses the same caution. Times are given to the hundredth of a second.

Key findings

- Canada won **21 gold, 19 silver and 15 bronze** at 500 metres — 55 of the 118 medals awarded, and 21 of 43 golds. The United States is next with 24 medals, Germany with 12.
- **The Senior classes are half the championship** — 18 of the 43 events and 200 of the 407 crew entries. In them, Canada won **10 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze** and medalled in 15 of the 18 events.
- In the Premier standard boat — the flagship events, with 29, 29 and 22 crews — Canadian clubs took all nine medals across the Mixed, Open and Women's finals. New Dragons Racing Club of Toronto set the fastest time of the regatta, 1:50.47, in the Open final.
- Canada's count reflects depth of entry as much as speed: Canadian clubs recorded 77 placings from 15 clubs, against 51 from 21 American clubs. The fairest measure is the largest fields, where Canada won 8 of 13 golds.
- **The step-up from heat to final decided the podiums.** In the Senior B Women's final, the medallists went 2.3 to 2.6 seconds faster than in their heats; crews that came through the repechage mostly found nothing. Qualifying straight from the heat is worth seconds.
- Four Canadian medals were settled by a tenth of a second or less, including two bronzes that missed silver by 0.07 and 0.04 seconds, and a fourth place 0.01 from bronze.
- **Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) raced six crews at 500 metres:**
 - Senior C Mixed, small boat — **gold**, by 0.46 seconds
 - Senior C Open, small boat — **bronze**, 0.07 seconds from silver
 - Senior C Women, standard boat — **bronze**
 - Senior B Women, standard boat — **fifth in the world**, in a final decided at the front by 0.21 seconds
 - Senior B Open, standard boat — sixth
 - Senior B Mixed, standard boat — missed the final by 1.74 seconds in the repechage

Medal table after two days

All classes, 500 metres, unofficial. Full standings, Canadian club tables and the analysis of field sizes are in Part 3.

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Canada	21	19	15	55
United States	8	7	9	24
Germany	1	6	5	12
Australia	2	2	2	6
Hong Kong China	2	2	1	5
Singapore	1	1	3	5
Philippines	3	1	0	4
Russian clubs (neutral)	2	0	0	2
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	1	0	0	1

Senior classes only (18 events): Canada 10/7/8 · United States 5/3/4 · Germany 0/4/4 · Australia 0/2/1 · Russian clubs (neutral) 2/0/0 · Czech Republic 1/1/0



Part 1 — Day 1: Tuesday 1 September, 500 metres

Canada on the day: 10 gold, 10 silver, 7 bronze — 27 medals across 20 events.

Day 1 key insights

- Senior A: True North Paddling Club won the Women’s standard boat on aggregate over H2o Montreal; Evolution Paddling Club won the Women’s small-boat final after losing its heat to Melbourne Flames by 0.28 seconds, turning it into a 0.45-second win; H2o Montreal took Open standard-boat bronze on aggregate by 0.17 seconds over Southbreeze.
- Senior B Mixed: Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association beat H2o Montreal and Evolution in the standard boat, with the two Canadians 0.04 seconds apart for silver; VIP Gorging Dragons and Pickering Dragon Boat Club went one-two in the small boat by 0.41 seconds.
- Senior C: an all-Canadian podium in the Women’s standard boat (False Creek Racing Canoe Club, Pickering, Ottawa Dragon Boat Club) in a four-boat field; VIP Gorging Dragons won the Women’s small boat; Ottawa Dragon Boat Club took Open small-boat bronze 0.07 seconds from silver after winning its heat.
- Premier Mixed standard boat, the largest field of the championship at 29 crews, finished 22Dragons, New Dragons Racing Club, True North Paddling Club, Dragon Zone Paddling Club — four Canadian boats before the first American.
- Under-24: Evolution (Women standard) and New Dragons Racing Club (Women small) won all three of their rounds; True North won the Open small boat on aggregate despite losing round three.

Day 1 at a glance

Event	Crews / nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Other Canadian placings
Senior A (40+) Open, standard boat (Σ)	8 / 6	ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 6:02.22	Typhoons Dragon Boat Club, Hong Kong China — 6:02.83	H2o Montreal, Canada — 6:05.75	—
Senior A (40+) Women, standard boat (Σ)	6 / 4	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 4:13.47	H2o Montreal, Canada — 4:20.92	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 4:23.20	4th 3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières)
Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	16 / 12	UNYTED Queens, United States — 2:12.27	Neckardrachen Heilbronn, Germany — 2:13.35	Academic Sports Association, University of Economy Bydgoszcz, Poland — 2:14.86	6th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	14 / 11	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:25.75	Melbourne Flames, Australia — 2:26.20	Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 2:26.31	—
Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	15 / 7	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:03.94	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:05.08	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:05.12	7th Fuda Dragon Boat Club (Richmond Hill)
Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat	15 / 9	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:20.62	Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 2:21.03	Neckardrachen Heilbronn, Germany — 2:21.57	—
Senior C (60+) Open, standard boat (Σ)	5 / 4	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 6:11.29	Silverbacks Magdeburg, Germany — 6:24.21	Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim, Germany — 6:32.22	—
Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat (Σ)	4 / 2	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 6:45.43	Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 6:46.27	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 6:52.17	—
Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	11 / 7	7 Hills (Moscow), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:18.55	Uckerdrachen Prenzlau, Germany — 2:19.74	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:19.81	4th Pickering Dragon Boat Club
Senior C (60+) Women, small boat	9 / 6	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:30.50	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:32.33	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:35.31	—
Premier Mixed, standard boat	29 / 9	22Dragons Montreal, Canada — 1:52.41	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 1:53.11	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 1:53.81	4th Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver; 11th H2o Montreal
Premier Mixed, small boat	19 / 14	Neckardrachen Heilbronn, Germany — 2:14.83	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 2:15.45	UEAA Dragon Boat NYC (New York), United States — 2:17.07	4th H2o Quebec (Boucherville)
Under-24 Open, standard boat (Σ)	5 / 2	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore — 5:55.26	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 5:56.08	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore — 5:58.33	4th New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto)
Under-24 Women, standard boat (Σ)	4 / 2	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 6:37.71	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 6:42.39	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore — 6:47.13	—
Under-24 Open, small boat (Σ)	6 / 5	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 6:39.72	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 6:41.10	Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 6:49.02	—
Under-24 Women, small boat (Σ)	6 / 4	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 7:16.94	Kembangan CSN (TP Alumni), Singapore — 7:19.32	Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore — 7:25.35	5th H2o Montreal

Under-18 Mixed, standard boat (Σ)	4 / 2	Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver, Canada — 6:18.74	Lincoln Dragon Boat San Francisco, United States — 6:19.38	Ohana New England Braintree, United States — 6:35.58	—
Under-18 Mixed, small boat (Σ)	2 / 2	Typhoons Dragon Boat Club, Hong Kong China — 7:26.70	Discovery Pathways Philadelphia, United States — 7:34.33	—	—
Paradragons 2 Open, standard boat (Σ)	4 / 4	Philippine Accessible Disability Service Dragonboat Racing Team (Mandaue City), Philippines — 6:20.64	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 6:32.92	Adaptive Fusion Long Beach, United States — 6:46.15	—
Paradragons 2 Open, small boat (Σ)	4 / 3	Rowers Club Philippines, Philippines — 7:29.05	Philippine Accessible Disability Service Dragonboat Racing Team (Mandaue City), Philippines — 7:32.08	3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières), Canada — 7:38.37	—

(Σ) decided on the sum of three rounds; times shown are aggregates.

Senior events in detail

Top five and every Canadian crew. Podiums for all other classes are in the table above.

Senior A (40+) Open, standard boat

8 crews from 6 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 6:02.22
- **Silver** — Typhoons Dragon Boat Club, Hong Kong China — 6:02.83
- **Bronze** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 6:05.75
- 4th — Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 6:05.92
- 5th — DC Dragon Boat Club (Washington, DC), United States — 6:17.95
- *Rounds 53/69/83: ONV-BOX, ONV-BOX, Typhoons won; margins under 0.3 s in rounds 1 and 3.*

Senior A (40+) Women, standard boat

6 crews from 4 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 4:13.47
- **Silver** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 4:20.92
- **Bronze** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 4:23.20
- 4th — 3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières), Canada — 4:26.24
- 5th — Typhoons Dragon Boat Club, Hong Kong China — 4:30.76
- *Standings aggregate equals rounds 2+3 only (2:08.10 + 2:08.43); race 50 not counted.*

Senior A (40+) Open, small boat

16 crews from 12 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — UNYTED Queens, United States — 2:12.27
- **Silver** — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:13.35 (+1.08 s)
- **Bronze** — Academic Sports Association, University of Economy Bydgoszcz, Poland — 2:14.86 (+2.59 s)
- 4th — Tokyo Dragon, Japan — 2:15.59
- 5th — Te Waka Dragons Brisbane, Australia — 2:16.01
- 6th — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:16.36
- *Evolution won heat 1 (2:18.93), 6th in final.*

Senior A (40+) Women, small boat

14 crews from 11 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:25.75
- **Silver** — Melbourne Flames, Australia — 2:26.20 (+0.45 s)
- **Bronze** — Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 2:26.31 (+0.56 s)
- 4th — White Dragon (Belgorod), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:26.87
- 5th — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:30.28
- *Evolution trailed Melbourne Flames by 0.28 in heat 2, beat them by 0.45 in the final.*

Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat

15 crews from 7 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:03.94

- **Silver** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:05.08 (+1.14 s)
- **Bronze** — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:05.12 (+1.18 s)
- 4th — WannSea Dragons Berlin, Germany — 2:06.51
- 5th — ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 2:06.55
- 7th — Fuda Dragon Boat Club (Richmond Hill), Canada — 2:10.47
- *Heats: Philadelphia won heat 1 (2:01.03) over H2o Montreal; Evolution won heat 2 (2:03.19) by 0.07 over ONV-BOX.*
- *Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) 6th in heat 2 (2:09.47), 3rd in rep 2 (2:12.28): did not advance.*
- *Dragon Zone 4th in rep 1: did not advance.*

Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat

15 crews from 9 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:20.62
- **Silver** — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 2:21.03 (+0.41 s)
- **Bronze** — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:21.57 (+0.95 s)
- 4th — White Dragon (Belgorod), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:25.34
- 5th — Lone Star Dragons Houston, United States — 2:28.23
- *Pickering won heat 1 (2:19.14); VIP won heat 2 (2:17.47).*

Senior C (60+) Open, standard boat

5 crews from 4 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 6:11.29
- **Silver** — Silverbacks Magdeburg, Germany — 6:24.21
- **Bronze** — Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim, Germany — 6:32.22
- 4th — TAIPEI U60, Chinese Taipei — 6:42.50
- 5th — Viva Dragon, Hong Kong China — 4:11.04
- *Philadelphia won all three rounds (43/59/75).*
- *Viva Dragon DNF in round 3.*

Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat

4 crews from 2 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 6:45.43
- **Silver** — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 6:46.27
- **Bronze** — Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 6:52.17
- 4th — Philadelphia Flying Phoenix, United States — 8:06.97
- *Rounds 40/57/73 recorded; False Creek Racing Canoe Club won rounds 1-2, Pickering won round 3.*

Senior C (60+) Open, small boat

11 crews from 7 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — 7 Hills (Moscow), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:18.55
- **Silver** — Uckerdrachen Prenzlau, Germany — 2:19.74 (+1.19 s)
- **Bronze** — Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:19.81 (+1.26 s)
- 4th — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 2:22.30
- 5th — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:24.32
- *Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) won heat 1 (2:19.88) over 7 Hills (2:20.00).*
- *Site tags 7 Hills as INA; race programme says RUS. RUS used here.*
- *Mirror mislabels this event as standard boat; screenshot shows small (10).*

Senior C (60+) Women, small boat

9 crews from 6 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:30.50
- **Silver** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:32.33 (+1.83 s)
- **Bronze** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:35.31 (+4.81 s)
- 4th — Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim, Germany — 2:37.73
- 5th — Silverbacks Magdeburg, Germany — 2:38.45

Part 2 — Day 2: Wednesday 2 September, 500 metres

Canada on the day: 11 gold, 9 silver, 8 bronze — 28 medals across 23 events.

Day 2 key insights

- Senior A Mixed: Pickering Dragon Boat Club won the standard boat by 0.32 seconds over Southbreeze with Evolution third; True North Paddling Club beat H2o Montreal by 0.25 seconds in the small boat, the most international final of the championship (19 crews, 15 nations).
- Senior B Women: False Creek Racing Canoe Club over VIP Gorging Dragons by 0.21 seconds in the standard boat, Evolution fourth by 0.01, Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) fifth in 2:17.60, a second faster than their heat; H2o Montreal won the small boat by 0.70 over Philadelphia.
- Senior B Open: Philadelphia won the standard boat on aggregate, with Evolution fifth and Ottawa Dragon Boat Club sixth; White Dragon of Belgorod won the small boat, H2o Montreal third by 0.05 seconds over Komodo Paddle Club.
- Senior C Mixed: Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) won the small-boat final by 0.46 seconds over Gold Coast Dragons, with Bytown Dragon Boat Club fourth; Pickering and Evolution took silver and bronze behind Philadelphia in the standard boat.
- Premier Open and Premier Women, standard boat: two more all-Canadian podiums. With Day 1's Mixed, all nine Premier standard-boat medals are Canadian. New Dragons Racing Club's 1:50.47 in the Open final is the fastest 500 metres of the championship.
- The host nation's first gold: HPEHS of Chinese Taipei won Premier Open small boat by more than three seconds. Russian clubs, racing under a neutral designation, won two titles.
- H2o Montreal and New Dragons Racing Club lead the club table with nine medals each; H2o Montreal medalled in eight different events.

Day 2 at a glance

Event	Crews / nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Other Canadian placings
Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	20 / 9	Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 1:59.08	Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 1:59.40	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:01.79	7th H2o Montreal
Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat	19 / 15	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 2:15.41	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:15.66	Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney), Australia — 2:18.83	—
Senior B (50+) Open, standard boat (Σ)	8 / 6	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 5:58.74	ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 6:05.34	WannSea Dragons Berlin, Germany — 6:07.53	5th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto; 6th Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)
Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	9 / 4	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 2:10.50	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:10.71	SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa), United States — 2:15.48	4th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto; 5th Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)
Senior B (50+) Open, small boat	14 / 10	White Dragon (Belgorod), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:13.58	Neckardrachen Heilbronn, Germany — 2:14.71	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:17.49	—
Senior B (50+) Women, small boat	9 / 6	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:25.11	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:25.81	Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield, United States — 2:31.31	5th Pickering Dragon Boat Club
Senior C (60+) Mixed, standard boat (Σ)	8 / 4	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 6:13.22	Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 6:18.88	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 6:23.68	—
Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	10 / 7	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:22.47	Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes, Australia — 2:22.93	Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim, Germany — 2:23.13	4th Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa)
Premier Open, standard boat	29 / 8	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 1:50.47	Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver, Canada — 1:51.17	22Dragons Montreal, Canada — 1:51.64	5th True North Paddling Club (Toronto); 9th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Premier Women, standard boat	22 / 8	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 2:00.77	22Dragons Montreal, Canada — 2:01.86	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 2:02.04	5th Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver; 6th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Premier Open, small boat	15 / 11	HPEHS, Chinese Taipei — 2:05.03	Neckardrachen Heilbronn, Germany — 2:08.16	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:10.21	—
Premier Women, small boat	20 / 14	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:23.57	H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:24.56	Beast Boat Magdeburg, Germany — 2:25.53	—
Under-24 Mixed, standard boat (Σ)	8 / 3	True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 5:54.12	Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver, Canada — 5:54.76	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 5:56.75	4th Evolution Paddling Club Toronto; 8th Waterloo Dragon Boat Club
Under-24 Mixed, small boat (Σ)	6 / 5	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto), Canada — 7:00.43	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 7:07.30	Chinese University of Hong Kong Dragon Boat Team, Hong Kong China — 7:10.67	—

Under-18 Open, standard boat (Σ)	3 / 3	Lincoln Dragon Boat San Francisco, United States — 6:04.93	Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver, Canada — 6:08.71	—	—
Under-18 Open, small boat (Σ)	4 / 2	Hong Kong Sea School (crew A), Hong Kong China — 6:45.75	Hong Kong Sea School (crew B), Hong Kong China — 6:51.17	Ohana New England Braintree, United States — 6:59.85	—
Under-18 Women, small boat (Σ)	7 / 4	Schols Dragons Glebe, Australia — 7:28.56	Lincoln Dragon Boat San Francisco, United States — 7:39.18	Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver, Canada — 7:42.16	—
Paradragons 1 Open, standard boat (Σ)	1 / 1	Philippine Accessible Disability Service Dragonboat Racing Team (Mandaue City), Philippines — 4:23.90	—	—	—
Paradragons 1 Open, small boat (Σ)	2 / 2	Adaptive Fusion Long Beach, United States — 5:16.98	—	—	—
Breast Cancer Paddlers Women, standard boat (Σ)	1 / 1	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 7:17.20	—	—	—
Breast Cancer Paddlers Women, small boat (Σ)	3 / 3	CanSurvive Wellington, New Zealand — 7:55.89	Pink Paddler Berlin, Germany — 8:21.47	Sydney Spirit Balmain, Sydney, Australia — 8:49.41	—
All Cancers Paddlers Open, standard boat (Σ)	2 / 1	Rose City Rockets ACP Banks, United States — 7:28.97	Seattle SAKE Paddling Club, United States — 7:37.43	—	—
All Cancers Paddlers Open, small boat (Σ)	1 / 1	Dragon Masters (Melbourne), Australia — 7:59.41	—	—	—

(Σ) decided on the sum of three rounds; times shown are aggregates.

Senior events in detail

Top five and every Canadian crew. Podiums for all other classes are in the table above.

Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat

20 crews from 9 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 1:59.08
- **Silver** — Southbreeze Long Beach, United States — 1:59.40 (+0.32 s)
- **Bronze** — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:01.79 (+2.71 s)
- 4th — White Dragon (Belgorod), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:02.42
- 5th — Lone Star Dragons Houston, United States — 2:04.36
- 7th — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:05.83

Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat

19 crews from 15 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — True North Paddling Club (Toronto), Canada — 2:15.41
- **Silver** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:15.66 (+0.25 s)
- **Bronze** — Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney), Australia — 2:18.83 (+3.42 s)
- 4th — ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 2:19.51
- 5th — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:21.41
- *H2o Montreal won heat 2 (2:16.65), True North Paddling Club won heat 3 (2:15.86).*

Senior B (50+) Open, standard boat

8 crews from 6 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 5:58.74
- **Silver** — ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves), Czech Republic — 6:05.34
- **Bronze** — WannSea Dragons Berlin, Germany — 6:07.53
- 4th — XUYUAN 50+, Chinese Taipei — 6:10.06
- 5th — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 6:11.70
- 6th — Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 6:13.66

Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat

9 crews from 4 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 2:10.50

- **Silver** — VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:10.71 (+0.21 s)
- **Bronze** — SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa), United States — 2:15.48 (+4.98 s)
- 4th — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:15.49
- 5th — Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:17.60

Senior B (50+) Open, small boat

14 crews from 10 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — White Dragon (Belgorod), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:13.58
- **Silver** — Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:14.71 (+1.13 s)
- **Bronze** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:17.49 (+3.91 s)
- 4th — Komodo Paddle Club Canberra, Australia — 2:17.54
- 5th — Otaman (Lviv), Ukraine — 2:18.72

Senior B (50+) Women, small boat

9 crews from 6 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:25.11
- **Silver** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:25.81 (+0.70 s)
- **Bronze** — Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield, United States — 2:31.31 (+6.20 s)
- 4th — Apex (Moscow), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:31.77
- 5th — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 2:32.49

Senior C (60+) Mixed, standard boat

8 crews from 4 nations · decided by sum of three rounds

- **Gold** — Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 6:13.22
- **Silver** — Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 6:18.88
- **Bronze** — Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 6:23.68
- 4th — Silverbacks Magdeburg, Germany — 6:24.15
- 5th — Brisbane River Dragons, Australia — 6:38.48

Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat

10 crews from 7 nations · decided by grand final

- **Gold** — Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:22.47
- **Silver** — Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes, Australia — 2:22.93 (+0.46 s)
- **Bronze** — Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim, Germany — 2:23.13 (+0.66 s)
- 4th — Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa), Canada — 2:25.99
- 5th — 7 Hills (Moscow), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:26.14

The Senior B Women's finals, race by race

Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) raced the standard boat: 9 crews from 4 countries. The small boat: 9 crews from 6 countries.

Standard boat

Race 159, 15:30, heat 1 - 1. VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:12.97 · lane 3 - 2. Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:18.59 (+5.62 s) · lane 2 ◀ - 3. Flamin Dragons Port Macquarie, Australia — 2:21.78 (+8.81 s) · lane 5 - 4. Super Beauty Team, Chinese Taipei — 2:24.49 (+11.52 s) · lane 4 - 5. Derwent Storms Hobart, Australia — 2:28.49 (+15.52 s) · lane 1

Race 174, 17:00, grand final - 1. False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver), Canada — 2:10.50 · lane 5 - 2. VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria, Canada — 2:10.71 (+0.21 s) · lane 4 - 3. SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa), United States — 2:15.48 (+4.98 s) · lane 3 - 4. Evolution Paddling Club Toronto, Canada — 2:15.49 (+4.99 s) · lane 2 - 5. Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), Canada — 2:17.60 (+7.10 s) · lane 6 ◀ - 6. Peninsula Dragonflys Chelsea Heights, Australia — 2:19.95 (+9.45 s) · lane 7 - 7. Flamin Dragons Port Macquarie, Australia — 2:23.46 (+12.96 s) · lane 1 - 8. Super Beauty Team, Chinese Taipei — 2:25.83 (+15.33 s) · lane 8

Small boat

Race 175, 17:06, grand final - 1. H2o Montreal, Canada — 2:25.11 · lane 5 - 2. Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, United States — 2:25.81 (+0.70 s) · lane 4 - 3. Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield, United States — 2:31.31 (+6.20 s) · lane 3 - 4. Apex (Moscow), Russian clubs (neutral) — 2:31.77 (+6.66 s) · lane 6 - 5. Pickering Dragon Boat Club, Canada — 2:32.49 (+7.38 s) · lane 8 - 6. Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes, Australia — 2:33.13 (+8.02 s) · lane 7 - 7. Neckardrachten Heilbronn, Germany — 2:34.76 (+9.65 s) · lane 1 - 8. Komodo Paddle Club Canberra, Australia — 2:38.16 (+13.05 s) · lane 2

Second in heat 1 behind VIP Gorging Dragons sent Ottawa straight to the standard-boat final without a repechage. From lane 6 they finished fifth in the world in 2:17.60, 0.99 seconds faster than their heat, in a race whose gold and silver were decided between two Canadian boats by 0.21 seconds.

Part 3 — Standings after the 500 metres

Canada: 21 gold, 19 silver, 15 bronze — 55 of 118 medals awarded, 21 of 43 golds. Canada medalled in 33 of 43 events and took every medal in five: Premier Mixed, Premier Open and Premier Women standard boat, Under-24 Mixed standard boat and Senior C Women standard boat.

3.1 The Senior classes

Eighteen events, 200 crew entries. Canada: **10 gold, 7 silver, 8 bronze**, medals in 15 of 18 events.

Nation (Senior events only)	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Canada	10	7	8	25
United States	5	3	4	12
Germany	0	4	4	8
Australia	0	2	1	3
Russian clubs (neutral)	2	0	0	2
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
Hong Kong China	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	0	1	1

Canadian club (Senior events only)	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
H2o Montreal	1	3	3	7
Pickering Dragon Boat Club	1	3	0	4
Evolution Paddling Club Toronto	1	0	3	4
VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	2	1	0	3
Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)	1	0	2	3
True North Paddling Club (Toronto)	2	0	0	2
False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)	2	0	0	2

3.2 All classes: nations

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Canada	21	19	15	55
United States	8	7	9	24
Germany	1	6	5	12
Australia	2	2	2	6
Hong Kong China	2	2	1	5
Singapore	1	1	3	5
Philippines	3	1	0	4
Russian clubs (neutral)	2	0	0	2
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	1	0	0	1
Chinese Taipei	1	0	0	1
Poland	0	0	1	1
Awarded	43	39	36	118

3.3 All classes: Canadian clubs

Club	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto)	3	4	2	9
H2o Montreal	1	4	4	9
Evolution Paddling Club Toronto	2	2	3	7
True North Paddling Club (Toronto)	5	0	1	6
VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	3	2	0	5
Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver	1	3	1	5
Pickering Dragon Boat Club	1	3	0	4
False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)	3	0	0	3
22Dragons Montreal	1	1	1	3
Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)	1	0	2	3
3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières)	0	0	1	1

3.4 Conversion: how Canada did where it was hardest

Field size	Events	Canadian golds	Canadian medals
large (12+) crews	13	8	23
medium (8-11) crews	9	5	13
small (4-7) crews	13	7	17
tiny (1-3) crews	8	1	2

In the thirteen largest fields Canada won eight golds, among them Senior A Mixed small boat (19 crews, 15 nations), Senior A Mixed standard boat (20 crews), Senior B Mixed small boat (15) and Senior A Women small boat (14). Two of the five all-Canadian podiums came in four-boat, two-nation fields (Under-24 Women standard and Senior C Women standard); those are real medals but should not be described as sweeps of an international field.

3.5 Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters), every placing

Event	Place	Time	Crews in field
Senior B (50+) Open, standard boat	6	6:13.66	8
Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	5	2:17.60	9
Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat	3	6:52.17	4
Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	3	2:19.81	11
Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	1	2:22.47	10
Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	did not reach the final	2:12.28 (repechage)	15

Bytown Dragon Boat Club, Ottawa's other club at the championship, finished fourth in Senior C Mixed small boat behind the gold of Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters).

Part 4 — Coach’s insights

Written for Senior-category crews and their coaches ahead of the 200 metre and 2000 metre days. Everything here is computed from the published results. Senior events are listed first in every table.

4.1 Every stroke counts

Across the 43 events, **48 placings were separated from the next boat by less than half a second** — 25 of them in Senior events — and 12 by less than a tenth. In the 18 grand finals, gold was decided by under half a second six times, five of them in Senior finals. Some scale: a small boat at 2:15 covers about 3.7 metres per second, so 0.21 seconds — the margin that decided the Senior B Women’s final — is about 80 centimetres, less than the length of one paddler’s seat. A hundredth of a second is four centimetres.

Margin	At stake	Event	Ahead	Behind
0.01 s	bronze	Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa) 2:15.48	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:15.49
0.01 s	6th place	Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	Wraysbury Dragons 2:24.95	Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes 2:24.96
0.04 s	silver	Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	H2o Montreal 2:05.08	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:05.12
0.04 s	4th place	Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	WannSea Dragons Berlin 2:06.51	ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves) 2:06.55
0.05 s	5th place	Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	Lone Star Dragons Houston 2:04.36	Typhoons Dragon Boat Club 2:04.41
0.05 s	bronze	Senior B (50+) Open, small boat	H2o Montreal 2:17.49	Komodo Paddle Club Canberra 2:17.54
0.07 s	6th place	Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:16.36	Dream Hunter-Yilan Dongshan 2:16.43
0.07 s	silver	Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	Uckerdrachen Prenzlau 2:19.74	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) 2:19.81
0.11 s	silver	Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	Melbourne Flames 2:26.20	Southbreeze Long Beach 2:26.31
0.15 s	4th place	Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa) 2:25.99	7 Hills (Moscow) 2:26.14
0.17 s	bronze	Senior A (40+) Open, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	H2o Montreal 6:05.75	Southbreeze Long Beach 6:05.92
0.20 s	silver	Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes 2:22.93	Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim 2:23.13
0.21 s	gold	Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver) 2:10.50	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria 2:10.71
0.25 s	6th place	Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney) 2:33.73	Steel Dragons Auckland 2:33.98
0.25 s	gold	Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat	True North Paddling Club (Toronto) 2:15.41	H2o Montreal 2:15.66
0.32 s	gold	Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	Pickering Dragon Boat Club 1:59.08	Southbreeze Long Beach 1:59.40
0.32 s	7th place	Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	H2o Montreal 2:05.83	Neckardrachen Heilbronn 2:06.15
0.35 s	5th place	Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	Te Waka Dragons Brisbane 2:16.01	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:16.36
0.40 s	7th place	Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	Dream Hunter-Yilan Dongshan 2:16.43	Mimura Dragon Boat Club 2:16.83
0.41 s	gold	Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria 2:20.62	Pickering Dragon Boat Club 2:21.03
0.42 s	4th place	Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	Tokyo Dragon 2:15.59	Te Waka Dragons Brisbane 2:16.01
0.45 s	gold	Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:25.75	Melbourne Flames 2:26.20
0.46 s	bronze	Senior B (50+) Women, small boat	Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield 2:31.31	Apex (Moscow) 2:31.77
0.46 s	gold	Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) 2:22.47	Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes 2:22.93
0.47 s	bronze	Senior C (60+) Mixed, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 6:23.68	Silverbacks Magdeburg 6:24.15

A further 23 placings under half a second occurred in Premier, Under-24, Under-18 and Paradrasons events.

4.2 How close the Senior grand finals were at the front

Gold by	Event	Winner	Runner-up
0.21 s	Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver) 2:10.50	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria 2:10.71
0.25 s	Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat	True North Paddling Club (Toronto) 2:15.41	H2o Montreal 2:15.66
0.32 s	Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	Pickering Dragon Boat Club 1:59.08	Southbreeze Long Beach 1:59.40
0.41 s	Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria 2:20.62	Pickering Dragon Boat Club 2:21.03
0.45 s	Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	Evolution Paddling Club Toronto 2:25.75	Melbourne Flames 2:26.20
0.46 s	Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) 2:22.47	Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes 2:22.93
0.70 s	Senior B (50+) Women, small boat	H2o Montreal 2:25.11	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association 2:25.81
1.08 s	Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	UNYTED Queens 2:12.27	Neckardrachen Heilbronn 2:13.35
1.13 s	Senior B (50+) Open, small boat	White Dragon (Belgorod) 2:13.58	Neckardrachen Heilbronn 2:14.71
1.14 s	Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association 2:03.94	H2o Montreal 2:05.08
1.19 s	Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	7 Hills (Moscow) 2:18.55	Uckerdrachen Prenzlau 2:19.74
1.83 s	Senior C (60+) Women, small boat	VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria 2:30.50	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association 2:32.33

4.3 The step-up from heat to final

Podium crews found two to three seconds between their heat and the final. Crews that needed the repechage mostly did not — three races in one afternoon costs. On a 200 metre day, where a race starts every five minutes, qualifying directly from the heat will be worth even more.

Senior B Women, standard boat (race 174) — heat, repechage where raced, final, change from heat

Crew	Heat	Repechage	Final	Change
False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)	2:13.07	—	2:10.50	-2.57 s
VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	2:12.97	—	2:10.71	-2.26 s
SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa)	2:16.15	—	2:15.48	-0.67 s
Evolution Paddling Club Toronto	2:17.10	2:17.09	2:15.49	-1.61 s
Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)	2:18.59	—	2:17.60	-0.99 s
Peninsula Dragonflys Chelsea Heights	2:20.13	2:20.81	2:19.95	-0.18 s
Flamin Dragons Port Macquarie	2:21.78	2:23.48	2:23.46	+1.68 s
Super Beauty Team	2:24.49	2:26.28	2:25.83	+1.34 s

The same pattern held in the small boat, where H2o Montreal went 2:30.58 in the heat and 2:25.11 to win the final, and Pickering Dragon Boat Club recovered from a 2:39.34 repechage to 2:32.49. In the Premier finals the medallists took two to four seconds off their semi-final times: the top crews race the semi at about 97 percent and empty the boat in the final.

4.4 Lanes

In the 10 Day 2 grand finals with lane data, the winner came from lane 4 in 6 and lane 5 in 3; 19 of 30 podium places came from lanes 4 and 5. Lanes are seeded on the previous stage's time across all races together, so this is mostly the seeding doing its job — which is the point: the heat time buys the lane, and the centre lanes podium.

4.5 Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters): the gap to the podium, crew by crew

Crew	Result	Time	Nearest medal	Gap	Note
Senior B Women, standard boat	5th of 8 in the final	2:17.60	bronze 2:15.48	2.12 s	Second in heat 1 (2:18.59), direct to the final; 0.99 s faster in the final
Senior B Open, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6th of 8	6:13.66	bronze 6:07.53	6.13 s over three races (about 2.0 s per race)	Evolution Paddling Club fifth, 1.96 s ahead on aggregate
Senior B Mixed, standard boat	Did not reach the final	2:12.28 (repechage)	final place 2:10.54	1.74 s	Sixth in heat 2 (2:09.47), third in repechage 2; the top two from each repechage advanced
Senior C Mixed, small boat	Gold	2:22.47	—	won by 0.46 s over Gold Coast Dragons	Bytown Dragon Boat Club fourth, 2.86 s from bronze
Senior C Open, small boat	Bronze	2:19.81	silver 2:19.74	0.07 s	Won heat 1 in 2:19.88 over 7 Hills; gold was 1.26 s away
Senior C Women, standard	Bronze	6:52.17	silver 6:46.27	5.90 s over three races	Third in each of the three

Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6:02.22 ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves)	6:02.83 Typhoons Dragon Boat Club	6:05.75 H2o Montreal
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4.6 What a Senior medal cost at 500 metres

Gold, silver and bronze in every Senior event — the targets for the 200 metre days will be different distances, but the crews to beat are the same.

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior A (40+) Open, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6:02.22 ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves)	6:02.83 Typhoons Dragon Boat Club	6:05.75 H2o Montreal
Senior A (40+) Women, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	4:13.47 True North Paddling Club (Toronto)	4:20.92 H2o Montreal	4:23.20 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association
Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	1:59.08 Pickering Dragon Boat Club	1:59.40 Southbreeze Long Beach	2:01.79 Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	2:12.27 UNYTED Queens	2:13.35 Neckardrachten Heilbronn	2:14.86 Academic Sports Association, University of Economy Bydgoszcz
Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	2:25.75 Evolution Paddling Club Toronto	2:26.20 Melbourne Flames	2:26.31 Southbreeze Long Beach
Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat	2:15.41 True North Paddling Club (Toronto)	2:15.66 H2o Montreal	2:18.83 Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney)
Senior B (50+) Open, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	5:58.74 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	6:05.34 ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves)	6:07.53 WannSea Dragons Berlin
Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	2:10.50 False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)	2:10.71 VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	2:15.48 SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa)
Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	2:03.94 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	2:05.08 H2o Montreal	2:05.12 Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Senior B (50+) Open, small boat	2:13.58 White Dragon (Belgorod)	2:14.71 Neckardrachten Heilbronn	2:17.49 H2o Montreal
Senior B (50+) Women, small boat	2:25.11 H2o Montreal	2:25.81 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	2:31.31 Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield
Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat	2:20.62 VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	2:21.03 Pickering Dragon Boat Club	2:21.57 Neckardrachten Heilbronn
Senior C (60+) Open, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6:11.29 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	6:24.21 Silverbacks Magdeburg	6:32.22 Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim
Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6:45.43 False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)	6:46.27 Pickering Dragon Boat Club	6:52.17 Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)
Senior C (60+) Mixed, standard boat (sum of three rounds)	6:13.22 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	6:18.88 Pickering Dragon Boat Club	6:23.68 Evolution Paddling Club Toronto
Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	2:18.55 7 Hills (Moscow)	2:19.74 Uckerdrachen Prenzlau	2:19.81 Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)
Senior C (60+) Women, small boat	2:30.50 VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria	2:32.33 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association	2:35.31 H2o Montreal
Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	2:22.47 Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)	2:22.93 Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes	2:23.13 Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim

4.7 Other patterns in the numbers

- Winning the heat does not settle the final: Evolution Paddling Club won its Senior A Open small-boat heat and finished sixth in the final; Melbourne Flames beat Evolution in the Senior A Women small-boat heat by 0.28 seconds and lost the final to them by 0.45.
- Consistency wins the rounds-based events: in Senior A Open standard boat, ONV-BOX won two of three rounds and the title by 0.61 seconds on aggregate; True North Paddling Club won the Senior A Women standard boat by winning every counted round.
- Late-day finals were fast: the two quickest 500 metre times of the championship, 1:50.47 and 1:52.41, both came in afternoon grand finals.

Part 5 — Looking ahead: the 200 metre days

The sprints start Thursday. Two days, 179 races, a start every five minutes from 8:00, last race about 15:05 on Thursday and 15:40 on Friday. Same crews, well under a minute of racing, and the margins in Part 4 will shrink further.

Day	Classes racing	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) crews
Thursday 3 September — 86 races	Senior A Open and Women; Senior B Mixed; Senior C Open and Women; Premier Mixed; Under-24 Open and Women; Under-18 Mixed; Paradrasons 2	Senior B Mixed; Senior C Open; Senior C Women
Friday 4 September — 93 races	Senior A Mixed; Senior B Open and Women; Senior C Mixed; Premier Open and Women; Under-24 Mixed; Under-18 Open and Women; Paradrasons 1; Breast Cancer and All Cancers Paddlers	Senior B Open; Senior B Women; Senior C Mixed

Three things from the 500s that carry straight into the sprints:

- Qualify from the heat. The step-up between heat and final was two to three seconds for the medallists over 500 metres; over 200 metres there is less room to find that, and a repechage on a five-minute program costs more.
- The heat time buys the lane. Nineteen of thirty Day 2 podium places came from lanes 4 and 5.
- Hundredths decide medals. 48 placings in the 500s were settled by under half a second, 25 of them in Senior events.

The 2000 metre races on Saturday and Sunday are seeded from the 500 metre results, slowest crew starting first, on a three-turn course.

Part 6 — About this report

Sources

- Official live results service of the championship (res.idbfchamps.org) and its standings and medal tally (idbfchamps.org/2026hua), compiled on 2 September 2026.
- International Dragon Boat Federation Bulletin 4 (technical bulletin, 15 August 2026) for entries, field sizes and program structure.
- Official race programmes (version 3, 21 August 2026) for club home cities and countries.
- International Dragon Boat Federation news releases for participation figures.

Method

- Every placing and time was recorded event by event, then medal counts were computed from those records rather than copied from a summary.
- The computed counts were checked against the organisers' own medal tally, club by club; they match exactly.
- Field sizes and country counts come from the entries in Bulletin 4; where a crew withdrew before racing, the field on the day may be smaller.
- Club names are given in full wherever the full name could be verified; otherwise the name is printed exactly as the results service shows it.

Data notes and caveats

- All medal tables are described by the organisers as unofficial until the International Dragon Boat Federation publishes its ratification rules; every count in this report carries the same status.
- In events decided on the sum of three rounds, the standings time is an aggregate; where a crew raced fewer rounds its aggregate is smaller and is not a faster performance. Placings, not times, are used for those events, and no margins are shown.
- Three Russian clubs (7 Hills, White Dragon, Apex) appear on the results service under a neutral-athlete code; the race programme lists them as Russian. They are shown here as Russian clubs (neutral).
- Country is shown on the results service only for clubs that medalled; other clubs' countries are taken from the official race programme.
- One Day 2 repechage (Premier Open small boat, race 132) was still marked not yet approved at the time of writing; no medal depends on it.
- Round 1 of Senior A Women standard boat is not counted in the published aggregate; the placings are unaffected.
- A few club acronyms could not be verified (UEAA, SACA, CYC, KIN, HPEHS, and the 'VIP' in VIP Gorging Dragons); those names are printed as the results service shows them.
- The roster in Appendix B lists clubs that reached a standings position; crews eliminated in the heats of the largest fields are not yet captured.

Verification: the 43 events yield 43 golds, 39 silvers and 36 bronzes, matching the organisers' medal tally exactly; Canada's 21 gold, 19 silver and 15 bronze match the organisers' figures for Canadian clubs exactly.

Appendix A — The competition in numbers

A.1 The event

Championship	15th International Dragon Boat Federation Club Crew World Championships
Venue	Liyu Lake, Shoufeng Township, Hualien County, Taiwan
Racing dates	1 to 6 September 2026 (training from 29 August)
First championship in Taiwan	Yes — the first International Dragon Boat Federation championship held in the country
Distances	500 metres (Days 1–2) · 200 metres (Days 3–4) · 2000 metres, three-turn course (Days 5–6)
Total races	386
Races on Days 1 and 2	175 (83 and 92)
Race interval on 500 metre days	One start every six minutes, 8:00 to about 17:00
Boat pool	25 standard boats (20 paddlers) and 25 small boats (10 paddlers), all new
Race officials	About 90 from about 30 countries, including four Canadians

A.2 The participants

Countries represented	21 (International Dragon Boat Federation)
Athletes and supporters	Over 5,500 (International Dragon Boat Federation, 18 August)
Crew entries at 500 metres	407 across 43 medal events (Bulletin 4, 15 August)
Senior-class crew entries at 500 metres	200 across 18 events
Clubs reaching a standings position at 500 metres	108 from 17 countries
Canadian clubs in the standings	15, with 77 crew placings
American clubs in the standings	21, with 51 crew placings
Largest field	Premier Open and Premier Mixed standard boat, 29 crews each
Most international field	Senior A Mixed small boat, 19 crews from 15 countries
Medal events at 500 metres	43 — 21 in standard boat, 22 in small boat
Medals awarded at 500 metres	43 gold, 39 silver, 36 bronze

A.3 The program

Day	Date	Distance	Races	Classes racing
1	Tue 1 Sep	500 m	83	Premier Mixed; Senior B Mixed; Under-18 Mixed; Senior A Open and Women; Senior C Open and Women; Under-24 Open and Women; Paradrags 2
2	Wed 2 Sep	500 m	92	Senior A Mixed; Senior C Mixed; Under-24 Mixed; Premier Open and Women; Senior B Open and Women; Under-18 Open and Women; Paradrags 1; Breast Cancer and All Cancers Paddlers
3	Thu 3 Sep	200 m	86	As Day 1
4	Fri 4 Sep	200 m	93	As Day 2
5	Sat 5 Sep	2000 m	15	As Day 1
6	Sun 6 Sep	2000 m	17	As Day 2

A.4 Crew entries by class at 500 metres

Class	Crew entries
Senior A (40+)	83
Senior B (50+)	70
Senior C (60+)	47
Premier	134
Under-24	35
Under-18	20
Paradrags 1	3
Paradrags 2	8
Breast Cancer Paddlers	4
All Cancers Paddlers	3

A.5 Field size and countries, every 500 metre event

Event	Crews	Countries
Senior A (40+) Open, standard boat	8	6
Senior A (40+) Women, standard boat	6	4
Senior A (40+) Mixed, standard boat	20	9
Senior A (40+) Open, small boat	16	12
Senior A (40+) Women, small boat	14	11
Senior A (40+) Mixed, small boat	19	15
Senior B (50+) Open, standard boat	8	6
Senior B (50+) Women, standard boat	9	4
Senior B (50+) Mixed, standard boat	15	7
Senior B (50+) Open, small boat	14	10
Senior B (50+) Women, small boat	9	6
Senior B (50+) Mixed, small boat	15	9
Senior C (60+) Open, standard boat	5	4
Senior C (60+) Women, standard boat	4	2
Senior C (60+) Mixed, standard boat	8	4
Senior C (60+) Open, small boat	11	7
Senior C (60+) Women, small boat	9	6
Senior C (60+) Mixed, small boat	10	7
Premier Open, standard boat	29	8
Premier Women, standard boat	22	8
Premier Mixed, standard boat	29	9
Premier Open, small boat	15	11
Premier Women, small boat	20	14
Premier Mixed, small boat	19	14
Under-24 Open, standard boat	5	2
Under-24 Women, standard boat	4	2
Under-24 Mixed, standard boat	8	3
Under-24 Open, small boat	6	5
Under-24 Women, small boat	6	4
Under-24 Mixed, small boat	6	5
Under-18 Open, standard boat	3	3
Under-18 Mixed, standard boat	4	2
Under-18 Open, small boat	4	2
Under-18 Women, small boat	7	4
Under-18 Mixed, small boat	2	2
Paradragons 1 Open, standard boat	1	1
Paradragons 1 Open, small boat	2	2
Paradragons 2 Open, standard boat	4	4
Paradragons 2 Open, small boat	4	3
Breast Cancer Paddlers Women, standard boat	1	1
Breast Cancer Paddlers Women, small boat	3	3
All Cancers Paddlers Open, standard boat	2	1
All Cancers Paddlers Open, small boat	1	1

Source: International Dragon Boat Federation Bulletin 4, entries as of 15 August 2026. Athlete numbers by country are not published; Canada has the most crew entries and the United States the most clubs, so this report describes Canada as one of the two largest contingents.

Appendix B — Understanding the championship, and every participating team

B.1 What the Club Crew World Championships are

- The International Dragon Boat Federation's world championship for club crews — the boats that train together all season at one club — held in alternate years to the national-team championships.
- The 15th edition; the first ever held in Taiwan.
- Three distances across six days, with the 2000 metre races seeded from the 500 metre results and run on a three-turn course.
- Standard boat (20 paddlers) and small boat (10 paddlers) are separate medal events.

B.2 How medals are decided

- Every combination of age class, gender category and boat size is its own medal event at each distance.
- Age classes: Premier (open age), Senior A (40 and over), Senior B (50 and over), Senior C (60 and over), Under-24/University, Under-18, Paradrasons 1 and 2, Breast Cancer Paddlers, All Cancers Paddlers. Categories: Open, Women, Mixed.
- Medal rule: one entry earns gold only; two entries, gold and silver; three or more, a full podium.
- Large fields race heats, repechages and semi-finals, then a grand final for places one to eight and a minor final for nine to sixteen.
- Small fields race three rounds and medals go on the sum of the three times.
- Results marked *not yet approved* are provisional. Russian clubs compete under a neutral designation.

B.3 Participating teams

The standings for the 43 events name **108 clubs** that reached a standings position (a final, a minor final, or a rounds-based event). Crews eliminated in the heats of the largest fields do not appear in the standings, so this roster is a floor, not the full entry list.

Nation	Clubs in standings	Crew placings	Medals (gold / silver / bronze)
United States	21	51	8 / 7 / 9
Australia	15	26	2 / 2 / 2
Canada	15	77	21 / 19 / 15
Hong Kong China	11	24	2 / 2 / 1
Chinese Taipei	11	11	1 / 0 / 0
Germany	8	29	1 / 6 / 5
Singapore	8	15	1 / 1 / 3
New Zealand	4	4	1 / 0 / 0
Philippines	4	8	3 / 1 / 0
Russian clubs (neutral)	3	7	2 / 0 / 0
Great Britain	2	3	0 / 0 / 0
Japan	2	2	0 / 0 / 0
Czech Republic	1	4	1 / 1 / 0
Norway	1	2	0 / 0 / 0
Poland	1	1	0 / 0 / 1
Ukraine	1	1	0 / 0 / 0

Clubs by nation

United States (21 clubs)

- Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association — 7 placings · 4 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze
- Southbreeze Long Beach — 10 placings · 1 silver, 2 bronze
- Lincoln Dragon Boat San Francisco — 3 placings · 1 gold, 2 silver
- Adaptive Fusion Long Beach — 2 placings · 1 gold, 1 bronze
- Ohana New England Braintree — 2 placings · 2 bronze
- UEAA Dragon Boat NYC (New York) — 3 placings · 1 bronze
- Bucks Dragon Boat Upper Makefield — 2 placings · 1 bronze
- SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa) — 2 placings · 1 bronze
- Seattle SAKE Paddling Club — 2 placings · 1 silver
- Discovery Pathways Philadelphia — 1 placing · 1 silver
- Rose City Rockets ACP Banks — 1 placing · 1 gold
- UNYTED Queens — 1 placing · 1 gold
- CYC Dragon Boat (San Francisco) — 3 placings · no medal
- Boston BBB Dragon Boat Club — 2 placings · no medal
- Catch22 NYC New York — 2 placings · no medal

- Lone Star Dragons Houston — 2 placings · no medal
- Northwind San Francisco — 2 placings · no medal
- DC Dragon Boat Club (Washington, DC) — 1 placing · no medal
- Philadelphia Flying Phoenix — 1 placing · no medal
- Rising Tide Hawthorne — 1 placing · no medal
- San Francisco Dragon Warriors — 1 placing · no medal

Australia (15 clubs)

- Gold Coast Dragons Varsity Lakes — 4 placings · 1 silver
- Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney) — 3 placings · 1 bronze
- Schols Dragons Glebe — 3 placings · 1 gold
- Melbourne Flames — 2 placings · 1 silver
- Dragon Masters (Melbourne) — 1 placing · 1 gold
- Sydney Spirit Balmain, Sydney — 1 placing · 1 bronze
- Komodo Paddle Club Canberra — 3 placings · no medal
- Brisbane River Dragons — 2 placings · no medal
- Black Sea Dragons West Lakes — 1 placing · no medal
- Flamin Dragons Port Macquarie — 1 placing · no medal
- Great Lakes Pearl Dragons Forster NSW — 1 placing · no medal
- KIN Dragons (Gold Coast) — 1 placing · no medal
- Mako Paddle Club Lyons — 1 placing · no medal
- Peninsula Dragonflys Chelsea Heights — 1 placing · no medal
- Te Waka Dragons Brisbane — 1 placing · no medal

Canada (15 clubs)

- H2o Montreal — 12 placings · 1 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze
- New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto) — 10 placings · 3 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze
- Evolution Paddling Club Toronto — 13 placings · 2 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze
- True North Paddling Club (Toronto) — 7 placings · 5 gold, 1 bronze
- Dragon Zone Paddling Club Vancouver — 7 placings · 1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze
- VIP Gorging Dragons Victoria — 5 placings · 3 gold, 2 silver
- Pickering Dragon Boat Club — 6 placings · 1 gold, 3 silver
- Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters) — 5 placings · 1 gold, 2 bronze
- 22Dragons Montreal — 3 placings · 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
- False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver) — 3 placings · 3 gold
- 3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières) — 2 placings · 1 bronze
- Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa) — 1 placing · no medal
- Fuda Dragon Boat Club (Richmond Hill) — 1 placing · no medal
- H2o Quebec (Boucherville) — 1 placing · no medal
- Waterloo Dragon Boat Club — 1 placing · no medal

Hong Kong China (11 clubs)

- Typhoons Dragon Boat Club — 5 placings · 1 gold, 1 silver
- Hong Kong Sea School (crew A) — 2 placings · 1 gold, 1 silver
- Chinese University of Hong Kong Dragon Boat Team — 1 placing · 1 bronze
- Mr. Dragon — 4 placings · no medal
- United Fishery — 4 placings · no medal
- Join-in Dragon Boat Association — 2 placings · no medal
- Viva Dragon — 2 placings · no medal
- 3Co Physiotherapy Hoi Fu Jai — 1 placing · no medal
- Bentleys International — 1 placing · no medal
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Alumni Dragon Boat Club — 1 placing · no medal
- Hytera Dragon Boat Team Tseung Kwan O — 1 placing · no medal

Chinese Taipei (11 clubs)

- HPEHS — 1 placing · 1 gold
- Dream Hunter-Yilan Dongshan — 1 placing · no medal
- Indigenous FATA'AN Sports & LA — 1 placing · no medal
- Mimura Dragon Boat Club — 1 placing · no medal
- Super Beauty Team — 1 placing · no medal
- TAIPEI U60 — 1 placing · no medal
- TAIWAN LEOPARDS Dragon Boat Club — 1 placing · no medal
- TEAM HOOKSPORT — 1 placing · no medal
- XINZHUANG SPORTSWARE QARIS Dragon Boat Team — 1 placing · no medal

- XUYUAN 50+ — 1 placing · no medal
- Yilan Luodong — 1 placing · no medal

Germany (8 clubs)

- Neckardrachten Heilbronn — 13 placings · 1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze
- Kurpfalz Dragons Mannheim — 6 placings · 2 bronze
- Silverbacks Magdeburg — 3 placings · 1 silver
- Beast Boat Magdeburg — 2 placings · 1 bronze
- WannSea Dragons Berlin — 2 placings · 1 bronze
- Pink Paddler Berlin — 1 placing · 1 silver
- Uckerdrachen Prenzlau — 1 placing · 1 silver
- Black Wave Hemmingen — 1 placing · no medal

Singapore (8 clubs)

- Nanyang Technological University — 4 placings · 1 gold, 1 bronze
- Temasek Polytechnic — 4 placings · 2 bronze
- Kembangan CSN (TP Alumni) — 1 placing · 1 silver
- National University of Singapore — 2 placings · no medal
- Awesome Steadfast Dragons — 1 placing · no medal
- Dragon Warriors — 1 placing · no medal
- Latin Dragons — 1 placing · no medal
- Tampines North CSN (Team NLP) — 1 placing · no medal

New Zealand (4 clubs)

- CanSurvive Wellington — 1 placing · 1 gold
- Amazon Hearts Christchurch — 1 placing · no medal
- Southern Wahine Christchurch — 1 placing · no medal
- Steel Dragons Auckland — 1 placing · no medal

Philippines (4 clubs)

- Philippine Accessible Disability Service Dragonboat Racing Team (Mandaue City) — 3 placings · 2 gold, 1 silver
- Rowers Club Philippines — 1 placing · 1 gold
- Amateur Paddlers Philippines (Quezon City) — 2 placings · no medal
- Rogue Pilipinas Manila — 2 placings · no medal

Russian clubs (neutral) (3 clubs)

- White Dragon (Belgorod) — 4 placings · 1 gold
- 7 Hills (Moscow) — 2 placings · 1 gold
- Apex (Moscow) — 1 placing · no medal

Great Britain (2 clubs)

- Wraysbury Dragons — 2 placings · no medal
- Ryde Dragon Boat Club Putney — 1 placing · no medal

Japan (2 clubs)

- Isokaze Hyogo — 1 placing · no medal
- Tokyo Dragon — 1 placing · no medal

Czech Republic (1 clubs)

- ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves) — 4 placings · 1 gold, 1 silver

Norway (1 clubs)

- Norway Dragons Oslo — 2 placings · no medal

Poland (1 clubs)

- Academic Sports Association, University of Economy Bydgoszcz — 1 placing · 1 bronze

Ukraine (1 clubs)

- Otaman (Lviv) — 1 placing · no medal

Appendix C — Club names as printed on the results service

As printed	Used in this report
NDRC Toronto	New Dragons Racing Club (Toronto)
TNPC Toronto	True North Paddling Club (Toronto)
FCRCC Vancouver, BC	False Creek Racing Canoe Club (Vancouver)
Ottawa DBC	Ottawa Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa DragonMasters)
Bytown DBC	Bytown Dragon Boat Club (Ottawa)
3R Dragon Trois Rivières	3R Dragon (Trois-Rivières)
H2o Quebec Boucherville	H2o Quebec (Boucherville)
Fuda Dragon Boat Club Richmond Hill	Fuda Dragon Boat Club (Richmond Hill)
Boston BBB DBC	Boston BBB Dragon Boat Club
Mimura DBC Chinese Taipei	Mimura Dragon Boat Club
Join-in DBA Hong Kong	Join-in Dragon Boat Association
CUHK Dragon Boat Team Hong Kong	Chinese University of Hong Kong Dragon Boat Team
HKUST Alumni Dragon Boat Club Hong Kong	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Alumni Dragon Boat Club
NUS Singapore	National University of Singapore
Nanyang Technological Uni Singapore	Nanyang Technological University
ACCA Dragon Boat Racing Team Sydney	Australian Chinese Cultural Association Dragon Boat Racing Team (Sydney)
PADS Dragonboat Racing Team Mandaue City, Philippines	Philippine Accessible Disability Service Dragonboat Racing Team (Mandaue City)
AZS WSG Bydgoszcz	Academic Sports Association, University of Economy Bydgoszcz
ONV - BOX Ostrozska Nova Ves	ONV-BOX (Ostrožská Nová Ves)
Rowers Club Philippines Sea Dr...	Rowers Club Philippines
UEAA Dragon Boat NYC New York	UEAA Dragon Boat NYC (New York)
SACA Golden Dragons Tampa	SACA Golden Dragons (Tampa)
DC Dragon Boat Club Washington, DC	DC Dragon Boat Club (Washington, DC)
Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assoc Lafayette Hill	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association
Hong Kong Sea School Stanley	Hong Kong Sea School (crew A)
Hong Kong Sea School Stanley [2]	Hong Kong Sea School (crew B)
KIN Dragons Gold Coast	KIN Dragons (Gold Coast)
CYC Dragon Boat San Francisco	CYC Dragon Boat (San Francisco)
Amateur Paddlers Philippines Quezon City, Metro Manila	Amateur Paddlers Philippines (Quezon City)
White Dragon Belgorod	White Dragon (Belgorod)
7 Hills Moscow	7 Hills (Moscow)
Apex Moscow	Apex (Moscow)
Otaman UKRAINE Lviv	Otaman (Lviv)
Dragon Masters Melbourne	Dragon Masters (Melbourne)
any "DBC" / "DBA" / "DBT"	Dragon Boat Club / Association / Team
INA (results service)	neutral designation used for Russian clubs; the race programme lists them as Russian