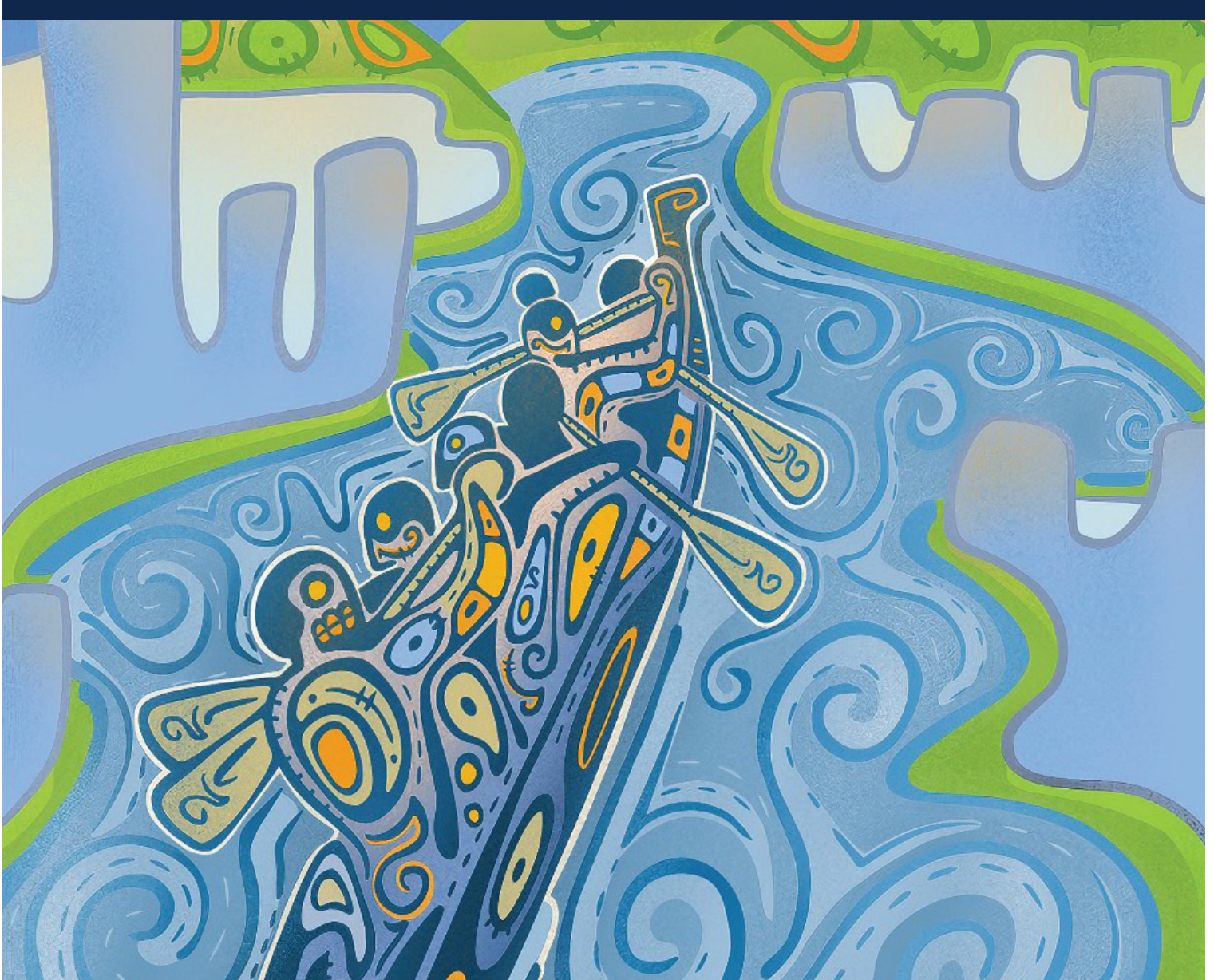


Welcome to the First Annual



First Nations competitive canoe racing returns to False Creek
September 10 & 11, 2022

Restoring the races in traditional waters

Official Indigenous canoe races have not been held in False Creek for over 100 years, but that will change when we present the Four Fires Festival canoe races. Teams from up and down the west coast of North America will join for a weekend of celebration when the canoes return to race once again. Multiple age categories, from children to elite athletes will compete in the heart of downtown Vancouver as they strive to push the limits of human performance.

You are invited

You are receiving this invitation because we want your club or representatives of your nation or tribe to attend the Four Fires Festival in Vancouver, Canada. Many nations have current racing teams while others are rebuilding their own capacity and reclaiming parts of their past. Whether attending to inspire your youth to start a club, learn about canoe making, or to compete – we welcome you all.

Beyond the races we will offer a cultural showcase of indigenous art, entertainment, and food. If you know artisans or food vendors who might want to set up at the Four Fires Festival, please let us know. We will also have:

- Designated Elders parking and/or pickup/drop off area
- An Elders lounge
- On-site camping options
- Paddler's breakfast on first race day

Your Hosts



DICKIE LOUIS



MIKE BILLY SR.

Co-hosts Dickie Louis, Celtic Sunset Canoe Club from Musquam Nation and Mike Billy Sr., North Vancouver Canoe Club from Squamish Nation welcome you to the Four Fires Festival.





Race Formats

We will hold standard races, but will aim to include some fun and interesting options on Sunday too (to be announced)

Singles	Doubles	6 Man	11 Man
Mens	Mixed	Mens	Mens
Womens	Mens	Womens	Womens
	Womens		
16 & Under	16 & Under	16 & Under	16 & Under
13 & Under	13 & Under	13 & Under	13 & Under
10 & Under	10 & Under	10 & Under	

Prizes

16 AND UNDER

First place \$75 per paddle
Second place \$50 per paddle
Third place \$25 per paddle

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RACES

First place \$100 per paddle
Second place \$75 per paddle
Third place \$50 per paddle

Race course

The circuit is larger for adult races. One of the race hosts will explain all races on the morning of each day.





Entertainment

SATURDAY

12:00PM	Eagle Song Dancers, Coastal Wolf Pack, Salish Thunderbird
1:00PM	DJ set
2:00PM	Alex Wells
3:00PM	DJ set
3:30PM	Sekanwee Baker
4:30PM	DJ set
5:00PM	Sister Says
6:00PM	DJ set
6:30PM	Neon Dreams

SUNDAY

11:00AM	DJ set
12:00PM	Salish Thunderbird
12:30PM	DJ set
1:00PM	Wild Moccasin Dancers
2:00PM	DJ Kookum
3:00PM	DJ set
3:30PM	Burnstick
4:30PM	DJ set
5:00PM	George Leach

Camping/RVs

Our racing venue, Concord Community Park, is fenced and closes at night. We will have a security guard on site, so clubs may park an RV or set up a tent within the park to stay with their canoes. We will have portable toilets and hand washing stations just for paddlers, a BBQ available for use, and some surprises for our overnight guests as well.



Connect with us

We will be active with our social media accounts. If your club or group is on Facebook or Instagram, connect with us! We will absolutely follow you back and share images and updates. You can also tag us and/or use the hashtag #FOURF



@FourFires.ca

KEY CONTACTS

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