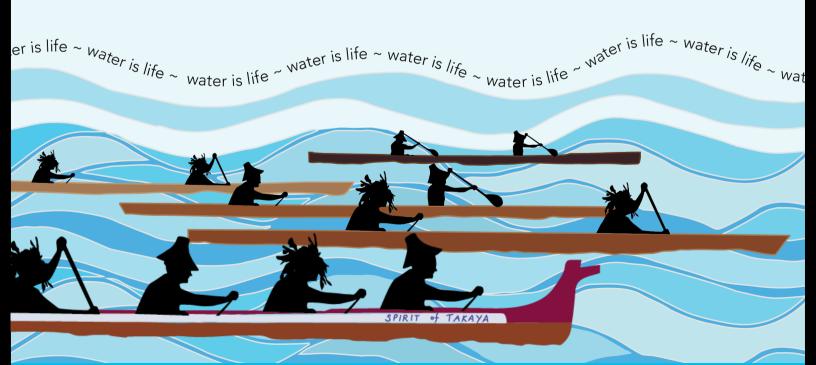
# TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION

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# **FESTIVAL PROGRAM GUIDE**





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PEOPLE OF THE INLET

**JUNE 2024** 

Welcome to the 2024 Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival at Whey-ah-Wichen (Cates Park), North Vancouver.

As 'People of the Inlet', our community holds this Festival in high regard, honouring the water and land we live on. Canoe pulling is a celebration of our connection to the waters within our territories and represents who we are as a people. The canoe embodies discipline, respect, teamwork and unity; it also honours the trade and diplomatic relations we have long held with neighbouring First Nations and Tribes.

We raise our hands in gratitude to the paddlers and their families who have travelled near and far along the West Coast of BC, Washington State, Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Vancouver Island to participate in our Festival, held at our traditional village site, Whey-ah-Wichen. You honour us, as well as our Ancestors, with your presence.

Our community looks forward to hosting this festival each year and the opportunity to share our culture with North Shore residents and all who join us to cheer on the paddlers.

On behalf of Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN) Chief & Council, we raise our hands and give thanks to the District of North Vancouver and event sponsors for supporting our festival. We would also like to acknowledge the TWN Canoe Festival organizing committee, staff, and community members who work so diligently to make this event a success every year.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend here at Whey-ah-Wichen!

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Chief Jen Thomas səlilwəta**+** (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



# The Tsleil-Waututh Nation welcomes you and your Canoe Clubs to our village of Whey-ah-Wichen for the 2024 Canoe Festival!



We are the People of the Inlet and continue to uphold our inherent responsibility to uphold the laws and stewardship of our lands and waters. To reduce the use of plastic water bottles, we are preparing to gift each Canoe Puller with a water bottle and will have water filling stations.

In addition to a weekend full of canoe races, there will be Kids Activities through out the day on Saturday and Sunday alongside the Kids Fun Tent open from 11AM to 5PM.

#### **Canoe Race Rules**

- Buckskins January 1st Rule
  - o Age of Buckskin (Youth) on January 1st, applies for the year of racing
- No Paddle fighting, hitting, clubbing, spearing, etc.
- No hooking or holding canoes or turn buoys.
- Must complete all turns, counterclockwise to qualify.
- Canoes must start between the starter markers, complete full course, finishing between the finish line markers to qualify.
- Protests must be brought to the MC Stand by Skippers within 10 minutes of completing race to allow time to deliberate prior to next scheduled race.
- Judges Decisions Final.

Please Note: Our Nation has negotiated a PARK PERMIT agreement with the Parks Board and District of North Vancouver. There will be Park Rangers present and we must abide by a few key Park Rules:

- RV PARKING in Designated Area Only
- Park Use Permit in effect from Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30 (sorry, no early birds)
- No Smoking/Vaping by-law
- · No Beach Fires
- No Drugs & Alcohol





## **BOAT JUDGES**

Chadley Paul
Jacob Wenman
Matt Thomas

## CAPTAIN'S MEETING

MCs Nick George Phil Point

Friday 4PM Saturday 11AM Sunday 9:30AM

Water is Life

We are the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, "The People of the Inlet".
We have inhabited the lands and waters of our traditional territory surrounding the Burrard Inlet in British Columbia since time immemorial.

Many generations of men, women and children have lived, had families, and thrived in this area, and we have a sacred trust, a commitment to care for our lands and waters.

Our vision is to once again put the Tsleil-Waututh face on our traditional territory, to be active participants in all social, economic, cultural, and political activities that take place on our lands by building strong relationships based on trust and mutual respect.

### RACE SCHEDULE Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival

#### Captain's Meeting 4pm Races Start 4:30pm

#### **SINGLES**

- 19U Boys & Girls
- 16U Boys & Girls
- 13U Bovs & Girls
- · 10U Open

#### **DOUBLES**

- Buck-Fifty Race 19U Buck w/10U
- 13U Mixed
- 16U Mixed
- 19U Mixed

#### **6 PADDLES**

- 7U Open
- 10U Open
- 13U Mixed
- 16U Mixed
- 19U Mixed



### Come by for refreshments & snacks!

Saturday & Sunday mornings from 7am - 10am

### Friday June 28, 2024 Saturday June 29, 2024 Sunday June 30, 2024

#### Captain's Meeting 11am Races Start 11:30am

#### **SINGLES**

- Men
- Klootchmen

#### **DOUBLES**

- Men
- Klootchmen
- Masters 50+ Mixed

#### **6 PADDLES**

- 7U
- 10U
- Jr. Buckskins 13U
- Generations Race Golden 60+, Master 50+, 40+, Teen, 10U, Active Skipper
- Buckskins 16U Mixed
- Klootchmen **Woman Skipper**
- Men
- Masters 50+

#### 11 PADDLES

- 10U
- Jr. Buckskins 13U
- Buckskins 16U
- Klootchmen
- Men

**Marathon Singles 7:30am** Captain's Meeting 9:30am Races Start 10am

#### **MARATHON SINGLE**

- Men
- Klootchmen

#### **SINGLES**

- Masters 50+ **Race Together, Separate Prize**
- Golden Masters 60+ **Race Together, Separate Prize**

#### 11 PADDLES

- 10U
- Jr. Buckskins 13 U
- Buckskins 16U
- Klootchmen
- Men

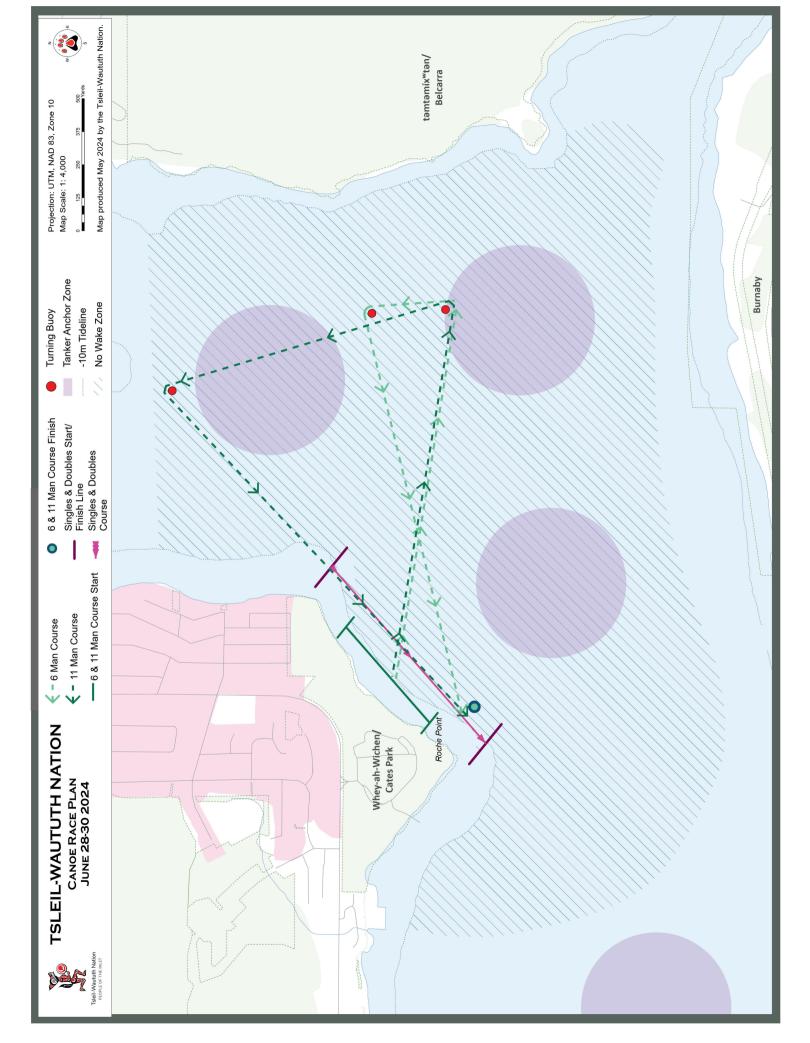
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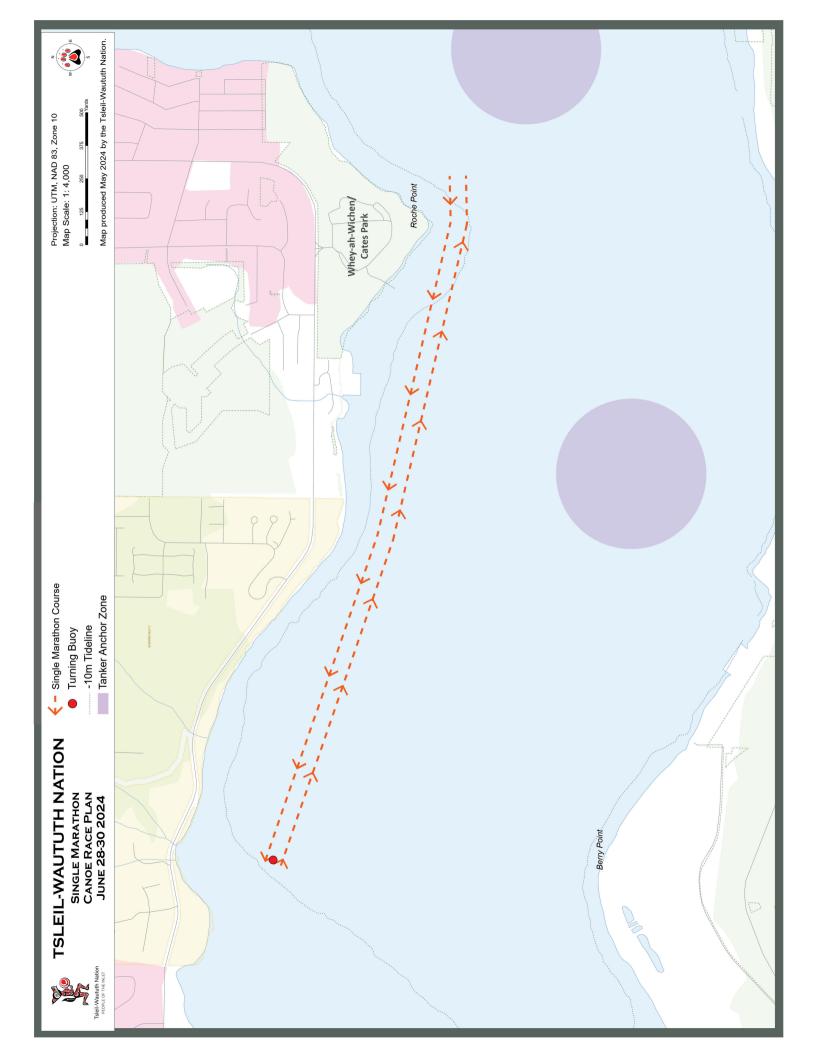
- Women **Any Skipper**
- Men

#### **DOUBLES**

- Klootchmen
- Men
- Mixed
- Masters 50+ **Race Together, Separate Prize**







# RAFFLE PRIZES

### **Ticket Prices**

1 ticket for \$2 3 Tickets for \$5 10 Tickets for \$10 Wingspan for \$25





jackpot was \$700!

Last year's

50/50

50/50









# ... and more prizes!

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# **OUR HANDS GO UP TO**

the following organizations for their support of the Canoe Festival as generous sponsorships:

Chemtrade, City of Burnaby, City of Vancouver, BC Hydro, Fortis BC, & Parkland Refinery

Live Nation, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Vancouver's North Shore Tourism, Seaspan Shipyards, Surerus Murphy Joint Ventures, & First Nations Health Authority

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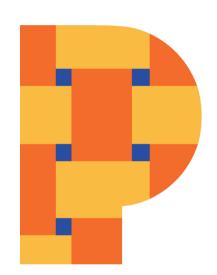
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# SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Countless Volunteers
TWN Chief & Council
Organizing Committee and Staff

Without your time and dedication, this would not be possible!

# **OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE**





















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2023 photos by Jeff Sisson, Tsleil-Waututh member

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# **THANK YOU**

We hope you enjoy the canoe races!



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