



# CANOE '26

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2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships

## Competition Guide

July 1-5, 2026, Lake Banook  
Nova Scotia, Canada

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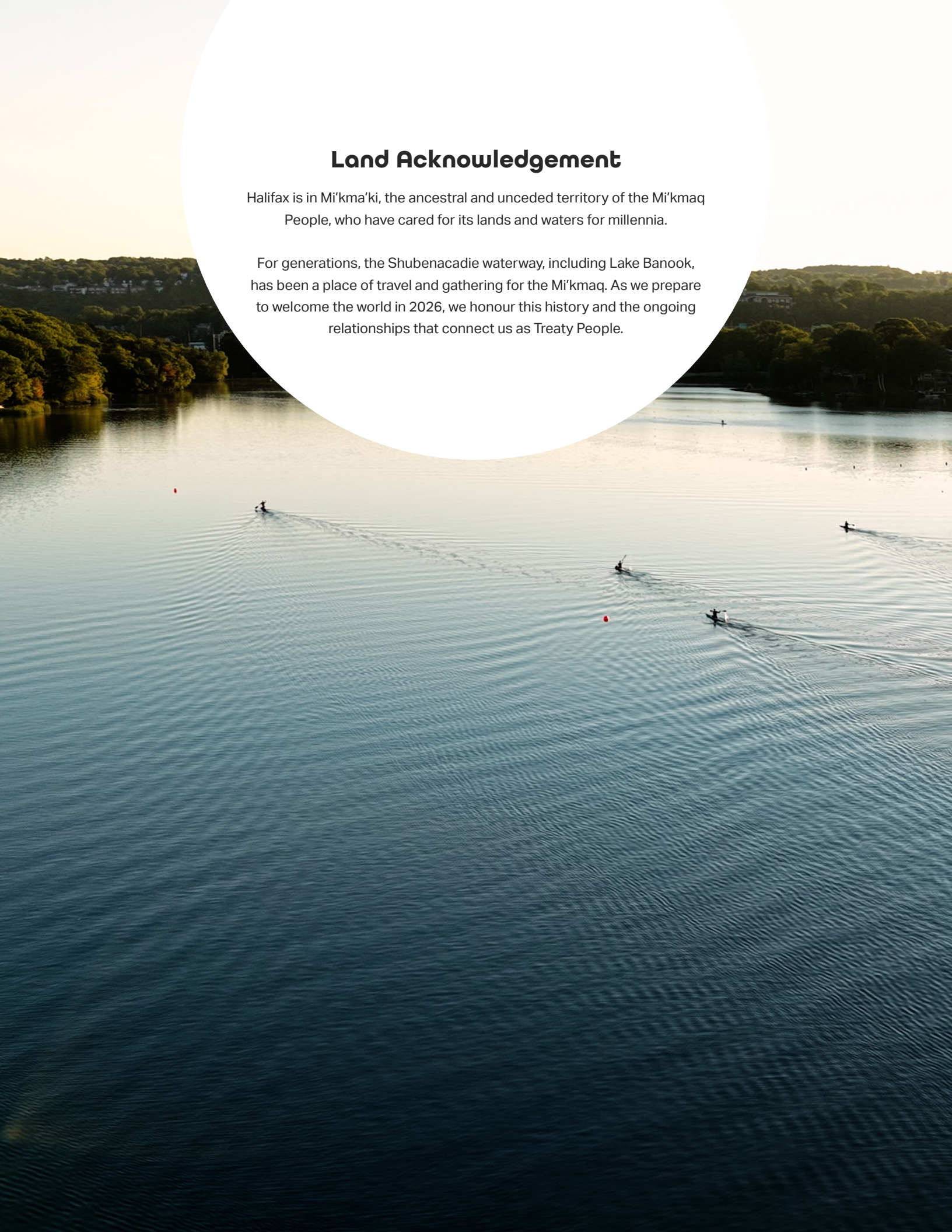
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## Land Acknowledgement

Halifax is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, who have cared for its lands and waters for millennia.

For generations, the Shubenacadie waterway, including Lake Banook, has been a place of travel and gathering for the Mi'kmaq. As we prepare to welcome the world in 2026, we honour this history and the ongoing relationships that connect us as Treaty People.





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# *Greetings* from the Mayor

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As Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, and on behalf of Regional Council, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters joining us for the 2026 ICF Masters Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Your dedication and lifelong commitment to the sport reflect the very best of the global canoe and kayak community.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the International Canoe

Federation, along with the many partners, volunteers, and local organizers whose hard work and leadership make this championship possible.

As competition gets underway, I hope the regatta brings you memorable performances, new friendships, and moments of shared achievements.

Thank you for being part of this year's event, and welcome to our region. We wish you an outstanding championship and an enjoyable stay.

Kindest regards,

Andy Fillmore  
Mayor



# Premier's Message

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I'm pleased to welcome you to the 2026 ICF Junior and U23 Sprint World Championships.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia is known and revered as the City of Lakes. With twenty-three lakes to choose from, it's the ideal location to host passionate paddlers from all over the world who have dedicated themselves to sport. Lake Banook has hosted many world-class events. Located in the heart of a vibrant city, it's a unique and special place surrounded by community. We hope you enjoy your time with us and our Nova Scotian hospitality.

We extend our best wishes and warmest welcome to the athletes, and their support teams. A heartfelt thank you to the parents, families and coaches who support these paddlers. It truly is a team effort to come this far, and I hope you are incredibly proud of your accomplishments. And to the officials and volunteers, thank you for being part of this event.

Thank you to Canoe '26, the Host Organizing Committee responsible for this event. We recognize your tireless efforts to ensure the championship's success. Thank you to the dozens of federations, hundreds of volunteers, and many thousands of enthusiastic fans.

And to the paddlers: have an epic race! Paddle hard, give it your all, and look out for one another. We are honoured to be a part of this exciting event.

Yours truly,

Honourable Tim Houston  
Premier of Nova Scotia





Kwe' Welcome,

On behalf of the Mi'kmaq Sport Council of Nova Scotia, it is my absolute honour and privilege to welcome all athletes, coaches, staff, participants, families, and guests to Canoe 26.

We welcome you to Kjiptuk (Halifax), located within Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. For thousands of years, our people have walked these lands and paddled these waters, and we are thrilled to share the spirit of this beautiful region with you.

This year's competition takes place on the beautiful waters of Lake Banook—a place of profound significance to the Mi'kmaq. Long before it became a world-class racing venue, Lake Banook and its connecting lakes served as an integral waterway for our ancestors. It was a vital highway for travel, trade, and traditional gatherings. To paddle on Lake Banook is to connect with a deep history of stewardship, community, and respect for the water.

As you take to the water, you are not just participating in a world-class event; you are becoming a part of the enduring story of this sacred place.

To the athletes: you have dedicated countless hours of hard work, discipline, and passion to reach this stage. We wish you the very best of luck. May you compete with strong minds, fierce hearts, and the spirit of fair play.

To the coaches, families, and supporters: thank you for the unwavering dedication that has guided these competitors to this moment.

We pray for your safety throughout the competition, and we hope you forge lasting friendships and unforgettable memories during your time here. May the waters be kind, the competition be thrilling, and your journey be safe.

Wela'liek,  
Thank you,

Chief Norman Bernard  
Chair, Mi'kmaq Sport Council of Nova Scotia



## Schedule

<b>June 29</b>	Access starts Accreditation opens Official Training, Boat control
<b>June 30</b>	Accreditation opens Official Training, Start System Test & Boat control Team Leaders Meeting ITOs Meeting Opening ceremony
<b>July 1</b>	Competition Day 1
<b>July 2</b>	Competition Day 2
<b>July 3</b>	Competition Day 3
<b>July 4</b>	Competition Day 4 Team Leaders Dinner
<b>July 5</b>	Competition Day 5 Closing Ceremony

## Site Map





## Accreditation Plan

The Accreditation Centre is located next to the competition area. Accreditation pick-up will take place at **Oakwood House, 20 Boathouse Lane.**

### Hours of operations:

June 29 - July 2 • 8:30 - 16:30

July 3 - 5 • 8:30 - 12:00

### Accreditation Process:

Team Leaders are required to come alone to the Accreditation centre.

**Step 1:** Check-in at the first desk to confirm payment of all invoices. Please note that you will not be accredited until you have a zero balance with the Organizing Committee.

**Step 2:** Collect all accreditation for team members. All participants in the event must be accredited — no access is granted to the course without an accreditation pass. Before leaving the Accreditation Centre, Team Leaders will be asked to leave their email address and mobile number as well as the mobile number of the team’s head coaches so they can be reached anytime during the competition in case of an urgent matter.

PLEASE NOTE: if an accreditation is lost, damaged or forgotten and needs to be reprinted, a cost of \$25 CAD per accreditation card will incur. Acceptable payment is cash (CAD) or credit card.

## North American Power Plugs

A reminder Canada uses Type A and Type B power outlets (120V, 60Hz). International competitors should bring a North American travel adapter.

## Accommodations

Canoe '26 and logistics partner, Tournkey Travel have provided several accommodation options for the 2026 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Questions and inquiries regarding accommodations can be directed to our booking partner:

Contact: Yina Marin

Phone: 519-433-6677 Ext. 358

Toll Free: 1-800-304-6346 Ext. 358

Email: [yina@tournkey.com](mailto:yina@tournkey.com)

## Food Services

### LUNCH SERVICE

Lunch will be available at the Lake Banook Canoe Club from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM each day during the access period, June 28-July 5.

### DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE MEAL SERVICE

For teams staying at Dalhousie University Residence:

- Breakfast :June 29-July 7 - 6:00AM-10:00AM
- Supper :June 28-July 6 - 18:00PM- 21:00PM

## Daily Transport

Daily shuttle service will be provided between official host accommodations and the competition venue.

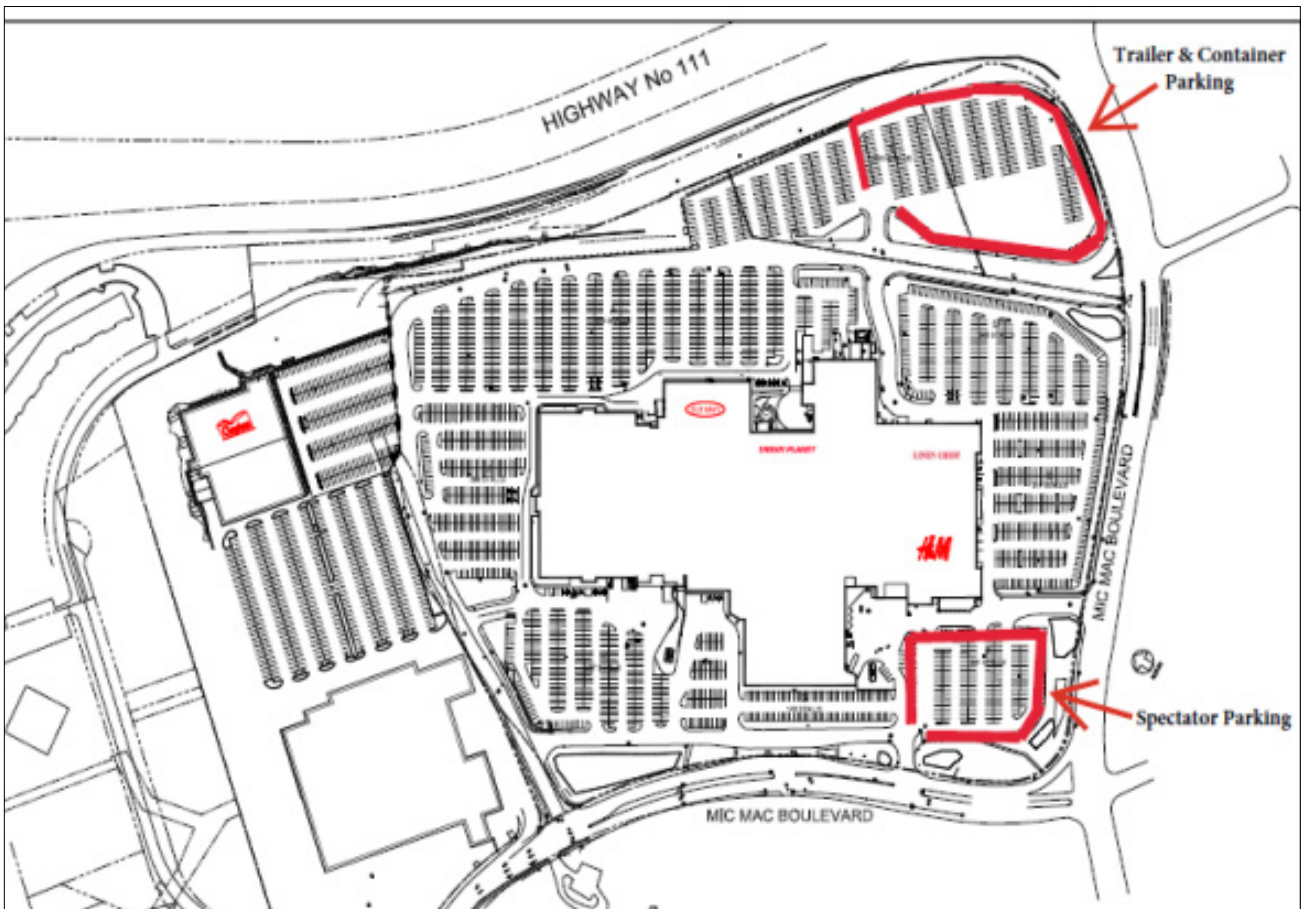
Additional details, including shuttle schedules, pickup locations, and operating hours, will be distributed to teams closer to the event. For transportation inquiries and motorpool, please contact the Transportation Operations Centre at **+1 902-449-0814**.

**Important:** There is no public parking available at the competition venue. Teams are strongly encouraged to use the event shuttle service.

Teams not staying at official host accommodations are asked to advise organizers of their transportation plans in advance. Our Neighborhood Partner, Mic Mac Mall has generously participants and spectators to park in their parking lot. Boat Trailers, Once emptied will also be parked in the "Trailer Parking" area. See map below.

## Transport Shuttle Schedule

Transport Shuttle Schedule can be found here:  
[Canoe'26- Bus Routing and Timing Sheet](#)





## Medical Information

### ATHLETE MEDICAL SERVICE CLINIC:

Emergency medical headquarters / Therapy services / Physician clinic

Senobe Aquatic Club

6 Nowlan Street Dartmouth

(Blue building located at the end of the race course- clinic is in boat bays)

### Emergency medical headquarters:

Safety at Canoe26 is a priority. In addition to on-water safety boats, a medical clinic consisting of Emergency First Responder personnel will be on-site during all training and competition.

### Therapy Services

Therapy services available to athletes include Physiotherapy, Massage Therapy, Athletic Therapy, and Chiropractic services. Clinicians will be available for assessment for basic treatment and advice regarding injuries impacting athletes ability to perform at their best at the Canoe26 World Championships.

Therapy Services Open Hours:

### Training Days

June 29: 10:00 am – 3:00pm

June 30: 10:00 am – 3:00pm

### Competition Days

July 1: 9:00am – 6:00pm

July 2: 9:00am – 6:00pm

July 3: 9:00am – 6:00pm

July 4: 9:00am – 6:00pm

July 5: 9:00am – 6:00pm

### Physician Clinic

Physicians will be available for non-emergency medical consults regarding conditions that affect Athletes of the ICF Masters World Championships. A medical doctor will be available for consultation 30 minutes prior to start to 6:00pm on competition days. Contact a therapist in the Therapy Clinic to set up a physician consultation on training days.

### After Hours Care

**EMERGENCY** In Nova Scotia call 911 if your health, safety or property is threatened and you need help right away. The 911 call taker (operator) will notify emergency responders, like fire, police or ambulance.

After hours you can contact the on call physician at - Dr. Tina Atkinson (902) 483-7954

### Pharmacies close to Canoe26 venue:

#### Atlantic Superstore Braemar Drive - Pharmacy

9 Braemar Dr, Dartmouth

902.463.4619

#### Lawtons Drugs Westphal

90 Main Street, Dartmouth

902.462.7400

#### Shoppers Drug Mart Tacoma Plaza

80 Tacoma Drive, Dartmouth

902.434.0366



## Venue Hours

The venue will open every day 2 hours prior to the first race and close 1 hour after the last race. See training information below for training days.

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## Official Training & Pre-Race Boat Control

The venue will be open for unofficial training & self boat control June 29th from 8:00 - 16:00. Official Training and self boat control is June 30th from 8:00 - 16:00

Start Gate tests will be June 30th:

- » 10am - 11am
  - » 13:30 - 15:30
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## Team Leaders Meeting

Team Leader's meeting is in person on June 30th at 4:00pm - 5:00pm at Banook Canoe Club (17 Banook Ave, Dartmouth, NS B3A 2L3 )

If you are not able to attend in person, please use the following link to join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/381977575204937?p=hTicYOqgbtXYrNbEpE>

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## Opening Ceremony

When: June 30 at 5:30pm

Where: Medal Ceremony Area (Mic Mac Canoe Club Parking lot)

All teams are kindly asked to report to the official seating area in the Mic Mac Canoe Club Parking lot to enjoy the show.

## Team Tents and Boat Storage

Each Federation will be given a tent, allocation of space will be according to nominal entries. There will be charge locations in the cafeteria and in central locations in the village.

All Boats MUST be stored in the appointed Boat Storage location on exterior boat racks. Any boats inside tents will be removed by the organizing committee.

Boat Racks will be marked by the country name. The distribution of space will be done according to the nominal entries.

Team Vehicles will not be allowed to park at the venue. Please plan to use event transport from your accommodations.

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## Onwater Traffic During Race Days

Warm up and Cool down should be on the tower side of the course. Athletes are not permitted to warm up or cool down on the Prince Albert side (where the starter platforms are located) of the course.

There will be no safety on Lake MicMac.

## Anti-Doping Education

In accordance with ICF rules, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role before the first day of competition.

Athletes who have completed the online Anti-Doping education in the previous years are not required to complete the course again this year.

Learn more:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

## Start Lists and Results

Preliminary and final start lists and all accompanying documents can be found here:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/canoe-sprint-world-championships/halifax-2026>

Unofficial Results can be found here:

<https://memosoft.spotfokus.com/timetable/eventdetail/141/2026-ICF-SPRINT-JUNIORS-and-UNDER-23-WORLD-CHAMPIONSHIPS>

### LATE ENTRY/ WITHDRAWAL/ CREW CHANGE

In extraordinary circumstances, an application can be made to the Chief Official for the acceptance of late entries and/or withdrawals. It is the Chief Official's discretion to accept or decline a late entry / withdrawal. Requests can be made through the following online form: [2026 ICF Junior & U23 CSP WCH - Late entry / Withdrawal / Crew change form – Fill out form](#)

### Deadline to fill: 30 June 2026, 11.00 local time

Late athlete entry will incur a fee of \$50 CAD per boat.

Late event entries for already registered athletes will incur a fee of \$50 CAD per boat.

Please note that payments will only be accepted via credit card / online payment at the competition office.

1. Any athlete listed in the final entry for their country is eligible to substitute in any other event.
2. Any changes to entries must be communicated through the online form to the Chief Official at least one hour prior to the first race of the morning or afternoon session.
3. Withdrawal of an entry is final and prohibits the same athlete or crew from participating in any other events of the competition.
4. For crew boats, the competitors' names must be listed in the order they will race in the boat. The name at the top must correspond to the competitor positioned at the front of the boat.

## Protests

If your team would like to present a protest related to any decision or result during the championships, please use this online form for that matter.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=66w-exyI9E6T2zOa5T1wDhN63BCWcrNNgZntgOvdysRUNkFBVE9PREtEVDBURk1FODE4TDdKN0dLSC4u&route=shorturl>



## Self Boat Control

Self-Boat control will be available June 29th & 30th at 10am - 4pm

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## Boat numbers

The boat numbers can be collected one hour before the competition at the embarkation tent in the Boat Area. The team leader must leave a deposit of \$50 upon collecting the start number for the first time. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the competition when the team leader has returned all boat numbers.

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## Athlete Names and Country Stickers

Each athlete's name sticker must be applied on all boats for ICF Canoe Sprint competitions. For canoes and kayaks to be presented in a standard manner, name stickers must be positioned at the same point on every boat. The country code sticker will be applied on all boats and at the same place for each ICF Canoe Sprint competition and will be checked at the Identity and Equipment Control. It is the participating National Federations' responsibility to provide the stickers to their athletes.

Please use Athlete Sticker and Country Sticker templates provided by the ICF with the correct sizes and font.

Athletes' name stickers have been modified in 2022 to match the re-formatted TV graphics. The last name

is now placed after the initial of the first name. For the official guideline, please click on the link.

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## ID and Equipment Control

Athletes can embark only from the designated place before the competition. Boats, equipment, clothing (uniform and uniformity), personal numbers, boat numbers and accreditation cards will all be checked at the Embarkation Tent.

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## Uniform and Uniformity

Every competitor must compete in their national/team uniform.

If two [2] boats from the same country compete in the same race, they must wear the same uniforms submitted with Nominal entries. In a crew boat all athletes must compete in the same team uniform and, if under-shirts are worn, they must all be the same colour. In a K2 and K4 all spray decks must be the same colours. The front athlete in K2 or K4 may compete without a spray deck.

Teams shall upload a picture of their uniform before the entry deadline in SDP to the relevant section. A detailed guideline on the procedure will be sent to the team leaders by the ICF.

## Post Race Boat Control

Upon completion of each race, some boats will be called to post-race boat control. After the race the athletes must disembark onto the designated dock/pontoon where the boats will go under control. Please do not forget to control the weight of your boat before the race.

## 5000m Mixed Relay

The 5000m Mixed Relay consists of four laps and three compulsory portages with athlete exchanges.

The race will start at the southern end of the course, on the finish line. Athletes will race around the same two turning buoys on each lap. One large donut buoy is positioned at the northern end of the relay course next to the 500m start hut and one at the southern end next to the finish line.

### Course Distances

- Lap 1: 1310m
- Lap 2: 1310m
- Lap 3: 1310m
- Lap 4: 1070m

**Total Distance:** 5000m

### Relay Format

- Teams consist of **one man and one woman**.
- The compulsory racing sequence is:
  - » Man
  - » Woman
  - » Man
  - » Woman

- Each athlete completes two laps.
- Athlete exchanges take place at the conclusion of each portage. The incoming athlete must tap the outgoing athlete before the outgoing athlete may begin.

### Portages and Exchanges

There are **three compulsory portages**, occurring during Laps 1, 2, and 3, behind the Finish Line Tower. There is **no portage on the final lap**.

After rounding the northern turning buoy, athletes will **gradually** leave the racecourse and follow the wave attenuation buoys toward the embarkation and disembarkation area located on the west shore of Lake Banook.

All competitors must:

1. Disembark within the area marked by flags.
2. Carry their craft through the designated portage route and place it on the designated racks.
3. Exchange with their teammate.
4. The outgoing athlete shall carry the craft from the designated rack to the embarkation pontoon.
5. Embark within the area marked by flags and re-enter the racecourse.
6. The final athlete (woman competitor on Lap 4) must cross the finish line between Lanes 1 and 9 of the racecourse to complete the race.

Embarkation and disembarkation are on pontoons (docks).

### Additional Information

- Handles on boats are permitted.
- Pumps are not permitted.

- Athletes who have been lapped will be instructed by a Course Umpire to leave the race the next time they cross the finish line and will be classified in accordance with ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules.

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## Medal Ceremony

All athletes (wearing their national outfit) are requested to be present at the Medal presentation area (Mic Mac Canoe Club parking lot) 15 minutes prior to the officially scheduled victory ceremony, at the latest. We have a very tight schedule therefore we kindly request your promptness. Victory Ceremonies will start at their officially schedule time sharp. In case an athlete arrives late to the meeting point, ceremony will start on time, without him/her.

The Team Leader of the winning nation is also kindly requested to arrive at the medal awarding ceremony 10minutes before the schedule start to present the flowers during the event. Please note that caps, sunglasses and flags are not permitted on the podium.

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## VIP Lounge

Canoe '26 will have a VIP Lounge located at Mic Mac Aquatic Club. The VIP Lounge will provide a comfortable space for networking, meetings, refreshments, and viewing of competition throughout the event. The lounge hours will be:

July 1: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM @ MicMac Aquatic Club

July 2: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM @ MicMac Aquatic Club

July 3: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (note an early closure)  
 @ MicMac Aquatic Club

July 4: TBC @ Banook Canoe Club

July 5: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM @ MicMac Aquatic Club

July 4th VIP lounge will be relocated to Banook Canoe Club, hours to be confirmed. Presidents, Secretary Generals, and other National Federation VIPs may purchase daily access passes at the lounge check-in desk for \$50 CAD per day, subject to venue capacity. A maximum of two additional passes may be purchased per National Federation daily.



# ICF PARTNERS



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The logo for PEI SHENG, featuring a stylized red and white graphic above the text "PEI SHENG" in a red, italicized font.

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The logo for Braća-sport, featuring a stylized yellow and black graphic above the text "Braća-sport" in a yellow font.

The logo for Jiangyun Technology, featuring a stylized orange and black graphic above the Chinese characters "浆云科技" and the English text "JIANGYUN TECHNOLOGY" below.

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The logo for ANJANA MARINE SPORTS, featuring a stylized blue and white sailboat graphic above the text "ANJANA" and "MARINE SPORTS" below.

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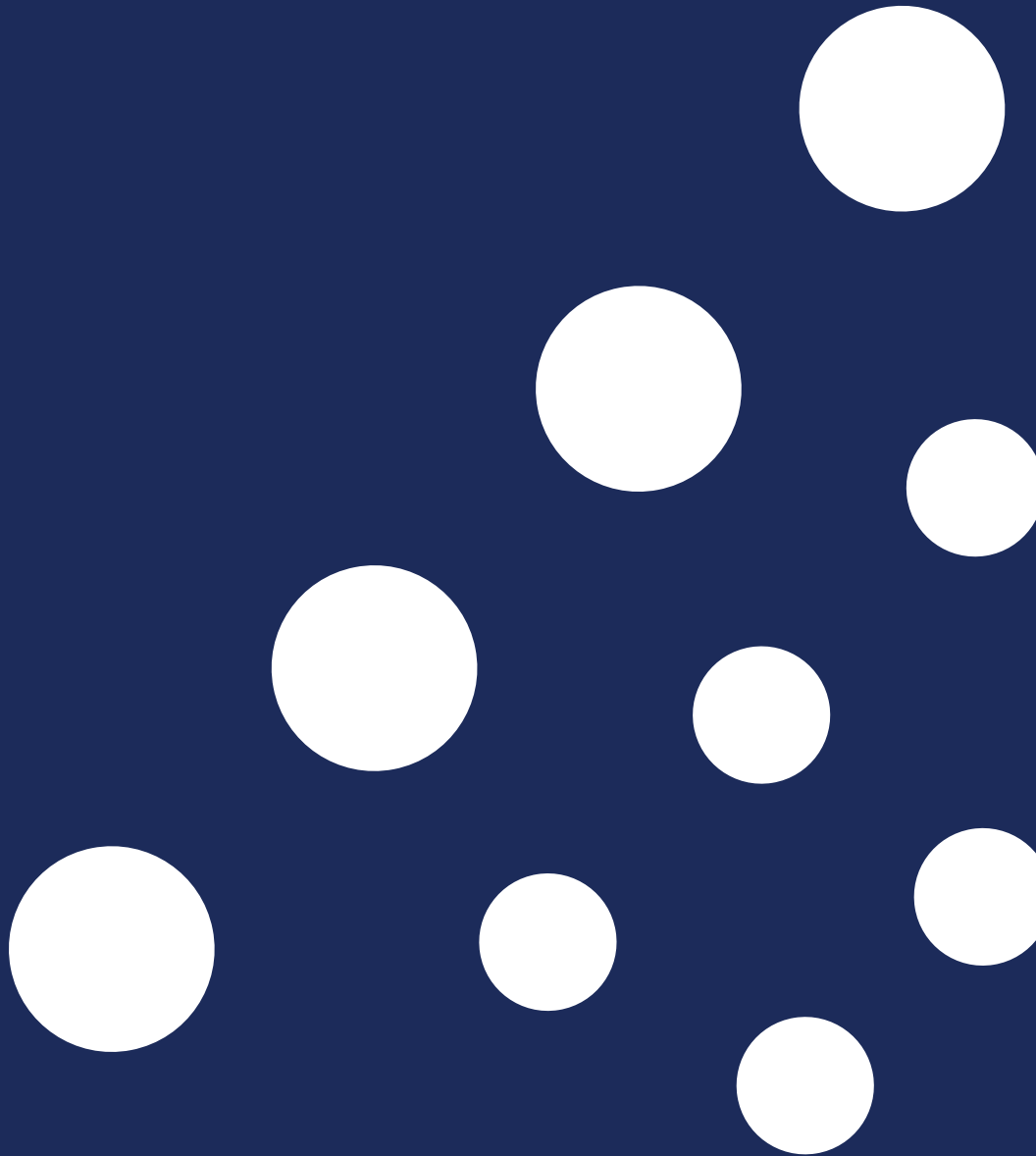
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## BRONZE

The logo for HODY, featuring the text "just add water" in a small font above the word "HODY" in a large, bold, white font on a red background.

*Always moving forward*



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