

**2018 HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

5:30 AM	PARKING OPENS
6:00 AM	VENUE OPENS
6:20 AM	MANDATORY TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING at base of Tower to be followed by STEERERS MEETING
6:00 AM	REGISTRAR OPENS FOR TEAM CHECK IN
6:30 AM	OFF-SITE PARKING AND SHUTTLES OPEN
6:55 AM	STEERERS MEETING
7:00 AM	BLESSING OF THE BOATS BY BUDDHIST MONKS
7:05 AM	MARSHALLING OPENS FOR HEAT 1
7:15 AM	NATIONAL ANTHEM
7:30 AM	DRAGON BOAT RACES BEGIN
11:26 AM	500 METER RACES FOR OPEN DIVISION TEAMS
12:00 PM (APPROX)	OPENING CEREMONIES
	12:00-12:04 PM FIRECRACKERS
	12:04-12:10 LION DANCE
	12:10-12:12 GENE HANRATTY INTRODUCES Joanne Chu, Director, HKETO

12:12-12:17 REMARKS FROM JOANNE CHU

**12:17-12:18 GENE HANRATTY INTRODUCES
MR. JOHN LUSH, COO, SAFE HARBOR
DEVELOPMENT**

12:18-12:21 REMARKS FROM JERRY LIU

**12:21-12:25 REMARKS FROM GILBERTO
BUITRAGO, MANAGER OF CONSOLIDATED SALES
FOR DELTA AIRLINES**

12:25-12:35 EYE DOTTING CEREMONY

**JOANNE CHU WILL DOT EYE WITH JOHN LUSH
AND THEN WITH MS. SHANDRY LAW
(SHANDRY LAW JUST PURCHASED A NEW
DRAGON BOAT FOR THE FESTIVAL)**

**12:36-12:40 PRESENTATION OF THE *2018 ASIAN
AMERICAN SPIRIT AWARD* TO THE DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL BY LI WONG, PUBLISHER, GEORGIA
ASIAN TIMES**

**Accepting the award on behalf of the Hong Kong
Dragon Boat Festival is Gene Hanratty**

12:40 ENTERTAINMENT

**12:40 PM Dancers are representing, Lao Asian Community
Services of GA (LACS) -This dance is to cheer on the teams on boat race
day and to bring community together for a fun time of dancing and
celebration for Dragon boat festival.**

12:45 PM Moksha is a multicultural professional dance company
based in Atlanta. It was founded by Prama Ray to bring Indian Fusion,
Tribal/folk and Bollywood to mainstream American audiences. Moksha
presents Bollywood, a dance style created by the Bollywood film
industry based in Mumbai, India. Popularized in the western world by
films like Slumdog Millionaire, this style is getting more recognition and

gaining popularity. Bollywood dance is characterized by its larger than life, fun and energetic moves and colorful costumes. Enjoy!

12:50 PM Ribbon Dance- The ribbon dance originates from the Tang Dynasty. Ribbons were used during celebrations to bring in the New Year as well as a good harvest. Ribbons were also seen during celebrations.

Sling-Head Dance- The sling head is used many years ago as a hunting tool and weapon. But now, the sling-head is often seen during shows and kung-fu demonstrations. (Back up dance if it's too windy for the Ribbon Dance)

12:55 PM Arya Dance Academy Bollywood- Arya International is a charitable dance and entertainment organization, dedicated to teaching South Asian dance techniques, music, singing, and acting to students of all ages. Our goal is to encourage our current and future generations of South Asians to learn, respect, and admire our rich culture in the performance arts.

1:00 PM Silk Fan Dance- The silk fan dance is a new design. The edges are longer than what are commonly found and the vibrant colors are sure to attract everyone's attention.

1:05pm OMNI International School- OMNI International School is a language immersion school for students from two years old through 6th grade. Our students are learning Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish in a full immersion environment with native teachers. Students will be singing and performing three exciting up tempo favorites.

1:10 PM Souliya Natasinh and the LAS Adult Dance Program will be performing back to back 2 Laotian performances.

- 1. Souliya Natasinh, a Laotian dance group representing Team Wat Lao Buddha Sattha Dhamma** are performing their variation of Dance of the Bamboo Windpipe (Fon See-Ang-Can)
- 2. The LAS Adult Dance Program**, whose mission is to preserve Lao culture through dance, health, and fitness, will be performing their take on Savanh Muang Lao (Heavenly Laos).

1:20	RAFFLE DRAWING
1:25 (APPROX)	FINALS BEGIN
3:40 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY
4:15 PM	2000 METER RACE
4:45 PM	2000 METER AWARD CEREMONY