ABOUT THE TEXAS DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

The Texas Dragon Boat Association is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit corporation. Our mission is “To promote the tradition of dragon boating, increase awareness of Asian and Asian-American culture, and enhance cross-cultural understanding.”
WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DRAGON BOATING

Dragon boat racing is the world’s fastest growing water sport. It combines tradition with modern day teamwork, enthusiasm, and strategy.

HOW DO YOU DRAGON BOAT?
We provide traditional Hong Kong style BuK Dragon Boats for our event. These boats measure 40 feet in length, 4 feet in width, and carry 20 paddlers, 1 drummer, and 1 steersperson. On average, these boats weigh 500 pounds. Teams will race down course ranging from 250m – 2000m on the day of the Regatta. Teams are provided with practice sessions prior to race day.

No prior experience is necessary to race dragon boats! The important thing to have is a competitive spirit and the ability to work together as a team. Synchronicity is more important than strength.
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WHY SHOULD YOU SPONSOR?

Dragon boat racing offers organizations a special opportunity to capitalize on:

ORGANIZATION TEAMBUILDING
An advance practice session and multiple races on event day boost team morale and create a high-performing team (20 paddlers, 1 drummer, and 4 alternates). Teamwork is the key. All equipment is provided, and coaches provide training and serve as the steerspersons.

MARKETING
The Festival and Regatta represent landmark annual Asian festivals in Houston.

COMMUNITY VISIBILITY
Past Festivals and Regattas have received wide media coverage, including print, radio, and television. Sponsors will be recognized on t-shirts, in announcements during the events, on the website and web links, and through other channels.

DIVERSITY
The Festival and Regatta are two of the largest multicultural gatherings in Houston (Harris County) and Sugar Land (Fort Bend County). Three thousand to five thousand people per day are expected.
ESTIMATED PARTICIPATION & ATTENDANCE DEMOGRAPHICS:

**ETHNIC COMPOSITION**
- 39% Caucasian
- 32% Asian
- 16% Latino
- 4% African American
- 9% Other

**AGE COMPOSITION**
- 42% 20-30 years of age
- 12% 46 years of age or older
- 8% 19 years of age or younger
- 38% 31-45 years of age
WHO IS THE TEXAS DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION?

Eight teams participated in the first Houston Dragon Boat Festival on Buffalo Bayou in downtown Houston in 2001. Held each May, the Festival has expanded to include over 30 teams, numerous arts & crafts and food vendors, day-long Asian cultural performances, and 5,000 attendees.

In 2004, TDBA inaugurated a second, two-day event, the Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta at Clear Lake Park, and now in Sugar Land, TX, held each October.

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SPONSOR BENEFITS

$700

($600 by Early Registration*)

• 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
• 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

Title and event sponsorship opportunities and boat naming opportunities are available
Sponsorships are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given for sponsors from the prior dragon boat season.

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME**

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**TEAM NAME, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE**

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**COMPANY/ORGANIZATION WEBSITE ADDRESS**

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**TEAM CAPTAIN INFORMATION**

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**NAME**

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**WORK PHONE NUMBER**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS**

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

**MAIL SIGNED FORM AND CHECK TO:** Texas Dragon Boat Association
P.O. Box 980972
Houston, Texas 77098

**SCANNED FORMS:**
director@texasdragonboat.com
**FAX:** (713) 490-2226

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Visiting Team Sponsorship Acceptance Form

We, ____________________________________________, agree to become a Team Sponsor for:

☐ HOUSTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL May 2, 2020
   EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2020 | REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 16, 2020

☐ CLEBURNE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL August 1-2, 2020
   EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 19, 2020 | REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2020

☐ GULF COAST INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT REGATTA October 10-11, 2020
   EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 7, 2020 | REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

☐ SAN ANTONIO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL November 7, 2020
   EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 7, 2020 | REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 17, 2020

Deadlines to receive sponsorship benefits: $600 per Event (Early Registration)
                                           $700 per Event (Regular Registration)

Please select the option you would like to provide for your team at the event site:

☐ We will bring our own tent. (PLEASE PROVIDE TENT SIZE: _____________)
☐ We would like to rent a tent at the cost of $150

SPONSORSHIP ACCEPTANCE

__________________________________________    _____________________________
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE                        DATE

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PRINTED NAME                                 TITLE

COMPANY INFORMATION

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COMPANY NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

_________________________________________    _____________________________    _____________________________
CITY                                            STATE                                      ZIP CODE

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