

The 2018 Washington, DC, Dragon Boat Festival will kick off on May 19th and May 20th at the Thompson Boat Center (2900 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington DC 20037) by the Kennedy Center.

The ancient Asian sport of dragon boat racing has become a tradition in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area over the past decade. The Washington DC Dragon Boat Festival is now celebrating its 17th year and is one of the largest annual events in the national capital region. This year's festival will be held on May 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and May 20th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Drawing some 40 teams to race along the beautiful and scenic Potomac River every year, the Washington, DC, Dragon Boat Festival also attracts many spectators cheering on their favorite teams or enjoying the cultural exhibitions and craft demonstrations.

On May 19th, the festival activities include opening ceremony, cultural performances, ribbon cutting ceremony, eye-dotting ceremony, 250-meter racing, dough figurines, sugar painting, and more arts and crafts. On May 20th, the festival activities will include arts and craft but focus on 500-meter racing and award ceremony.

The Festival's chief organizer, Taiwan-U.S. Cultural Association (TUSCA) has made tremendous efforts to bring together dynamic teams and groups to participate in this fun event and showcase the diversity of the metropolitan DC area. TUSCA invites all visitors from near and far to experience this unique cultural event that highlights the rich tapestry of Taiwanese culture. For more racing and festival information, please log on to <http://dcdragonboatfestival.com/>.

Come join us for all the fun and excitement, while immersing yourself in unique Asian culture!

2018 年第十七屆華府龍舟賽將於五月 19 與五月 20 在華盛頓特區甘迺迪藝術中心前的波多馬克河畔正式開賽

過去十多年來，古老的華文文化-龍舟賽已經成為華府地區的新傳統之一。今年舉辦第十七屆之華府龍舟賽也是華府地區大型年度活動之一。這次華府龍舟賽活動時間為五月 19 日 從早上八點半至下午五點半 和五月 20 日 早上九點至下午兩點半。

華府龍舟賽平均每年吸引 40 多隊伍報名參賽以及眾多民眾前來觀看加油，透過這龍舟運動競賽，現場還有多項藝文攤位，如捏麵人，畫糖人，書法，等，呈現台灣多元文化的活潑面向。

於五月 19 日的活動包含了開幕典禮，剪綵，畫龍點睛，250 米的龍舟競賽，畫糖人，捏麵人，以及其他文化藝術活動。於五月 20 日，文藝活動如上，另有 500 米的龍舟競賽，與閉幕式和頒獎典禮。

龍舟賽的主辦單位為大華府台美文化協會 (TUSCA) 投入了許多心力，結合不同意識形態的各個僑團，也帶入了各種不同背景的隊伍，讓僑團融合團結一起延續這傳統文化活動之外，更呈現了大華府地區多元性。大華府台美文化協會邀請華府當地居民和來自各方的觀光客來體驗豐富的台灣文化活動。如欲瞭解更多龍舟賽賽事行程與活動內容，請至 <http://dcdragonboatfestival.com/>