

2026 ICF JUNIOR & U23 CANOE SPRINT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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EVENT OVERVIEW



ICF Junior & U23 Sprint Canoe World Championships

Dates: July 1-5, 2026

Location: Lake Banook, Dartmouth/Halifax

Hosted by: Canoe '26 Society – in partnership with the Atlantic Division Canoe Kayak Canada & Canoe Kayak Canada





WELCOME BACK TO LAKE BANOOK



Canoe '26, ADCKC, CKC, and the Host Organizing Committee are delighted to welcome you to the world-renowned Lake Banook in Dartmouth. With a rich history of national and international paddling events, we are thrilled to bring the world together for a week of sport, celebration and all that Halifax has to offer residents and visitors.

Maritime hospitality, canoeing tradition and a dedicated volunteer network ensure that while we operate at world-class standard, the spirit of our shared community remains front and center.



Internationally sanctioned Championship

2 training days, 5 competition days

~ 1100 participants & ~600 volunteers

~55-70 national federations

~16000 spectators (local, visiting, teams, and media)



SITE MAP



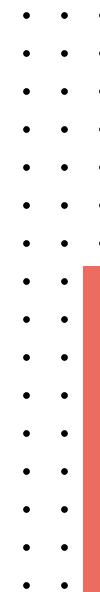
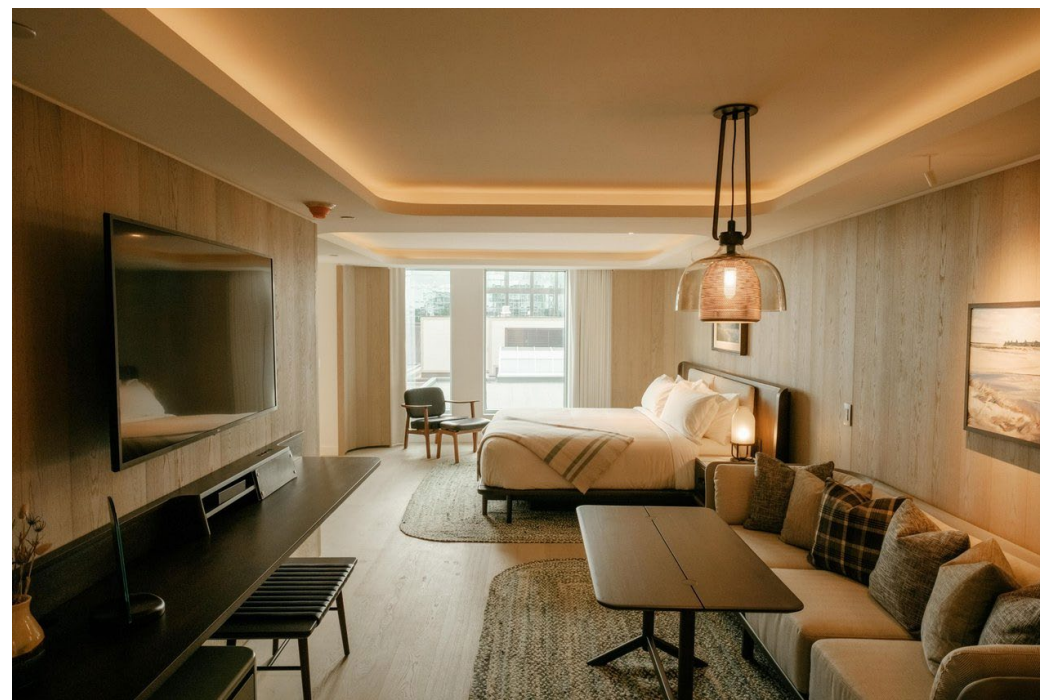


ECONOMIC IMPACT

Economic Impact (STEAM 2.0 Report)				
	Overall	Canada	NS	HRM
Expenditures	\$ 7,747,764			
Total Economic Activity	\$ 10,076,315		\$ 10,076,315	\$ 9,435,549
Wages & Salaries Support	\$ 3,379,686		\$ 3,379,686	\$ 2,982,430
Jobs Supported	68.4		68.4	62.1
Total Net Economic Activity (GDP)	\$ 6,956,011	\$ 6,956,011	\$ 5,177,113	\$ 4,453,671
Tax Revenue	\$ 3,112,558	\$ 1,415,628	\$ 1,513,631	\$ 183,299

ACCOMMODATIONS

Canoe '26 is projecting 12000-15000 room nights with an average multi-night stay of 6-9 nights from delegations, families, and spectators



TOURISM, MEDIA, & DESTINATION VISIBILITY



Canoe '26 will showcase Dartmouth and the Halifax waterfront through international broadcast and livestream distribution, highlighting Lake Banook as a rare urban, world-class paddling venue.

The event will elevate Halifax's profile as a waterfront city, sport tourism destination, and proven repeat host, while reinforcing a commitment to environmentally and socially responsible event delivery in partnership with ADCKC and CKC.





HISTORY OF HOSTING

Canoe '26 and ADCKC bring a proven major-event hosting record, including five World Championships (1989, 1997, 2001, 2009, 2022), fourteen National Championships, and three Pan American Championships.

ADCKC serves as a trusted municipal delivery partner, bridging operational gaps and mitigating risk through established local relationships.

CKC provides national-level coordination, advocacy, and alignment with the International Federation.

As Host Organizing Committee, Canoe '26 ensures the event remains the operational priority and integrates all stakeholders under a single delivery framework.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Canoe '26 has a projected balanced budget, supported by an appropriate contingency and informed by a proven history of cost-controlled major-event delivery. This approach ensures a high-quality participant and spectator experience that meets HRM and provincial standards.

As a distinct legal entity, Canoe '26 maintains clear financial and operational separation from ADCKC and CKC, while leveraging their expertise as delivery partners.

Municipal funding is strategically combined with provincial, federal, and international federation support to reduce overall event costs. As a historic hosting venue with established technical infrastructure, many capital and technical requirements are already in place, enhancing sustainability across this event and future hosting commitments.

Canoe '26 has confirmed funding from the Province of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Canoe Kayak Canada, ADCKC and our sport continue to benefit from the extensive financial support from the Federal Government through Sport Canada. While funding in the Canadian sport system is limited for all sports, we continue to work with the federal government to secure both operational and infrastructure legacy support. We are optimistic that funding will be confirmed soon.



CURRENT AND PAST 2-YEARS OF HRM FUNDING



As a newly incorporated organization (October 2025), Canoe '26 has not received any HRM funding within the previous two fiscal years.

While not the hosting organization for this event, ADCKC has previously received annual Property Tax Relief under HRM Administrative Order, classified as a recreation property. Relief totaled \$21,273 in 2025 and \$22,068 in 2024. Data for 2023 is not available, although relief amount is estimated to be similar to 2024 and 2025 as a percentage of property tax.

ADCKC received \$50000 in 2023 for hosting the National Championships under the MSLER Distinguished Events grant program.



COMMUNITY & LEGACY IMPACT



Canoe '26 will leave a lasting legacy of enhanced hosting capacity and community impact, including:

- Revitalization and expansion of the local volunteer base
- International exposure for Dartmouth and Halifax as a major event destination
- Youth sport inspiration, with more than 30 Nova Scotia athletes and coaches competing for Team Canada
- Knowledge transfer and operational continuity through shared hosting playbooks developed by Canoe '26, ADCKC, and CKC—establishing a cost-effective international hosting model and increasing long-term ROI for HRM and the Province of Nova Scotia through economic impact, tax revenue, and local and provincial expenditure
- Creation of a permanent event hosting brand in **Canoe Halifax**



THANK YOU

For any queries regarding Canoe '26, please contact:

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We look forward to your questions, feedback and the opportunity to proudly host the 2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

Thank you – we invite you to come down to The Lake in 2026!

