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Boat Racing in Langsuan, A Cherished Tradition

Thailand has unique cultures, traditions and ways of life. When Thai people go abroad or stay away from Thailand, they are usually homesick.



Pic.1: Long Boat Racing in Langsuan

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Story: Thiwa Anantamaek

One of the traditions that Langsuan people of Chumphon province are really proud of is Long Boat Racing. It can be dated back for more than 100 years.





Pic.2: One of the long boat team

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It is a great and spectacular event. Langsuan people who leave their home town to study or to work somewhere else will come back to join in. So it marks the reunion of family members of Langsuan people as well.



Pic.3-5: Merit making before the days of racing



Long Boat Racing is normally held towards the end of the Buddhism Lent season. It takes place in September or October and lasts for 5 days. The public television stations broadcast the event live nationwide.



Pic.6: The Buddha procession ceremony

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It is believed that Lord Buddha returns from heaven on the first night of the waning moon in the eleventh month. Therefore, many Buddhists go to receive him by boat. They had a chance for a social gathering. Later, it became a Buddha procession and boat racing.





Pic.7: The King's cups

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Long Boat Racing in Langsuan is different from other ones held nationwide. The winner is declared not only by the speed but also by the crew member's **snatching** for the winning flag. It is very honorable for the winners that they get the King's cup.



Pic.8-9: The flag and snatching for the flag

The important point of the Long Boat Racing festival is harmony among people in the community. Most of the long boat teams are supported by temples and local organizations from nearby communities.



Pic.10: The crew work harmoniously

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The crew in each boat has to cooperate and work harmoniously. To row in unison, they have to train for many months before the event.





Pic.11: The ceremony to encourage the crew

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Suansriwittaya School is the first school to have its own long boat racing team. The first team began in 1973. It is wise thinking of adults to encourage the youth to love and preserve this valuable tradition. Although in some years they don't get any awards, the tradition creates the spirit of harmony and loving of their local.



Pic.12-13: Suansriwittaya School Team



Pic.14: The crew of Suansriwittaya School with Khai Thong

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The name of Suansriwittaya School's long boat is Khai Thong. It is the first boat of Thailand which the adults intended to build for students. Every year, it is a tradition that the upper level students join the team. They practice very hard along with their studies. All the teachers and school officials rotate to cook for **them**. It is a very impressive picture.



Pic.15-16: Teachers and officials of Suansriwittaya prepared food for the team



Pic.17: Preparing to snatch for the flag

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Long Boat Racing is the cultural heritage of Langsuan River. It represents Thai nationalism that we should cherish forever.





Choose the correct answer.

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 - b. Only students can join Long Boat Racing in Langsuan.
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3. People come back home to join the event _____ it also marks the family members' reunion.
4. The event takes place in September or October _____ lasts for 5 days.
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