



səlilwətaʔ Tsleil-Waututh Nation

PEOPLE OF THE INLET

JULY 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Whey-ah-Wichen Canoe Festival

As 'People of the Inlet', səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) holds this Festival in high regard. Canoe pulling is a long-standing tradition and celebration of our connection to the waters within our territory 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 Indigenous communities.

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, the 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 every year as it provides us the opportunity to share our culture with North Shore residents and all who join us to cheer on the Canoe Pullers.

On behalf of Tsleil-Waututh Nation 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.

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

hay ce:p qə, thank you all,

Chief Justin Sky George
Tsleil-Waututh Nation
tə səlilwətaʔ xʷəlməxʷ



The Tsleil-Waututh Nation welcomes you and your Canoe Clubs to our village of Whey-ah-Wichen for the 2025 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 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Canoe Race Rules

- Buckskins – January 1st Rule
 - 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, July 4 to Sunday, July 6 (sorry, no early birds)
- No Smoking/Vaping by-law
- No Beach Fires
- No Drugs & Alcohol

ZERO Tolerance Policy is in place. If any incidents occur, you will be asked to leave.



LAND JUDGES

Alexander Paul, Mike George



BOAT JUDGES

Chadley Paul

Jacob Wenman

Emcees

Nick Kofi

Phill Point

CAPTAINS' MEETING

Friday: 4:00 PM

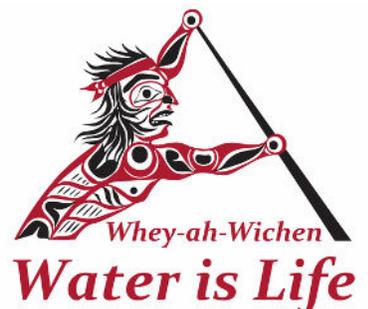
Saturday: 11:00 AM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

We are səliiwətał (Tseil-Waututh Nation), "The People of the Inlet". We have inhabited the lands and waters of our traditional territory surrounding səliiwət (Burrard Inlet) since time immemorial.

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

Our vision is to strengthen the face of our Nation on our traditional territory and 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**

Friday, July 4, 2025

Captain's Meeting 4pm

Races Start 4:30pm

SINGLES

- 19U Boys & Girls
- 16U Boys & Girls
- 13U Boys & 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

RAVEN HAVEN
Pop-up Cafe



Pop by for a hot beverage!

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Captain's Meeting 11am

Races Start 11:30am

SINGLES

- Men
- Klotchmen

DOUBLES

- Men
- Klotchmen
- Masters 50+ Mixed

6 PADDLES

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

11 PADDLES

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Marathon Singles 7:30am

Captain's Meeting 9:30am

Races Start 10am

MARATHON SINGLE

- Men
- Klotchmen

SINGLES

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

11 PADDLES

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

6 PADDLES

- Women
Any Skipper
- Men

DOUBLES

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





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TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION CANOE RACE PLAN JULY 4-6 2025

Legend

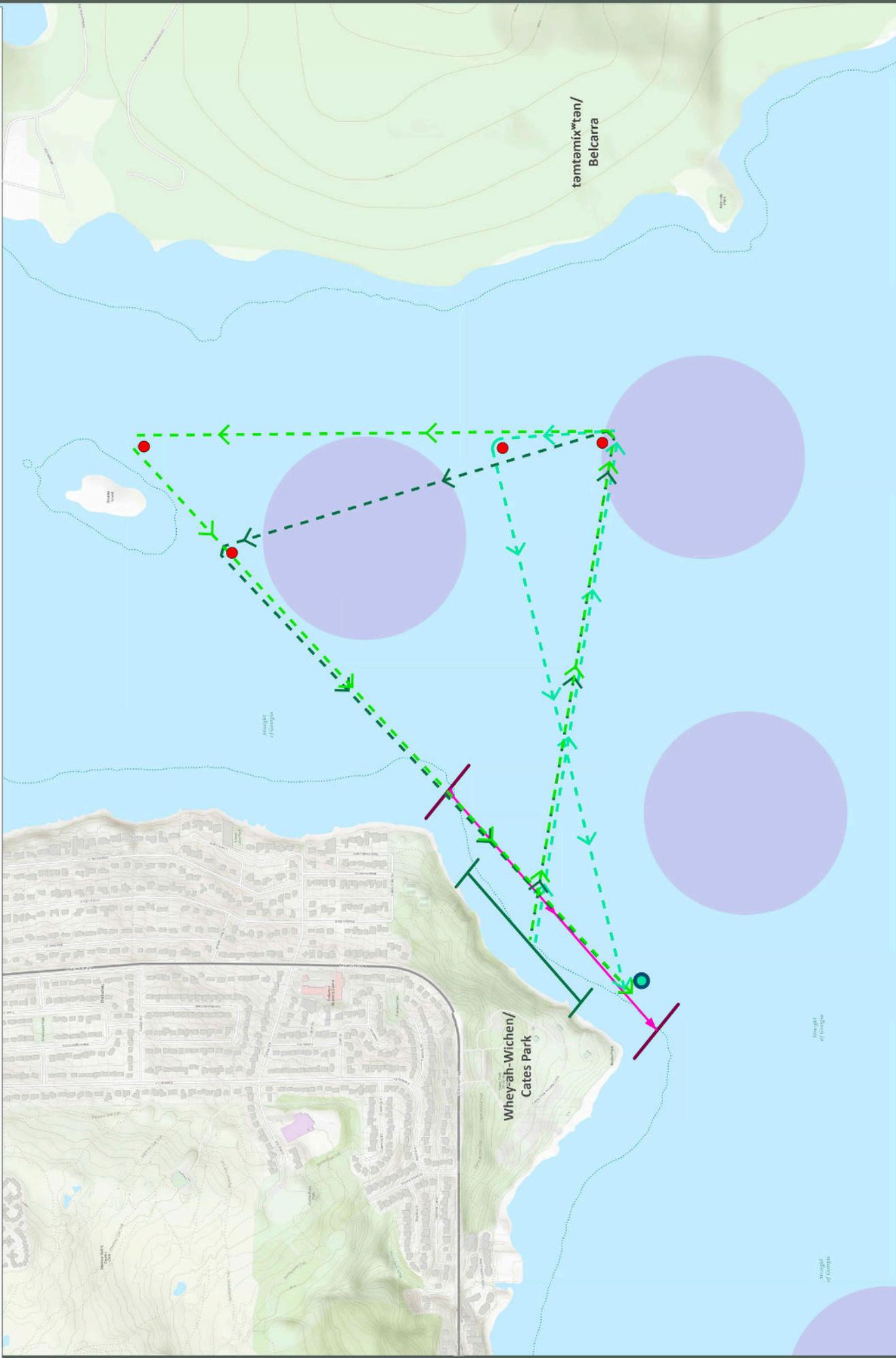
- 11 Man - Course (Green dashed line)
- 11 Man - Course (Alternative) (Red dashed line)
- 6 Man - Course (Blue dashed line)
- 6 & 11 Course Start/Finish (Green circle)
- Singles & Doubles Start/Finish Line (Red line)
- Singles & Doubles Course (Blue line)
- Turning Buoy (Red dot)
- 10m Tideline (Dotted line)
- Tanker Anchor Zone (Purple circle)

Projection: UTM, NAD 83, Zone 10

Map Scale: 1:4,000



Map produced May 2025 by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.





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People of the River

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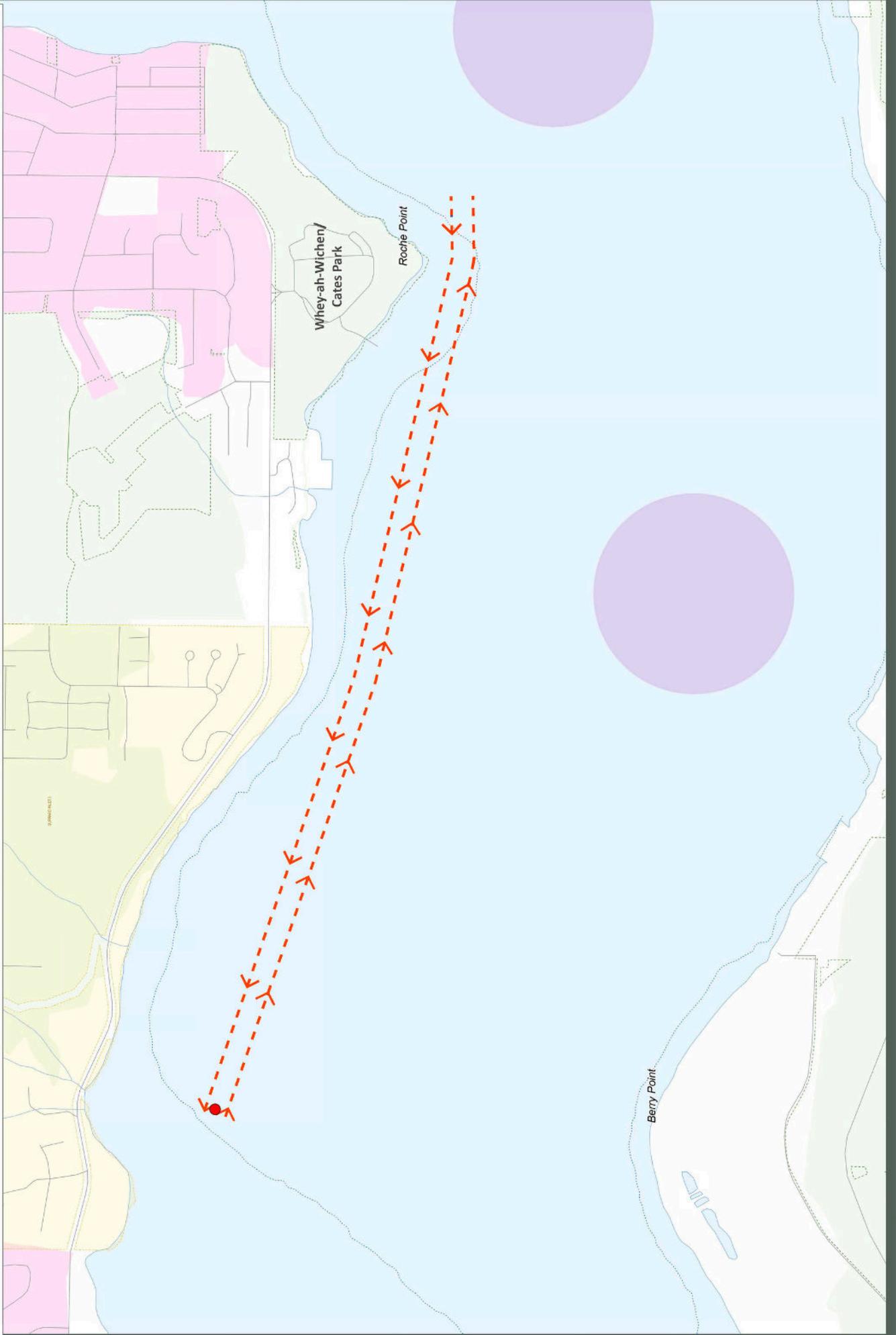
SINGLE MARATHON CANOE RACE PLAN JULY 4-6 2025

- Single Marathon Course
- Turning Buoy
- 10m Tideline
- Tanker Anchor Zone

Projection: UTM, NAD 83, Zone 10
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RAFFLE PRIZES + 50/50

Last year's
50/50
jackpot was
\$1800!

Ticket Prices

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



**ARC'TERYX
BACKPACK**

Mantis 30's in Black
Sapphire

Value: \$190



**ARC'TERYX
ATOM HOODY**

Value: \$360

WINNER CHOOSES

- Men's or Women's
- Size
- Colour



**3-MONTH
MEMBERSHIP**

Quick Start Personal Training

Value: \$900



LIME BIKE PACKAGES

3 x 100 Minutes and Helmet

Value: \$50 each

... and more prizes!

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Our hands are raised to following Sponsors for their support of the WAW Canoe Festival:

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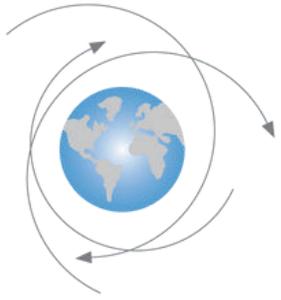
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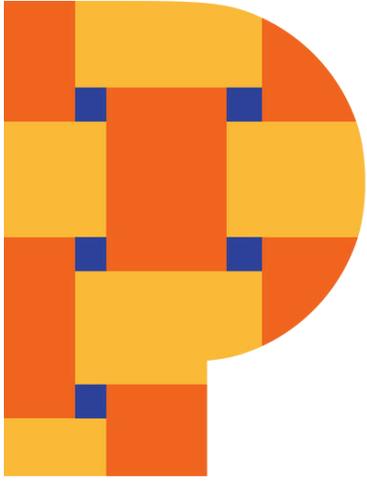


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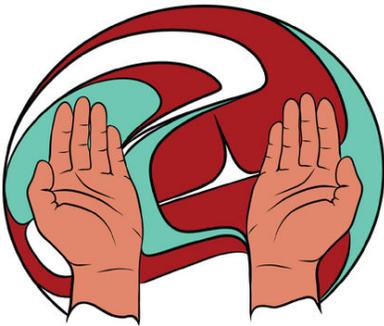
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**Credit: "Hands Raised" icon by
Tsleil-Waututh Artist Jordan Gallie**

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



Photos by Jeff Sisson,
Tseil-Waututh Member



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Thank you all

We hope you enjoy the Canoe Races!



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Whey-ah-Wichen

Water is Life

~ We are resilient like the inlet. We ebb and we flow, and
we rise, like the tide. ~