



**September 16, 2023**

**8th Annual**

# **Lao Boat Racing Festival**

**Telecote shares North. Mission Bay**

**8:00AM - 5:00PM**



*A cultural celebration that connects the communities*

**Sabaidee and welcome to the Lao Boat Racing Festival 2023**

Boat racing has been a Laos national "pride & tradition" for over thousands of years. Once a year people from all walks of life come together to celebrate the "bounsuangheua" after the end of the Buddhist Lent. This is when the monks end their strict religious observance for one full month. Laotians in San Diego, along with those from nearby counties and states, have come together once again this year to uphold and celebrate the boat racing just as our forefathers have done generations after generations.

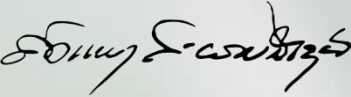
The most important aspect of the "bounsuangheua" is to preserve and express our beautiful culture and heritage through this sport of boat racing among teams from different Lao communities and backgrounds. To share in the laughter. To rekindle old friendships or form new ones. We do so regardless of the outcomes of the races. All for our younger generations to see and carry on our beautiful tradition and legacy.

I would like to express my utmost appreciation to the LCCC team, Lao Buddhist temples in and around San Diego county, organizations, sponsors, volunteers, performers and all the racing teams that have put a lot of their time, effort and money to make this event possible. And of course, to all the participants that have traveled from near and far to be here today to support this event.

ຕ່າງໜ້າຄະນະກຳມະການຈັດງານບູນຊ່ວງເຮືອ 2023 ພ້ອມດ້ວຍສະມາຊິກ ສູນກາງວັທນະທັມລາວ ເມືອງ ແຊນຕີເອໄກ ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າຂໍສະແດງຄວາມຍິນດີຕ້ອນຮັບແລະຂອບໃຈມາຍັງທຸກໆທ່ານທີ່ເດີນທາງມາຈາກໄກ້ແລະໄກ ມາຮ່ວມໃຫ້ກຳລັງໃຈແກ່ລຸກຫລານໃນໂອກາດງານສເຫລີມສຫລອງບູນຊ່ວງເຮືອລາວປະຈຳເມືອງ ແຊນຕີເອໄກ ໃນຄັ້ງນີ້ ແລະຫວັງວ່າຄົງຈະໄດ້ຮັບຄວາມສັນບສໜູນຈາກທ່ານໃນໂອກາດຕໍ່ໄປຊື່ນກັນ.

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Best regards,



**Khampheng Sphabmixay**  
Board Chairman, LCCC



# LV92111



**It had been over 40 years since LV92111 OGs became friends and most are still here in San Diego with unbreakable friendship bond. Now the torch is passed on to LV92111 youngunz to carry-on this rich cultural celebration. Just like the OGs, these youngunz are families and close friends who are motivated, *they will be Lao'd and they are proud to be "LV92111"***





# CYD



**Courageous Youth Dragon Boat Team (CYD) is a youth dragon boat team created in San Diego. It started during the pandemic in the summer of 2021 as a kayaking club and grew into a dragon boating team with students from local middle schools and high schools around San Diego. We are a group of friends who share the same love of nature and passion for water sports. Rowing in the tranquil bay in the morning and looking down through the transparent water are phenomenal experiences. We hold practices every Saturday morning at Fiesta Island Mission Bay.**

**Dragon Boating emphasizes not only paddling skills, but more importantly, enhances team collaboration. This is our way to inspire people back in the low moments of COVID-19.**

**Our mission is to empower and train youth to become outstanding student athletes, to develop young leaders, and to cultivate a deeper appreciation for Asian/Pacific and other cultural heritages through team building.**



# INTUIT Turbo Dragons



**Intuit Turbo Dragons, formed in 2019, is sponsored by Intuit's Asian Pacific Network. The San Diego-based employees are excited to paddle while building comradery and growing interest in the sport. A quarter of the teammates will be paddling in their first dragon boat race, and the team is thrilled to be part of the paddling community at this festival!**

# Lao San Diego Soccer Club



The Lao San Diego Soccer Club (LSDSC) is dedicated to promoting physical and mental wellness through the game of soccer, other sports, and recreational, social, and cultural activities. The club accomplishes this through engaging, assisting and cooperating with the Lao Community to help preserve and promote Lao culture, tradition, and heritage. As the result the club promotes friendship, activities, and community involvement.



# JaoPhaYa AndaYogaHouse & Sabaidee Fest SD



All team members are treated with love, respect and as one big happy families. All win as a community not individuals. Strong teams, Strong Community, One Boat.  
*“WE ROW AS 1”*



# Sticky Rice Dragon



**Sticky Rice Dragon is a team consisting of husbands and wives, fathers and sons, friends, and people from various backgrounds who share a common interest of paddling. We have novice and experienced paddlers. Sticky Rice dragon is here to support the Laotian community of San Diego and have fun at the same time.**

**“You may have the greatest bunch of individuals in the world, but if they don’t play together, the team won’t be worth a dime”, Babe Ruth.**



# Noom Lao Wat Lao



**WAT LAO Buddharam (aka Wat Market) is represented by team NOOM LAO WAT LAO who originally got together because of each members had grown and seen this temple since they were kids. The temple became our guidance center for our youth in San Diego. We are dedicated and proud to enter, represent and win on the behalf of Wat Lao Buddharam and all other Temples out there. Thank you and may Buddha bless up.**



# Solar Dragons



**Solar Dragons began as a casual interest group and turned into a powerhouse of diverse and highly motivated new and experienced men and women paddlers. Our strength lies in every one of our teammates' dedication to training, professionalism, and will to win! We paddle to realize our core values of "Integrity, Excellence, Teamwork, Commitment, and Sustainability" which is the force multiplier in our profession, our community, and our lives. We, Solar Dragons, are second to none!**

# Sabaidee Fest Vegas



**New arrival from the desert of Sin City where people never sleep to enjoy the beaches of San Diego and participating, for the very first time, in the Lao Boat Racing Festival. We are excited and we shall row as good as we're playing the slot machines! And the odds of winning...well, who ever thought that Vegas Knights would win the Stanley Cup Championship!!...Anything is possible for Vegas Team...**

# Knick Knack Paddle Whack



**We are a team of coworkers from Kearny District and the IBEW #465, family members and friends. This is our first year of having a full paddling season and we are ready to get on the water. PADDLES UP!!**

# PKU 5/4

**Peking University (PKU) in Beijing is the first modern national university in China and has consistently enjoyed its reputation as the most prestigious university in the country. PKU's alumni are all over the world; many found their new home in America's finest city. San Diego Peking University Alumni Association (SDPKUAA), a 501(c)(3) organization, is a big happy family of over 400 PKU alumni, family, and friends. SDPKUAA started to organize dragon boat practices in 2015. Since then we have participated in all the major races in southern California and won numerous prizes. The latest of them include 1st Place in the 15th San Diego Dragon Boat Festival, 3rd Place in Los Angeles County Dragon Boat Festival 2022, and 3rd Place in Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival 2022. Here we are, keep challenging ourselves, enjoying dragon boating and San Diego in the Lao Boat Racing Festival!**



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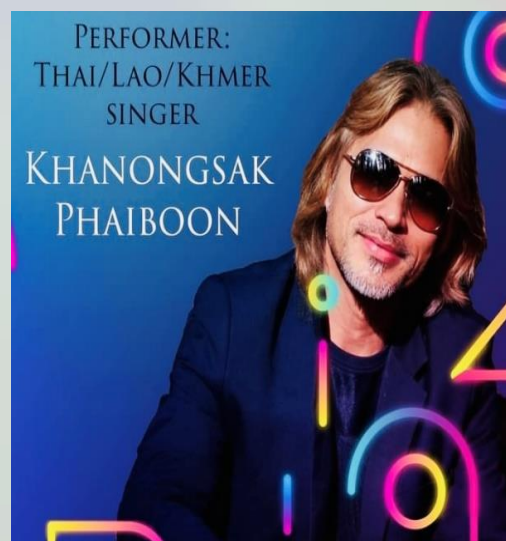
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