



42nd Lotus Festival Dragon Boat Races



Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16, 2023
Echo Park Lake, 751 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026
Official Festival Hours -- 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM / 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dragon Boat Race Hours -- 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM

You are invited to participate at the 2023 Lotus Festival to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, at Echo Park Lake. The Dragon Boat Races hours are 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM. The 2023 Lotus Festival was a tremendous success; an estimated 125,000 people attended along with the superb coverage from local television stations, social media, and print media.

The purpose of the Lotus Festival is to showcase the people and cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year's host country is Indonesia.

We are excited to host the Dragon Boat Races, as it has been a part of the Lotus Festival tradition since their introduction in 1975 during the 3rd Lotus Festival. We encourage everyone to participate from local community groups, corporate and small businesses, colleagues and long-time college friends. Just arrange an eight-member team and apply.

We appreciate your participation in the Dragon Boat Races. Enclosed please find competition information and an application. **All applications, along with payment, must be postmarked by Friday, June 2, 2023.**

I hope you will join us in commemorating our 2023 Lotus Festival. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at the information below or at lotus.festival@lacity.org.

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:

Los Angeles LOTUS FESTIVAL, Inc. – Dragon Boat Races
2001 W. Beverly Blvd, Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90057

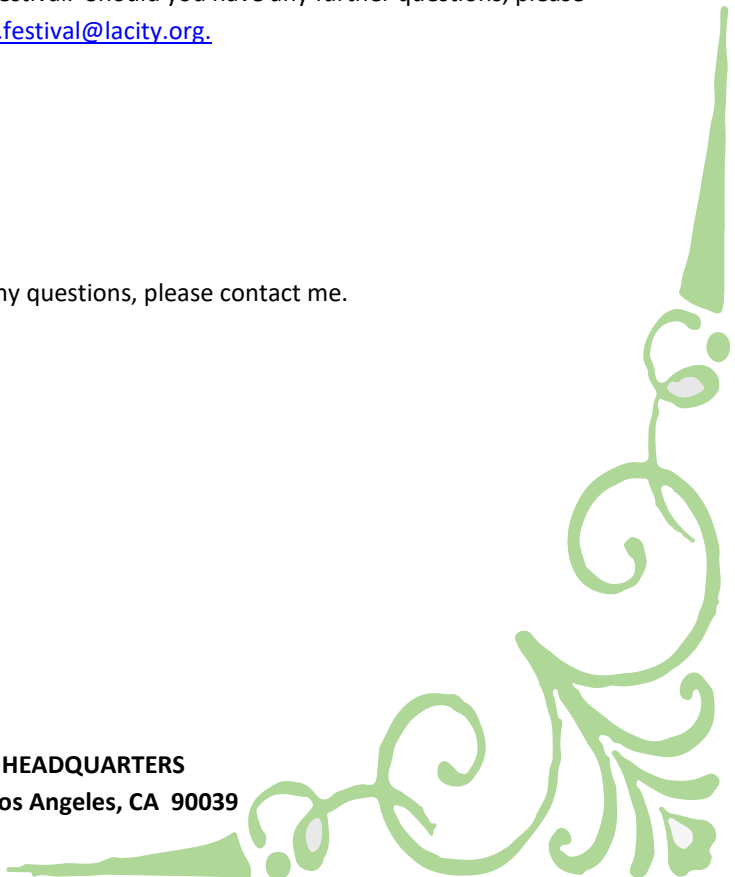
We look forward to seeing you at the event! If you have any questions, please contact me.

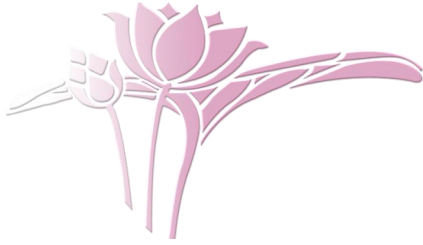
Sincerely,

Steven Lee, Dragon Boat Race Chairperson
Los Angeles LOTUS FESTIVAL, Inc., Secretary
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**42nd Lotus Festival
Dragon Boat Races
APPLICATION FORM**

GROUP / ORGANIZATION:					
CONTACT PERSON / CAPTAIN:					
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:					
DAYTIME PHONE:		EVENING PHONE:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:					
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE LOTUS FESTIVAL?					
TEAM NAME:					
TEAM MEMBERS (8 Total Members / 4 Female Members Minimum)		1	2	3	4
		5	6	7	8
RACE CATEGORY Make Check or Money Order Payable to: LOTUS FESTIVAL, Inc.		Media \$250		Corporate Sponsor / City / Government Agency \$250	
		Elected Official \$250		Community / College / University \$125	

1st Choice	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	11:30 AM (Sat. Only)	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
		12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
2nd Choice	Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	11:30 AM (Sat. Only)	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
	Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
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We would like to race against team:	
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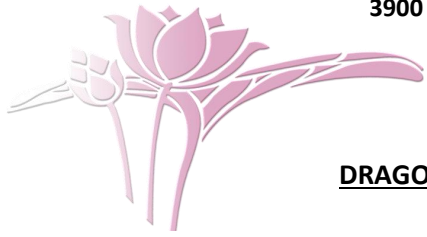
Yes! We want to practice on Saturday, June 24	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	9:40 AM	10:00 AM
	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	11:20 AM
	11:40 AM	12:00 PM		
No! We don't need to practice				

I have completed the application and read the Dragon Boat Race rules and regulations and agree to the conditions stated within. I understand that this commitment is not final until my application is accepted by the 2023 Lotus Festival.

Print Name

Applicant Signature

Date



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DRAGON BOAT RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Dragon Boat Races will consist of two Dragon Boats – the Red Dragon and the Black Dragon.

1. Each Dragon has eight (8) members with a four (4) female member minimum
 - Leading each team at the front of the boat will be the **Drummer**
 - The drummer is the “heart beat” and sets the tempo for the paddlers
 - Powering the boat will be six (6) members known as the **Paddlers**
 - The goal for each paddler is to stay in synchronization with the paddler in front of them
 - The final member located at the back of the boat is known as the **Steersman**
 - The steersman steers the boat with a sweep oar
2. Each crew member must wear rubber-soled shoes (which you supply) and a life jacket (supplied by the Department of Recreation & Parks)
3. Each team captain must check-in thirty (30) minutes prior to the team’s race start time at the Dragon Boat Race Booth
4. The race course is approximately the length of the lake and back, which begins at the dock by the main stage and is marked with buoys (see course map below)
5. No motors, professional oarsmen or electronic gadget assistance will be permitted
6. No standing or jumping in and out of the boat will be permitted
7. No foul language or alcoholic beverages will be permitted
8. All applications must be postmarked by **Friday, June 2, 2023**

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9. Teams that leave equipment understand the Lotus Festival, City of Los Angeles, and/or staff, and Los Angeles Lotus Festival, Inc. are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles
10. Have fun! Safety first, please.
11. Winners are determined by the category and time
12. In case of a dispute, decisions are made by Los Angeles Lotus Festival, Inc. and will be final

Trophies will be awarded to teams who have paid in full in the following categories:

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| • Media | * Elected Officials |
| • Corporate Sponsor | * Governmental Agencies |
| • City Family Category | * Community |
| • Best Overall | * Turtle Team – slowest overall race time |
| • Snappiest Dressers | * Don’t Know What We’re Here For Team |

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