

2019 ORPC Bridges Race – Please review

Take time to review the following information with your team so that everyone has a safe and enjoyable racing day. (Don't forget to stick around for small boat races on Sunday! You can register in advance through www.orpc.ca)

RULES

1. Registration must be completed before racing (including CORA membership). PLEASE make sure that you have both a completed registration/roster AND your waivers before you go to registration. If you are not a member of CORA, you will be required to pay \$15.00 day race fee. Registration closes at noon.
2. Your team must have six PFD's when racing either in the boat or on your paddlers.
3. Every paddler must be experienced at doing a huli prior to racing. An externally assisted huli during racing will result in a disqualification. The huli policy is as follows:
 - a. If you do not appear to be righting the canoe (or appear disoriented) within 1 minute of capsizing you will be assisted by safety and disqualified.
 - b. If you appear to be struggling with the mechanics of the capsize after 3-5 minutes you will be assisted by safety and disqualified.
4. A steers meeting will take place on the dock **immediately after the start of your preceding heat.** Times on the grid are tentative, so make sure your crew/stern is onsite for the announcement of the meeting.
5. Learn your boat number.
6. Start and Finish Line are the same, that being, from the south dock directly across to the large wooden pier
7. It will be a flag start. Start commands are as follows:

Flags: Yellow = approach the line
 Red = about to start
 Green = Go!
8. CORA open water and buoy overtaking rules apply. This will be reviewed at the steers mtg.

In races that do not require canoes to remain within designated lanes and where a float or marker is to be rounded, upon entering the turning zone (a circle of 2 canoe lengths radius with the marker at the center of the circle), should the inside canoe have any overlap with the outside canoe, the inside canoe will have right-of way and the outside canoe must move off and can not impede the inside canoes turn at any point in the turning circle or at any point upon exiting the turning circle. If overlap is not established, the outside canoe is not obligated to give way but sterns shall take precautions to avoid collisions at all times. **Overlap is defined** as a condition that exists when no open water can be seen between the stern of one canoe and the bow of another, when canoes are viewed at right angles to their course.”

Disregarding these rules will result in disqualification from the race. On water officials will be present on the course, including the start and buoy turn.

9. Information on sterns must be provided with registration. It is the responsibility of the stern to control their canoe/crew at all times. This includes *priority being given to collision avoidance* at all points in the race course. Loss of control of your canoe, or if you are deemed to cause a collision, will result in a disqualification at the discretion of the race director. Remember, you are in **borrowed canoes** and should respect the generosity of the clubs that loan the canoes.
10. Protests to the race must be provided to the race director within 15 minutes of the completion of the heat. The race director's decision on protests is final.

STUFF TO KNOW ABOUT ORPC

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/UuAhyReaSrA2>

The club is located on the water BEHIND Value Village (1810 Store Street). **Access to the ORPC docks is from Herald Street and behind Value Village.** You can no longer access the docks from Capital Iron or Valhalla breezeway. There is a locked gate.

Food: Food will be available to purchase at the race site from the Victoria Youth Paddling Club (VYPC).

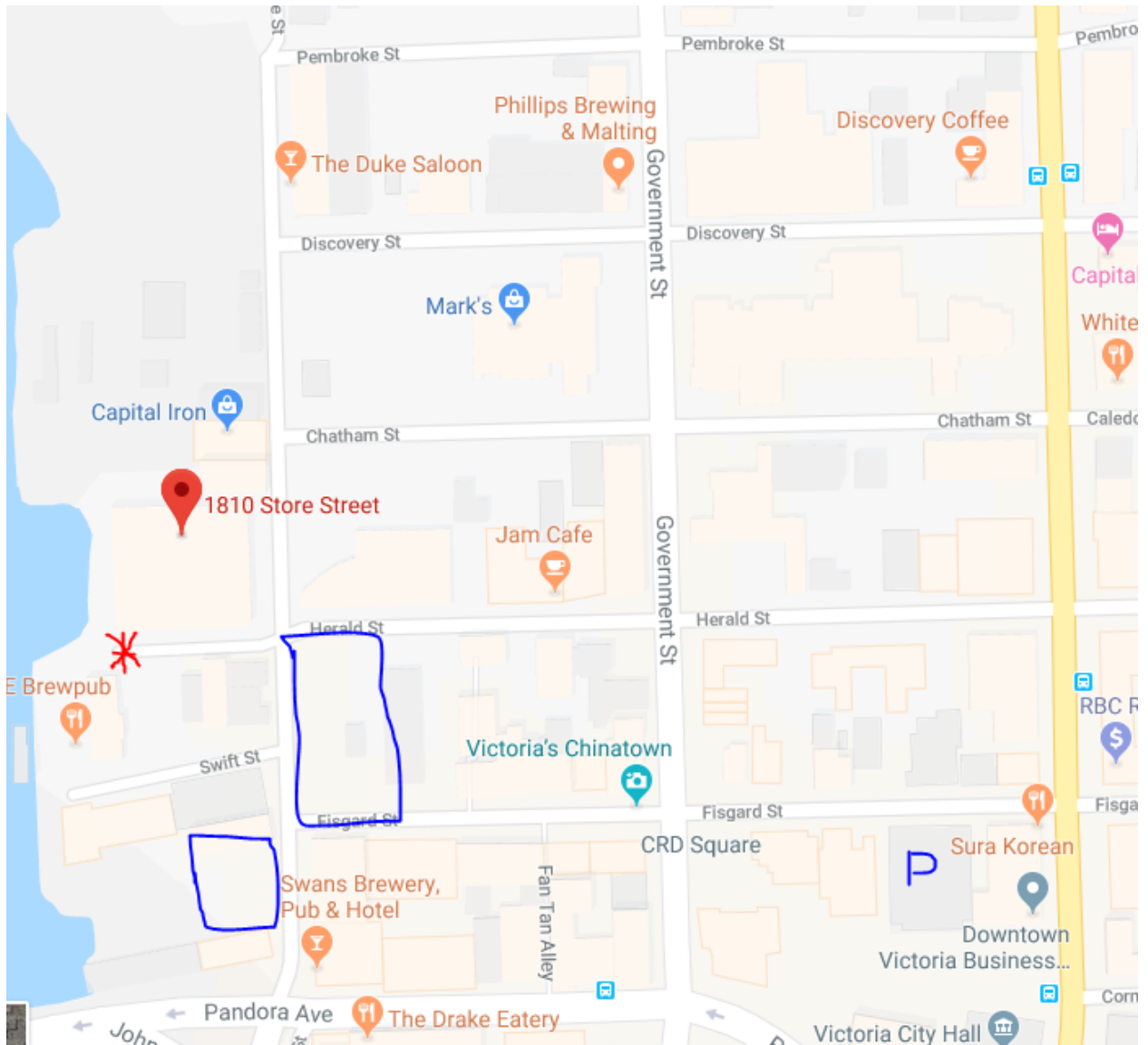
Parking

Due to new construction, parking in the area is limited. There is NO parking or access to the ORPC docks from the lower lot behind Capital Iron.

There is parking on side streets (metered, or 2-hour free parking on Discovery and Pembroke streets.)

There are paid lots at the corner of Store and Herald streets, beside the re-located Ocean River Sports on Store Street (across from Swan's Pub), and city of Victoria parkade on Fisgard (between Douglas and Government Streets).

See map on next page.



P = City of Victoria parkade – first hour free

Blue squares – Robbins pay parking lots

Red Asterisk – ORPC Dock Access

2 hour free parking on Discovery and Pembroke Streets

1 hour free parking on parts of Store Street and on Chatham street

Metered parking on other streets

City of Victoria paid parking lot accessed from Fisgard Street.

