



# Welcome to the World of Dragon Boat Racing!

In 2010 the Texas Dragon Boat Association will host

## **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta**

in Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas  
on Saturday, October 16, 2010

### **U-18 Category**

Ages: 11-18 years old  
Gender: at least 8 paddling  
females & 8 paddling males per  
team

**New!**

### **U-14/Adult Mix Category**

Ages: 11-14, Adults 18+  
Gender: at least 8 paddling  
females & 8 paddling  
males per team  
No more than 10 adults on the  
boat

## ***Never heard of Dragon Boat Racing?***

It's like an elongated canoe with 20 paddlers and a drummer accompanied by a trained steersman. The vessel measures 41 feet in length and 4 feet in width featuring the head and tail of a dragon.

Dragon Boating is a traditional Chinese festival event dating back to 277 B.C., known for its color and excitement. It emphasizes synchronization, teamwork, and a combined effort of the entire team to race in three 250-meter heats. With a taste of Asian culture and other games to play between races, you can't miss this exhilarating competition.

It's easy – just a 1 hour practice and you're set to race!

It's an all-day family festival and it's helping our community realize a dream – to help youth and raise funds towards building a boathouse in downtown Houston and in Fort Bend County.

Past Youth Teams include: Alief YMCA, Beresford School, Boys & Girls Harbor, Chinese Youth Society, Clear Lake High School, Clements High School, Dulles High School, FACOST Youth, KIPP Academy, Las Americas, Lee High School, Partnership Walk Youth, San Jacinto Girl Scouts, St. John's Upper & Middle Schools

So, are you ready to join a dynamic team? Choose a category to race in and contact

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### **Sponsor Benefits**

**Sponsorship Amount: \$500 (by early registration deadline of July 31, 2010)\*  
\$600 (by registration deadline of September 15, 2010)\***

- Team entry for 25 team members
- One advance practice session (weather permitting)
- Name displayed as team sponsor on event program, event signage and link on our website at [www.texasdragonboat.com](http://www.texasdragonboat.com)
- Mention in Texas Dragon Boat Association press releases about the event
- Multiple announcements as a team sponsor on the day of the event
- Priority registration for next year's Houston Dragon Boat Festival or Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta

***Please note: In order to receive this discounted rate, all youth teams are required to provide one adult volunteer who will agree to be trained as a steersperson and/or coach - not just for this event but to help out in future youth-oriented dragon boat events.***



## Youth Team Sponsorship Acceptance

We, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to become a Team Sponsor for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta on October 16, 2010 (check applicable category of participation):

- U-18 Division - \$500 by July 31, 2010 (\$600 by September 15, 2010)
- U-14/Adult Mix Division - \$500 by July 31, 2010 (\$600 by September 15)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Level:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization web page:

Please return a signed copy with sponsorship check to:

**Texas Dragon Boat Association**  
**4723 Waring Street**  
**Houston, TX 77027**

Or fax to: **(713) 490-2226**

Checks should be made payable to: **Texas Dragon Boat Association.**  
**Tax ID Number: 45-0499627**

**\* Note the above deadlines to receive sponsor benefits.**

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