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Houston
DRAGON BOAT
Festival

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Keep your eyes out for the rest of the 2011 Dragon Boat Season!

8th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta
Saturday, October 22nd & Sunday, October 23rd
Brooks Lake @ Fluor in Sugar Land, Texas

For event sponsorship and team sponsorship information,
email director@texasdragonboat.com



Festival Schedule

8:30 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES Welcome by Texas Dragon Boat Association Executive Director: Eve Marie Ruhlman Pledge of Allegiance National Anthems of the P.R.C. and U.S. performed by: Summer Haiyan Song Remarks by Festival Honorary Co-Chairs: The Honorable James Rodriguez – <i>Houston City Council Member, District I</i> The Honorable Gao Yanping – <i>Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston</i> Special Remarks: Ms. Y. Ping Sun – <i>University Representative, Rice University</i> The Honorable Annise Parker – <i>Mayor, City of Houston</i> Dotting the Eyes / Awakening the Dragon Lion Dance Lee's Golden Dragon Lion Dance Association <i>Lee's Golden Dragon is located in Northwest Houston and has been performing since 1974! The Association is comprised of friends and relatives who simply enjoy the art of lion dancing and more importantly, lion dancing TOGETHER! www.lesgoldendragon.org</i>
9:00 AM	Races Begin: ROUND ONE
9:30 AM	Keiki Tropical Rhythms <i>Tropical Rhythms Keiki is a Hula dance group celebrating the traditions of Hawaiian Modern Hula ('Auana) as well as Tahitian dance. The group's director is Neni Navarrete of the Tropical Rhythms Performing Arts Company. Special mention for costumes and stage go to Rose Linsey and Mary Lynn Matthews. www.tropicalrhythms.multiply.com</i>
10:30 AM	Martial Art Fitness Academy <i>Kuk Sool is the most complete martial arts system in Sugar Land and Missouri City, emphasizing self-discipline, respect, and education first! Kuk Sool is not a sport nor is it simply another Asian self defense method. Kuk Sool is a complete martial arts system that is dedicated to the cultivation of mental and physical strength, well-being, and to the preservation of traditional Korean Martial Arts. www.martialartfitnessacademy.com</i>
11:30 AM	Amira's Oasis <i>"Amira's Oasis" is a student Belly Dance Troupe. They will perform a lively "zill" (finger cymbals) routine, followed with a solo performance by their instructor Amira-Tanya. For their finale, Amira and Amira's Oasis will lead the audience in a traditional Arabic circle dance, called "Dubke". This fun and lively Middle Eastern dance is for men, women and kids of all ages!</i>
12:00 PM	Races Begin: ROUND TWO*
2:30 PM	Races Begin: ROUND THREE*
4:30 PM	Races Begin: FINALS*
5:00 PM	CLOSING CEREMONIES*

It is not too late to be a part of the 8th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta on October 22nd & 23rd!

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Organized by the Texas Dragon Boat Association in collaboration with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

Summer Haiyan Song

Soprano Summer Haiyan Song received her Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Washington State University. She is the Founder/Artistic Director of Haiyan Opera and Music Theatre. Her career has included performances in the United States, China, England, Russia, and Singapore. Her operatic roles include Dorabella from *Così fan tutte*, Micaëla from *Carmen*, Adina from *L'Elisir d'Amore*, Lucy from *The Telephone*, and others. Even with her achievements in Western art music, Ms. Song still has great appreciation for her own Chinese heritage.

Thank You to our Celebrity Emcees!

Robert Arnold
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Rachel McNeill
KPRC Channel 2

Thomas Webb
Local Comedian



11th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival Survey

Your opinion is important to us. Please answer the following questionnaire so that we can make our next event even better. Tear this completed survey out and turn it into the INFORMATION tent to win one of our fabulous prizes such as Astros tickets, exercise equipment, or an event T-shirt!

Circle the answer that best fits you.

Age: 1-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71+

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Caucasian Asian Latino/Latina African-American Native-America Other

Income: \$0-\$25K \$26-50K \$51-100K \$101-200K \$200K+

How did you hear about this event? Email Website Friend/Family Other _____

I am interested in: Joining a Year-Round Team
 Volunteering for the Next Event
 Sponsorship Information for the Next Event

NAME _____ ZIP CODE _____

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TEXAS DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

(www.texasdragonboat.com)

TDBA is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit whose mission is to promote the tradition of dragon boating, increase awareness of Asian and Asian-American culture, and enhance cross-cultural understanding. TDBA organizes the Edgewater Dragon Boat Challenge in Webster each April, the Houston Dragon Boat Festival in downtown Houston each May and the Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta now in Sugar Land each October. TDBA incorporated in 2003 following the first two Festivals which were organized by the Houston Chinese American Lions Club. Since then, TDBA has acquired a fleet of 8 boats and is serving other festivals in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. TDBA collaborates with the Houston Heat club team; Pink Phurree, Houston's first year-round breast cancer survivor team; and Houston Blind Fury, a blind/visually impaired team affiliated with Lighthouse. This year, TDBA has piloted a youth program with Communities in Schools. TDBA is fundraising for two boathouses - one in the East End and one in Sugar Land - as home base for a year-round corporate/community teambuilding program, breast cancer survivor program, and youth education program. Please support TDBA's boathouse campaign with a donation of any amount.

Title sponsorship, boat naming, and boathouse naming opportunities are available.

Contact director@texasdragonboat.com

*Race times are approximate and subject to change depending on weather and team qualifications throughout the day.



THANK YOU!

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Welcome Letter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 11th annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival!

We are pleased to serve as this year's Festival Honorary Co-Chairs in presenting this significant Chinese and Asian cultural tradition. In China, the Dragon Boat Festival is an official national holiday that commemorates Qu Yuan, the great poet in Chinese history dating back 2,000 years ago, and is grandly celebrated by the Chinese people across the Taiwan Strait and in Hong Kong and Macao. Now, dragon boat events take place all over the world, and it is fitting that Houston, as a diverse, international city, has its own dragon boat tradition.

Dragon boating not only provides a unique teambuilding experience for the participants, but also an opportunity to enhance mutual understanding and friendly relations between China and the US. And all of us can enjoy the dramatic spectacle and the accompanying music, dance and martial arts performances. We hope you will be inspired to participate as a paddler, steersperson, planning volunteer, and supporter of the Texas Dragon Boat Association as it works to build two boathouses to facilitate a year-round teambuilding program, breast cancer survivor program, and youth education program.

Paddles up!



The Honorable James Rodriguez
Houston City Council Member, District I



The Honorable Gao Yanping
Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston

Special Thank You To:



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The Honorable James Rodriguez – Houston City Council Member, District I



James Rodriguez, a lifelong resident of Houston’s East End and graduate of Milby High School, was sworn in as a Houston City Council Member for District I on January 2, 2008. Before entering politics and public service, James worked for PaperCity, Houston’s leading style magazine. His very first job was as a batboy for the Houston Astros.

Today, James frequently meets with District I constituents and spends most evenings and weekends participating in community events across the District. Because of this tireless commitment, James is on a first name basis with the District’s civic leaders, business owners and clergy members. His current council member assignments include service on the following: M/WBE, Small Contractor Development and Contract Compliance – Chair, 2010 Census Complete Count Committee – Vice Chair, Neighborhood Protection & Quality of Life, Public Safety & Homeland Security, Budget & Fiscal Affairs, and other committees.

James has led the District I team since 2002 where he served as Chief of Staff to Houston’s Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member Carol Alvarado and established 24-hour constituent service and unmatched dedication to District I and the City of Houston as a whole. Together, they have worked to improve the air in the East End, shut down nuisance bars and cantinas, install cameras at problem rail crossings, and revitalize Houston’s now flourishing downtown.

James’ hard work and dedication have earned him recognition as an Outstanding Young Houstonian by Houston Jaycees in 2008 and a recipient of the Houston Community College Legacy Award.

The Honorable Gao Yanping – Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Houston



Consul General Gao was born in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. She graduated from the university with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982. She received her Master of Laws degree in 1985. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China upon graduation and served hereafter as Attaché, Third Secretary, Deputy Office Director, Office Director and Counselor.

She received her Doctorate of Laws degree in 1997 from Beijing University. She was assigned as Political Counselor in the Chinese Embassy to the US from early 2000 to late 2003. Then she worked in the Central Office of Foreign Affairs of China as Deputy Director-General and as Director-General from 2004 to September 2009. She took office as the Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Houston on September 17, 2009.

Y. Ping Sun – University Representative, Rice University; Counsel, YetterColeman LLP



Y. Ping Sun came to Rice University in 2004 with her husband David W. Leebron, Rice’s seventh president. A native of Shanghai, China, Ping attended school in Beijing and was offered a full scholarship to Princeton University, where she graduated cum laude with an AB degree in 1985 from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She received a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1988, where she served as an editor of the Journal of Transnational Law. Ping practiced law in the New York offices of White & Case LLP from 1988-1992 and Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP from 1993-2004, where her practice focused on corporate and international transactions.

Ping serves Rice as a University Representative in numerous roles on campus and in the Houston community. She is of counsel at the firm of YetterColeman LLP. Ping is a trustee of the Texas Children’s Hospital, a board member of the Asia Society, Texas Center, Teach For America (Houston Regional Board), St. John’s School and United Way. Ping also serves

on the Advisory Board of Asian Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Community Center, Houston Greeter and Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners. Ping also serves on the Mayor’s International Trade and Development Council, Asia/Australia. Ping is also a member of the Advisory Board at the Shepherd School of Music and the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University and an Honorary Chair of the Baker Institute Roundtable at Rice University.

Ping has been recognized by various organizations for her contributions to our community. She was honored along with her husband by Teach For America for their efforts to improve the educational opportunities for many students in low income schools. Recently, Ping was named one of the Women on the Move by Texas Executive Women. She was also named one of the 50 most influential women in 2010 by Houston Women’s Magazine. Ping is the 2011 recipient of the Asian American Leadership from Asia Society Texas Center.

The Honorable Annise Parker – Mayor, City of Houston



Mayor Annise Parker is a second generation native Houstonian. She attended Rice University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In the private sector, Ms. Parker spent 20 years working in the oil and gas industry, including 18 years with Mosbacher Energy Company. She also co-owned a retail bookstore for 10 years.

Mayor Parker was sworn in to her first term as mayor of Houston on January 4, 2010. She is Houston’s 61st Mayor and one of only two women to hold the City’s highest elected office. As the City’s chief executive officer, she is responsible for all aspects of the general management of the City and for enforcement of all laws and ordinances.

Mayor Parker has spent 13 years in service to the people of Houston, first as a City Council member and six years as City Controller. She is the only person in Houston history to hold the offices of council member, controller and mayor.



ANNUAL GULF COAST INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT REGATTA






More Dragon Boat Fun Coming this Fall!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
BROOKS LAKE @ FLUOR IN SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

FOR EVENT SPONSORSHIP AND TEAM SPONSORSHIP
INFORMATION, EMAIL DIRECTOR@TEXASDRAGONBOAT.COM

CHECK WWW.TEXASDRAGONBOAT.COM FOR MORE DETAILS!

MEET OUR COMMUNITY TEAMS

	<p>RICE UNIVERSITY This team represents the graduate student body at Rice University. We are a collection of lazy vagrants who waste time, intelligence, and taxpayers' money in order to prolong our entry into the real world, drink beer, and solve the most difficult questions in the sciences and humanities. The team is sponsored by the Rice University Graduate Association (GSA), the Graduate Alumni Committee (GAC), and the Student Activities President's Programming Fund (SAPP).</p>
	<p>TAIWANESE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TJCC) The Taiwanese Junior Chamber of Commerce's mission is to provide a networking opportunity with new generations of Taiwanese Americans to foster positive professional and entrepreneurial spirit and to create business opportunities. There is also a strong focus on personal development, philanthropy, and the spreading of Taiwanese culture and awareness.</p>
	<p>TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Team Trinity is a group of parishioners from Trinity Episcopal Church in Midtown Houston. Trinity Church's mission is "Making God's presence real by sharing Christ's life-changing Love." Team Trinity does not walk on water but Jesus did and He is our biggest fan.</p>
	<p>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN The University of Houston - Downtown team is made up of students and staff members from the university. We're excited to welcome the rest of the teams, and all of the spectators, to Allen's Landing... the front yard of UHD. If you have any questions about the university, feel free to ask any of us throughout the day. We will be glad to speak with you about the growth and positive changes that are taking place at the University of Houston - Downtown. GO GATORS!</p>
	<p>UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS The Spirit of St. Thomas will be manned by University of St. Thomas students representing the Council of Clubs. This organization is the parent group to nearly 40 campus organizations. The students are proud to be a part of the Inaugural College Cup. Go Celts!</p>



MEET OUR CORPORATE TEAMS

	<p>AMEGY BANK OF TEXAS The energy of Amegy Bank is back in full force as Team A-Bank prepares for their 2nd year as a corporate sponsor and team for this year's race. With one win under their belt along with seven returning teammates and 15 new teammates, Team A-Bank's paddles are up and ready to row to victory! From all over the Greater Houston Area, Amegy employees have come together as a winning team by holding a couple of Amegy's hometown bank values in their hearts, and in their paddles: 1) Know that everyone counts, and 2) Get results!</p>
	<p>AMERICAN EXPRESS The American Express Dragon Boat team is comprised of enthusiastic paddlers representing more than 500 Houston-based employees, and we are thrilled to participate in the 2011 Dragon Boat event. The Team looks forward to cultivating new relationships while engaging in a unique team building experience and contributing to our local community. Paddle Together and fast! Go Centurions!</p>
	<p>BP BP strives to build a workforce that looks and feels like part of the societies and communities in which it operates. And at BP, people succeed based on their skills and capabilities.</p>
	<p>CONOCOPHILLIPS The Upstreamers are a fierce team consisting of experienced and recreational paddlers from the Houston based, ConocoPhillips and Exmar Offshore companies. The combined team has been paddling together for over 7 years at the Houston Dragon Boat Festival, claiming medals and beating out competitors for the Energy Cup. The Upstreamers look forward to bringing home the Energy Cup title!</p>
	<p>EAGLEBURGMANN EagleBurgmann and the Transportation Administration have joined forces and are proud sponsors of the 11th Annual Houston Dragon Boat Festival. The TSA team are your neighbors, friends and relatives. We are 50,000 security officers, inspectors, directors, air marshals and managers who protect the nation's transportation systems so you and your family can travel safely. Together with EagleBurgmann's 5000 mechanical sealing experts and our combined indomitable "can-do" spirit, we are making our community a better place. Join our voice at www.EBNow.com.</p>
	<p>FOSTERQUAN The FosterQuan, LLP's Dragon Boat Team is well equipped to navigate the treacherous bayou and to provide comprehensive immigration solutions. Specializing in inbound and outbound employment immigration, family-based immigration and naturalization, deportation and removal defense, immigration-related litigation, and I-9 audits, FosterQuan assists individuals and companies to expertly navigate the waters of immigration law. At FosterQuan, we have a winning spirit and a winning team. Paddles up!</p>
	<p>HEB</p>
	<p>HOUSTON ASTROS The Houston Astros are YOUR home baseball team! The Ast-Rows dragon boat team is a true representation of the baseball club and includes employees from all departments throughout the organization. 2011 will be the club's THIRD year participating in the Dragon Boat Festival.</p>
	<p>IMAGINATION CAMPUS Imagination Campus is a state-of-the art early childhood development center, preschool, and enrichment facility with a strong emphasis on imaginative play and high quality instruction. With full-day programs for infants - PreK4 Imagination Campus offers daily Science, Art, Spanish, Mandarin and Music to all students in all classes and age groups. For a truly intelligence-raising experience, visit us in person or on the web at www.imaginationcampusonline.com. When it's time for "paddles up", root for the brightest bulb in the box... Team IC!</p>

MEET OUR CORPORATE TEAMS



KPMG

The KPMG Accounting Warriors are a force to be reckoned with. We are tougher than our name sounds. We are fierce with the abacus and our bean-counting skills are unmatched. We endure carpal tunnel in our wrists from the 10-key machine and look forward to adding new elbow injuries from paddling as well as splinters in our hands. This is our fourth voyage into the pristine waters of Buffalo Bayou.



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PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

Team PwC demonstrates its cultural diversity through their actions. Inclusiveness and a global business mind set is strongly supported at PwC. We consistently represent strong leadership, perseverance, and effective communication. Building relationships and working together, we support the community and the promotion of a healthy and active lifestyle. With all our cultures combined, we are Team PwC!



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STATE FARM

"The Rowing Good Neighbors" a spirited competitive team dedicated to helping others manage the waves and risks of every day, recover from the unexpected and realize their dreams. This is our third year of competition, our hands are calloused, our paddles are synchronized and we are poised to win the race.



WOOD GROUP

Wood Group is a leading independent services provider for the oil & gas and power generation markets. Worldwide we provide services in engineering, procurement and construction management, facility operations & maintenance, repair & overhaul of turbines and other high-speed rotating equipment, as well as provision and field service of pumps, wellheads and valves.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY TEAMS

All Hands Abreast



ALL HANDS ABREAST (sponsored by United Space Alliance)

We are a CRAZY, CARING, COMPETITIVE new Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Team and our team members are a combination of SURVIVOR WARRIORS and AMAZING CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS. We race to inspire others that through laughter and tears, we are strong, we are courageous, and we will endure! WE ARE SURVIVORS, HEAR US ROAR!!



CANCER SLAYERS

The Cancer Slayers team are Friends of MD Anderson Cancer Center. The team consists of MD Anderson employees, employee spouses and friends. Our mission is to "slay" the troubles associated with cancer and the difficulties it means for the loved ones of someone diagnosed with this disease.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY TEAMS



CENTER FOR CELL & GENE THERAPY

The Center for Cell and Gene Therapy (CAGT) was established in 1998 by Baylor College of Medicine, the Methodist Hospital, and Texas Children's Hospital. The CAGT conducts basic science research and performs numerous clinical trials exploring immunotherapeutic approaches for the treatment of both viral infections and cancer. The center provides a state of the art infrastructure to rapidly translate novel cell and gene therapy protocols from the laboratory to the clinic to facilitate the development of new treatment options for otherwise untreatable diseases.



CHUM SCUBA CLUB

City of Houston Underwater Mariners, better known as CHUM, is Houston's most fun and most active scuba diving club. Members range everywhere from seasoned professionals to newly certified divers (there are even some non-divers hanging around). In addition to local diving and dive trips, CHUM has quite a few non-diving and social activities every month. Find out more about CHUM and where they Aarrrrr going to be by visiting them on the web at www.chumclub.org



ENERGY BAR (sponsored by ExxonMobil)

Energy Bar is one of the newest teams from Houston that is a combination of different communities and different people but they all have one thing in common. They are full of energy and good spirits and have all come together to celebrate the art of dragon boating and to win the gold!

GREEN DOT DRAGONS (sponsored by Deloitte)

The Green Dot Dragons are comprised of Deloitte professionals, family, friends, and alumni that love the spirit and competitiveness of dragon boat racing. Members of the Green Dot Dragons have a variety of backgrounds and unique abilities that when brought together form a completely unified team. The Green Dot Dragons are sponsored by Deloitte's Asian Business Resource Group (ABRG) and Chinese Service Group (CSG).



HOUSTON HEAT

Houston Heat [www.houstonheat.org] is this city's first ever year-round dragon boat club, comprised of competitive and recreational paddlers who train to compete in local, national, and international events. HH's first race lineup will feature one empty seat to pay tribute to their beloved teammate, Honorable Judge Herbert Gee, who passed away in March after a long illness. Mr. Gee was a sitting city municipal court judge and was also recently honored by the City of Houston in having the courthouse renamed Herbert W. Gee Municipal Courts. Mr. Gee's enormous passion for dragon boating and his many acts of kindness and generosity will always be remembered by his teammates as they dedicate their 2011 dragon boat racing season to his memory.



HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Houston Police Team is comprised of male and female officers from throughout the department. Our main sponsor is Mambo Restaurants and a number of individual sponsors from the Asian community.



KOREAN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HOUSTON (KASH)

The Korean American Society of Houston is a 501(c) Non Profit organization committed to fostering leadership, professional networking and supporting the Korean-American community. We are able to paddle again for the fourth year in a row with support from our generous sponsors: Champion Energy - ranked "Highest in Residential Customer Satisfaction with Retail Electric Service" by J.D. Power and Associates, and HMC Instrument and Machine Works - Houston based provider of machined parts for the Oil & Gas, Aerospace, and Medical industry.



LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

Blind Fury has been competing since 2006, but they see dragon boat racing as more than just a competition. Blind Fury is here to help break the social and physical barriers associated with visual impairment, and to show the world that any goal in life is achievable with hard work! PADDLES UP!



PINK PHURREE

Pink Phurree is Texas' first and only all breast cancer survivor team. Our goal is to encourage the survivor to embrace life, mentally, spiritually, physically and emotionally. Paddling together bonds us, as a group.