

C.V. Echo.
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A great weekend has come and gone for the 11 teams that participated in the annual Nautical Days Comox Dragon Boat Festival. Paddlers from Victoria, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, the Comox Valley, Campbell River and Powell River enjoyed the great weather, the fantastic venue and the warm hospitality of the town of Comox.

Races began at 10 a.m. on Saturday and continued through to the closing ceremonies at 5 p.m.

Underdogs of the event had to be Courtenay's Dragon Magic. This team had only been practicing for a few months yet put in some very respectable times.

Dragon Boat racing is open to everyone and the Comox Recreation Commission would like to invite you to put a team together and start practicing for the Comox Nautical Days Dragon Boat Festival in 2005. Paddling lessons will be starting in September with registration beginning August 30.

The event coordinators would like to thank all their sponsors and volunteers: Water Pure and Simple, Comox Bay Marina and the Comox Valley Yacht Club, Comox Valley Harbour Authority, Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society and Quality Foods.



Comox Valley's Hope Afloat dragon boat team won the Women's category, and the Cancer Survivor Race

RACE RESULTS:

Open Category

- 6th-Dragon Magic, Comox Valley
- 5th-Pearl Warriors, Powell River
- 4th-Dragonflies, Comox Valley
- 3rd-Blu By U, Nanaimo
- 2nd-Sunshine Dragons, Port Alberni
- 1st-Snogard Dragons, Victoria

Women's

- 5th Angels Abreast, Nanaimo
- 4th River Spirit, Campbell River
- 3rd Paddle Pushers, Port Alberni
- 2nd Ladies of the Lake, Port Alberni
- 1st Hope Afloat, Comox Valley

Cancer Survivor Race (all paddlers must have had cancer at some time)

- 3rd Angels Abreast
- 2nd River Spirit
- 1st Hope Afloat



Dragon Magic, a new team with little experience, races on the left; they posted respectable results