



Greater Edmonton Racing Canoe Kayak Club

Calgary Race Day #2 – Parent Information Package

We are excited to invite all of our athletes aged 9 years and older to participate in Calgary Race Day #2 on Saturday, August 15, 2026, hosted by the Calgary Canoe Club.

This is one of the most enjoyable events of the season and is specifically designed for new paddlers and developing athletes. If your child has recently joined the club or has little or no racing experience, this is the perfect regatta to attend!

The atmosphere is fun, welcoming, and stress-free, making it an excellent opportunity for athletes to gain confidence, learn how a regatta works, and enjoy racing alongside other young paddlers. Every experienced racer started with an event just like this!

Why Participate?

Participating in local regattas helps athletes:

- Build confidence
- Learn basic racing skills
- Gain valuable competition experience
- Meet paddlers from other clubs
- Develop teamwork and sportsmanship
- Have fun with teammates while enjoying a great day on the water

For many athletes, this will be their very first regatta, and that's exactly what this event is designed for. It's a fun, supportive, and low-pressure introduction to sprint canoe and kayak racing.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Host: Calgary Canoe Club

Location: Calgary Canoe Club
7305 Crowchild Trail SW
Calgary, AB T3E 6B5

Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps?q=Calgary+Canoe+Club+7305+Crowchild+Trail+SW+Calgary+AB>

The Calgary Canoe Club is located on the beautiful Glenmore Reservoir, one of Canada's premier sprint canoe and kayak venues.

Who Should Attend?

We strongly encourage:

- Athletes aged 9 years and older
- New paddlers
- Athletes with little or no racing experience
- Any athlete interested in trying their first sprint canoe/kayak regatta

No previous racing experience is required.

If you're unsure whether your child is ready, simply speak with one of our coaches. We will be happy to help determine the most appropriate events.

This is one regatta we highly encourage our newer athletes not to miss!

Travel Information

To make the weekend as relaxed as possible, we strongly recommend that families travel to Calgary on Friday, August 14.

Parents are responsible for arranging and booking their own hotel accommodations.

Arrival Time

All athletes should arrive at the Calgary Canoe Club by **7:30 a.m.** on Saturday morning.

This will give everyone enough time to:

- Unload and prepare their boat
- Check their equipment
- Meet with the coaching staff
- Warm up properly
- Be ready for the first races of the day

Boat & Equipment Transportation

Greater Edmonton Racing Canoe Kayak Club will take care of transporting your athlete's racing equipment to and from Calgary.

Our coaching team will transport: Boat, Paddle and Life jacket (PFD)

Families only need to bring their athlete, personal belongings, food, and clothing for the day.

Registration Fee

The club is pleased to offer this regatta free of charge for all participating GERCKC athletes.

What to Bring

Please bring:

- GERCKC racing shirt (we have racing jersey for \$50, contact your coach to get one)
- Water bottle
- Healthy snacks
- Packed lunch and drinks
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Change of clothes and towel
- Running shoes

Registration

If you are interested in participating, please speak with your coach, **Ginger Brown**, regarding your athlete's eligibility and readiness to attend this regatta.

If your athlete is ready to participate, **please add your name to the WhatsApp poll** so we know you will be attending. This will help us:

- Organize boat and equipment transportation
- Complete the race entries (we will do all the race entries for you)

Please respond **as soon as possible** so we can complete our planning for the event.

We hope to see as many of our athletes as possible in Calgary!

Whether this is your child's first regatta or they have raced before, Calgary Race Day is a fantastic opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun in a friendly racing environment.

We look forward to another great weekend together!

Zak Mahmoudi
Head Coach