

Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival In New York - Team Trials and Festival Weekend

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- 2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York Announces Team Time Trials & Media Interview Weekend Athletes, Teams and Festival Leaders to Gather at Flushing Meadows Corona Park!

The Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York (HKDBF-NY) will host its official 2026 Team Time Trials and Media Interview Weekend on Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Flushing Meadows Corona Park – Meadow Lake in Queens.

The Team Time Trials will provide an exciting preview of the competitive action that will take place during the 2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 8–9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine.



The poster for the 2026 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in New York features a vibrant image of dragon boat racers at the top. Below the image, the dates "8.8 & 8.9.2026 • Sat & Sun • 9-5" are prominently displayed in green. A blue banner with white text reads "2026 HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK". Below this, a red banner with white text says "2026 紐約 香港龍舟節". A yellow starburst graphic on the right contains the text "Rain or Shine! Free Admission" and "不論晴天或雨天 比賽如期舉行 免費入場". The location "Meadow Lake, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens, NY" is listed. A paragraph describes the event: "Featuring Exciting Championship Dragon Boat Racing, PLUS Opening Parade, Dragon Dance, Food, Arts & Crafts, Cultural Programs & Performances." The website "www.hkdbf-nv.org" is provided. The dates "日期：2026年8月8日(星期六)及9日(星期日)" and time "時間：上午9時至下午5時" are listed, along with the location "地點：皇后區法拉盛可樂娜公園". A QR code is also present. The bottom of the poster features logos for sponsors including the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, HSBC, Bank of China, Flushing Meadows Race, and various local businesses like Hard Rock and PDX.

MEDIA & TEAM TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE: Flushing Meadows Corona Park – Meadow Lake

Saturday, August 1, 2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Flushing Meadows Corona Park – Meadow Lake

Members of the media are invited to attend the time trials, capture race-day footage and photographs, interview participating athletes and teams, and speak with festival organizers and community leaders about this year's celebration.

The weekend will provide media with an opportunity to experience the intensity, teamwork and athleticism of dragon boat racing ahead of the festival's championship competitions.

MEDIA INVITATION: TIME TRAILS SCHEDULE

Members of the media are invited to attend the 2026 Team Time Trials and Media Interview Weekend to preview the upcoming festival, meet participating dragon boat teams and athletes, capture action footage and conduct interviews with festival organizers, sponsors, community leaders and participants.

Media representatives interested in interviews, advance coverage or festival credentials are encouraged to attend during the scheduled media windows.

MEDIA RSVP: <https://forms.gle/fjxUd8LZ6YduvCdL8>

HKDBF 2026: YEAR OF THE FIRE HORSE

The 2026 festival celebrates the Year of the Fire Horse, symbolizing energy, passion, courage and bold transformation—a fitting theme for a festival that brings together athletes, families, businesses, community organizations and cultural leaders from across New York City and beyond. As one of the largest and oldest dragon boat festivals in the United States, HKDBF-NY continues to draw thousands of spectators, athletes, families and media outlets to Queens for a weekend celebrating sport, culture, heritage and community.

A WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONSHIP RACING

Following the Team Time Trials, the excitement continues during the festival on August 8–9. Teams will compete throughout both days from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., culminating Sunday with the challenging U.S. Dragon Boat Open Championship Race.

The 2026 racing program will feature a diverse lineup of competitive and invitational races, including the new:

- America250 Invitational
- Hong Kong Teak Boat Dragon Boat Movement 40th Anniversary Invitational

The 40th Anniversary Invitational honors the original teak dragon boats gifted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York, recognizing the history and enduring relationship between Hong Kong and the New York dragon boat community.

OPENING DAY PARADE & DRAGON EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY

The festival officially opens Saturday, August 8, with a spectacular Dragon Dance Troupe performance by the Wan Chi Ming Hung Gar Institute, leading participating teams in a colorful parade toward the Main Stage.

The parade will culminate in the traditional Dragon Eye-Dotting Ceremony, a centuries-old tradition symbolizing the awakening and blessing of the dragon for competition.

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