



8th CHINA CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2014

The 8th China Cup International Regatta is organised by the Water Sports Administration Centre of the General Administration of Sport of China and Shenzhen Municipal Administration of Culture, Sports and Tourism, with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club being the Official Service Provider and Shenzhen Marine Sports Base and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club providing base support. The regatta will be held on 24th to 27th October 2014 in the waters of Shenzhen and Hong Kong and will consist of four days of racing.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Organizer:

Water Sports Administration Centre of the General Administration of Sport of China
Shenzhen Municipal Administration of Culture, Sports and Tourism

Event Management:

Shenzhen Dapeng New District Administrative Committee
Shenzhen Across Four Oceans Sailing Event Management Co., Ltd

Co-organizer:

The People's Government of Yantian District, Shenzhen
The People's Government of Nanshan District, Shenzhen
The People's Government of Futian District, Shenzhen

2. RULES

2.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2014 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2.3 The following prescriptions will apply as appropriate:

- the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 5 event;
- the IRC Rules 2014, Parts A, B & C (IRC-C), except that IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1
- the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) HKPN handicap system (including the HKPN PIPS - Performance Increase Penalty Scheme);
- the Class Rules of boats entered in a One Design Class;
- this Notice of Race; and
- the China Cup International Regatta 2014 Sailing Instructions and amendments .

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

2.4 This Notice of Race may be amended by the China Cup International Regatta 2014 Sailing Instructions.

2.5 This Notice of Race is published in both Chinese and English, if there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Competitors' advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Skippers shall produce a copy of their boat's HKSF or National Authority advertising license to the race committee prior to the first race in which they intend to display the advertising.

3.2 Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. OA advertising shall be displayed according to the requirement of race committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2014 is open to entries from local and international sailors (and crew) who may be representing a country/a city/a club (or simply an individual boat owner).

4.2 In addition to meeting the Category 5 safety equipment requirements, all boats shall carry a VHF transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 72 and 77 (in addition to Ch 16).

- 4.3 The regatta is open to all monohull boats of not less than 8m length overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.
- 4.4 All competitors shall be aged 18 or above, except that each boat may have one youth sailor (age 12 or above) who must submit a copy of Certificate of Competency issued by the local authority.
- 4.5 Racing will be provided for entries from established One Design Classes (i.e. China Cup Beneteau First 40.7, Soto27, J/80, provided that there is a minimum of 10 entries of the same design and each design should register with teams representing 5 or above countries or regions) . All boats entering One Design Classes must comply with requirement in one design class rules to enter. And for classes racing under IRC or HKPN ratings. Subject to the number of entries in a class, entries may be placed into divisions at the discretion of the race committee before the start of racing day, and no adjustment will be done afterwards.
- 4.6 Any boats intending to enter and compete in the Passage Race from Hong Kong to Shenzhen must submit a copy of the skipper's valid Certificate of Competency (i.e. sailing license, yacht master certificate, etc) issued by the local authority to the race committee for Hong Kong Marine Department's approval on or before **1800hrs on Friday 29th Aug 2014**.
- 4.7 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the Entry Form, Crew list, Team Profile, Crew experience form (of the skipper & at least 3 major crew members), a copy of a valid IRC rating Certificate or the assigned HKPN rating, Certificate of Ownership, Operating License, tonnage certificate or relevant tonnage data documents and sending it together with the Entry Fee, Crew Fee to the Shenzhen Regatta Office on or before **1800hrs on Friday 19th Sep 2014**. Any participating boats of the Passage Race constructed for 20 years or above must submit a Certificate of Inspection issued by local authority.
- Competitors will be informed whether or not their entry has been accepted within 5 working days of the receipt of a complete entry by the Shenzhen Regatta Office.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted up **until 1800hrs on Tuesday 30th Sep 2014** at the entire discretion of the race committee and subject to payment of the specified late-entry fee.
- 4.9 For non-Chinese crew members to be permitted to land at Mainland China, a valid China visa is required for each person.
- 4.10 For Chinese skipper who enters the races on a Chinese mainland registered boat, the skipper must submit a copy of valid Certificate of Competency issued by Chinese Yachting Association or Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration to the race committee for approval together with entry documents.
- 4.11 Owners or skippers shall complete the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. before the entry deadline quoted in this Notice of Race. Failure to do so is considered as a failure to enter the Regatta, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete **unless** the reason is accepted by the race committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The required fees for the China Cup International Regatta 2014 are as follows:

Early Entry Fee (on or before 1 st Sep 2014)	RMB\$1,000 (HK\$1,300 / US\$165)
Event Entry Fee (on or before 20 th Sep 2014)	RMB\$2,000 (HK\$2,600 / US\$330)
Late Entry Fee (on or before 30 th Sep 2014)	RMB\$3,000 (HK\$3,900 / US\$495)

- 5.2 Additional Crew fee of RMB\$500 (HK\$650 / US\$85) for each additional crew member and supporter for official shuttle buses transportation between Shenzhen hotels and regatta center, dinner, souvenirs and crew tickets for all official functions and parties of the Regatta.
- 5.3 If written cancellation of entry is received at Regatta office after 1800hrs on Friday 19th Sep 2014, the entry fee less RMB\$500 (HK\$650 / US\$85) administration charge will be refunded. Prior to this deadline full entry fees are refundable.

6. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled programme for the 8th China Cup International Regatta 2014 is based on the following, with 8 races planned to be sailed over 4 days:

Thursday 23rd October 2014

Passage Race Crew Registration at RHKYC	1400 hours to 1800 hours
Non-passage Race Crew Registration at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1400 hours to 1800 hours
Passage Race Immigration clearance at RHKYC	1500 hours to 2000 hours
Passage Race Skipper's briefing at RHKYC	1830 hours to 1900 hours
8 th China Cup International Regatta 2014 Welcoming Party at RHKYC	1915 hours to 2100 hours

Friday 24th October 2014

Passage Race 1 – Hong Kong to Shenzhen	Starting 1000 hours
Skipper's Briefing in Shenzhen (for non-passage race crews only)	Venue & Time TBC
Immigration at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base	From 1400 hours
Opening Banquet & Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1900 hours to 2100 hours

Saturday 25th October 2014

Race 2, 3 & 4 – Windward/Leeward	Starting 1100 hours
Dinner & Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1930 hours to 2100 hours

Sunday 26th October 2014

Race 5,6 – Windward/Leeward Race or Islands/Geometric Race	Starting 1100 hours
Dinner & Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1930 hours to 2100 hours
*Immigration clearance at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base	From 1400 hours
(* For those boats and crew wishing to return to Hong Kong on Sunday evening)	

Monday 27th October 2014

Race 7,8 – Windward/Leeward Race Islands/Geometric Race	Starting 1100 hours
Closing Banquet & Overall Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1900 hours to 2100 hours
*Immigration clearance at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base	From 1400 hours
(* For those boats and crew wishing to return to Hong Kong on Monday evening)	

Tuesday 28th October 2014

Immigration clearance at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base	From 0900 hours
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7. MEASUREMENTS

Boats racing under IRC shall submit a copy of their valid certificate, it being the onus on the entrant to provide such information. Boats entering the HKPN Division will be assigned HKPN numbers as issued by the HKSF.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the regatta.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from a list of appropriate courses to be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and will be decided depending on prevailing weather conditions.
- 9.2 Competitors are referred to Admiralty Chart No. 937 and to Chinese Navy Chart 15369, and other larger scaled charts as are available of local areas of Hong Kong and Daya Wan, China.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 A minimum of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series warranting overall prizes.
- 11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The 2014 China Cup International Regatta prizes will be awarded to the boats in the first three positions in the overall series scores for each class (and/or any divisions in a class) .
- 12.2 The Beneteau Cup will be awarded to the first placed Beneteau boat in each division of the IRC Class.
- 12.3 Line honour of Race 1 will be awarded.

12.4 Day prizes will be presented to the first placed boats in each class/division at the daily Prizegiving, with the major and overall prizes being presented at the Monday night Prizegiving.

12.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..."

13.2 The organizing authority, RHKYC, Shenzhen Marine Sports Base and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

13.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authority, race committee and the Shenzhen Regatta Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this Notice of Race. It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the Regatta, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete unless evidence of genuine extenuating circumstances for the lateness is accepted by the race committee.

14. INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000.

14.2 Each crew and passenger onboard shall be insured with valid personal accident insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$ 500,000 effective during the regatta.

14.3 Each team shall submit the copies of boat and crew insurance certificates to the race committee upon registration.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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