



12th CHINA CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2018

The 12th China Cup International Regatta will be held on November 8th to 12th 2018 in the waters of Shenzhen and Hong Kong and will consist of five days of racing. The regatta is supported by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and with New Sports Ocean Sports Center and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club providing base support.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** - Sentences in *italics* within the Notice of Race are guidance notes for information only.
 - 1.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2018 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2 The following rules shall also apply:
 - Rule 62 is changed to add 62.1 (e) An action of governmental or other authority.
 - The IRC Rules 2018, Parts A, B & C (IRC-C), except that IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.
 - The Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) HKPN handicap system (including the HKPN PIPS - Performance Increase Penalty Scheme, Club owned and club co-owned J80s);
 - The Class Rules of boats entered in a One Design Class
 - This Notice of Race and the China Cup International Regatta 2018 Sailing Instructions and amendments.
 - (The Notice of Race of China Cup Youth OD Class and M32 OD Class will be published separately)*
 - 1.3 References herein to a Rule or Appendix are to the RRS or its Appendices unless otherwise stated
 - 1.4 This Notice of Race may be amended by the China Cup International Regatta 2018 Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.5 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
 - 1.6 This Notice of Race is published in both Chinese and English, if there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
2. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
 - 2.1 All participating boats shall comply with the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4** with the exception of:
 - (a) Classes racing only in Shenzhen, shall comply with the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing**.
 - (b) Boats will not be required to carry a storm trysail or heavy weather jib nor need to be able to reef by 12.5% of their luff length
 - (c) Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the Race Committee for written dispensation from specific parts of the regulations. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless applied for in writing giving details of the boat and the reasons for consideration by 1st September 2018.
 - (d) One Design Boats shall comply with their Class Safety regulations (if any), sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from the World Sailing Special Regulations.
 - 2.2 In addition to meeting the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations** safety equipment requirements, all boats shall carry a VHF transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 72 and 76 (in addition to Ch16).
3. **ADVERTISING**
 - 3.1 Competitors' advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with WORLD SAILING Regulation 20. Skippers shall submit a copy of advertising design to the organizing committee one month prior to the first race in which they intend to display for examine and approval.
 - 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 organising committee, and any removal of OA advertising is forbidden. *The organising committee may protest a boat who does not comply to this instruction.*
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The China Cup International Regatta 2018 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). Applicant conforms to following requirement shall be eligible to enter.

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all monohull boats of not less than 8m length overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.
- 4.2 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 or qualified training institution, together with letter of agreement by his/her legal guardian, boat owner and skipper, and shall enter after approval by the organizing committee.
- 4.3 Racing will be provided for entries from established One Design Classes (i.e. China Cup Beneteau First 40.7, Bavaria Cruiser 37, FAREAST 28R, 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.
- 4.4 IRC Class splits will be made according to entries received and based on Design Type, Current Rating, Hull Factor, Hull Length (HL), and Displacement Length Ratio (DLR) and will be confirmed by 1700 on Thursday 7th November. Draft class splits may be posted on the official website approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors.
 - 4.4.1 Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up may request permission to move up to a class above.
 - 4.4.2 Applications for class changes based on crew criteria alone will not be entertained.
 - 4.4.3 The determination of eligibility criteria and the allocation of boats to particular classes or divisions shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 60 and 63.1.
- 4.5 As per local authority's request, eligible boats may enter the event by supplying the documentation listed below and completing the Entry Form, Crew list, Crew experience form (of the skipper & at least 3 major crew members) and paying the Entry & Crew Fees.

A) Foreign & Hong Kong registered boats:

- (1) Certificate of Registry issued by local maritime authority / Certificate of Ownership and Operating License issued by Hong Kong Marine Department;
- (2) Skipper's Certificate of Competency issued by the local authority;
- (3) tonnage certificate or relevant tonnage data documents.

B) Chinese registered boats entering Passage Race & Inshore Races:

- (1) Vessel Document: Certificate of Registry and Ownership Certificate issued by China Maritime Safety Administration, Sea Worthy Certificate issued by China CCS or MSA.
- (2) Skipper's Certificate: Skipper MUST comply with either below:
 - a. Foreign or Hong Kong skippers: Skipper's Certificate of Competency issued by the local authority
 - b. Chinese skippers must comply with either below:
 - 1) One person holds both Certificate of Competence issued by Chinese Yachting Association and Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration.
 - 2) One person holds Certificate of Competence issued by Chinese Yachting Association, with another person holds Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration.
- (3) Tonnage certificate or relevant tonnage data documents.

C) Chinese registered boats entering ONLY Inshore Races:

- (1) Vessel Document: Certificate of Registry and Ownership Certificate issued by China Maritime Safety Administration, Sea Worthy Certificate issued by China CCS or MSA. Or Sportboat License/Operating License issued by Chinese Yachting Association,
- (2) Skipper's Certificate: Skipper MUST comply with either below:
 - a. Foreign or Hong Kong skippers: Skipper's Certificate of Competency issued by the local authority
 - b. Chinese skippers must comply with either below:
 - 1) One person holds both Certificate of Competence issued by Chinese Yachting Association and Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration.
 - 2) One person holds Certificate of Competence issued by Chinese Yachting Association, with

another person holds Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration.

Shenzhen Regatta Office will reply whether entry application is accepted on receiving all documents. Any incomplete or incongruent application within deadline will be considered as invalid, unless accepted by organizing committee.

- 4.6 Skipper's license shall be taken onboard all time during races. The technical committee may selectively check skipper and crew onboard on each racing day. Any boats making unapproved substitutions to the registered entry list may be protested. Substitution of skipper or crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the organizing committee. Application for substitution of skipper and crew shall be submitted before 20:00 the day before racing.
- 4.7 Boats registered for IRC class should submit a copy of a valid IRC rating Certificate. Boats registered for HKPN class should provide the assigned HKPN rating provided by HKCOA. IRC certificate application or renewal please contact the IRC Rule Authority in China - Shenzhen Across Four Oceans Sailing Event Management Co.,Ltd: Alain Wu 86-15099921032 alain@chncup.com. HKPN rating application please visit: <https://sailing.org.hk/subpage/ocZh8aBGdCSon3rLt>
- 4.8 The deadline for registration is **Wednesday 1st Aug 2018**. Late entries may be accepted up **until Monday 10th Sep 2018** at the entire discretion of the organizing committee and may subject to payment of the specified late-entry fee.
- 4.9 Any boats intending to enter and compete in the Passage Race from Hong Kong to Shenzhen must submit the required documents specified on 4.5 for China Maritime Safety Administration and Hong Kong Marine Department's approval on or before **Wednesday 15th Aug 2018**. Chinese registered boats must submit documents below:
- (A) the Certificate of Registry and Ownership Certificate issued by China Maritime Safety Administration, Sea Worthy Certificate issued by China CCS or MSA.
 - (B) Port formalities and Free Pratique application as required by the Hong Kong Marine Department and Health Department.
 - (C) Chinese Skipper who races on a Chinese Registered boat must submit the Yacht Driving License (Code F) issued by China Maritime Safety Administration and Competence License (Level B or above) issued by Chinese Yachting Association.
 - (D) Any participating boats of the Passage Race constructed for 15 years or above must submit a Certificate of Inspection issued by local authority, effective for 2 years.

Teams who submit full application documents for the Hong Kong to Shenzhen passage Race does not necessarily mean being qualified for the passage race. The final approval of the qualification will be determined by Hong Kong Marine Department and China Maritime Safety Administration.

- 4.10 For non-Chinese crew members to be permitted to land at Mainland China, a valid China visa is required for each person. Valid Visa types for non-Chinese crew members entering Hong Kong-Shenzhen Passage race are D, F, L(NOT Group type) or APEC Business Travel Card (with CHN endorsed). For Chinese crew members who depart for Hong Kong with OC fleet before event, the endorsement type of HK & Macau Exit-Entry permit cannot be Group type (L type). Fleets entering Hong Kong – Shenzhen Passage Race shall submit crew members' passport personal information page and valid visa page copy to regatta office before 30th Sep. 2018. China Cup organizing committee reserves the right to refuse any late submission fleet to enter passage race.
- 4.11 According to the requirement of China Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Administration and Hong Kong Department of Health, it is suggested that eligible passage race boat shall apply and carry Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate, so as to save time for quarantine inspection. All passage race boats shall fly the ICF Q flag (yellow flag) before immigration, indicating the boat is not infected, and please issue the CIQ certificate. A boat shall not lower the ICF Q flag before the Entry & Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau issue the CIQ certificate. Please prepare the flag on your own or purchase upon registration.
- 4.12 According to the requirement of Immigration and Quarantine Administration, all passage race boats must go through immigration formalities after crossing the finish line unless force majeure. If there are any special reasons, teams should report to the China Cup organizing committee or race committee at the first time.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The required fees for the China Cup International Regatta 2018 are as follows:

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| Early Entry Fee (on or before 1 st June 2018) | RMB3,000 (HK\$3,700 / US\$475/EUR385) |
| Event Entry Fee (on or before 1 st Aug 2018) | RMB5,000 (HK\$6,200 / US\$790/EUR640) |
| Late Entry Fee (2 nd Aug to 10 th Sep 2018) | RMB8,000 (HK\$9,900 / US\$1250/EUR1020) |

Entry fee is not refundable if applicants cancel their entry. A written application can be submitted to organizing committee if the cancelation is caused by force majeure or reasonable special reasons.

- 5.2 Additional Crew fee shall be paid 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.
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| On or before 1 st June 2018 | RMB 600 (HK\$ 750 / US\$ 95/EUR 75) |
| On or before 1 st Aug 2018 | RMB 800 (HK\$ 990 / US\$ 125/EUR 100) |
| On or after 2 nd Aug 2018 | RMB 1000 (HK\$ 1250 / US\$ 160/EUR 125) |

- 5.3 Registered Crew Pass will be assigned to each Skipper and Crew at registration, which is for the use of registered Skipper or Crew ONLY. Entrant shall re- purchase from OC if loss of the Pass.

6. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled program for the 12th China Cup International Regatta 2018 is based on the following, with 9 races planned to be sailed over 5 days (The event venues may be changed at the discretion of the Organizing Committee):

Wednesday 7th November 2018

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| New Sports Passage Race Crew Registration at RHKYC | 1400 hours to 1800 hours |
| Non-passage Race Crew Registration | 1000 hours to 1800 hours |
| New Sports Passage Race Immigration clearance at RHKYC | 1500 hours to 2000 hours |
| New Sports Passage Race Skipper's briefing at RHKYC | 1830 hours to 1900 hours |
| 12 th China Cup International Regatta 2018 Welcoming Party at RHKYC | 1915 hours to 2100 hours |

Thursday 8th November 2018

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| New Sports Passage Race - Hong Kong to Shenzhen | Starting 0900 hours |
| Skipper's Briefing in Shenzhen (for non-passage race crews only) | Venue & Time TBC |
| Immigration at New Sports Ocean Sports Center | 1400 hours to 1800 hours |
| Opening Banquet & Prize giving | 1900 hours to 2100 hours |

Friday 9th November 2018

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| Race Day 2 | Starting 1000 hours |
| Daily Prize giving | 1900 hours to 2100 hours |

Saturday 10th November 2018

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| Race Day 3 | Starting 1000 hours |
| Daily Prize Giving | 1900 hours to 2100 hours |

Sunday 11th November 2018

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| Race Day 4 | Starting 1000 hours |
| *Immigration clearance at New Sports Ocean Sports Center | From 1400 hours |
| (* For those boats and crew wishing to return to Hong Kong on Sunday evening) | |

Monday 12th November 2018

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| Race Day 5 | Starting 1000 hours |
| Closing Banquet & Overall Prize | 1900 hours to 2100 hours |
| *Immigration clearance at New Sports Ocean Sports Center | From 1400 hours |
| (* For those boats and crew wishing to return to Hong Kong on Monday evening) | |

Tuesday 13th November 2018

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| Immigration clearance at New Sports Ocean Sports Center | From 0900 hours |
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7. RATING & ONE DESIGN COMPLIANCE

- 7.1 Boats racing shall submit a copy of their valid IRC certificate or HKPN numbers issued by HKSF according to his/her entry class/division. *It being the onus on the entrant to provide such information.*
- 7.2 Equipment inspection
- 7.2.1. Officials from the Technical Committee may inspect boats at any time during the regatta.
- 7.2.2. A boat that is found to be in contravention of the safety regulations or class rules or fails to comply with any reasonable request of an official scrutineer may be protested by the Technical Committee.

8. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 8.1 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
- 8.2 All competitors in One-design Class must be registered and substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Application for substitution of competitors should be submitted before 20:00 the day before racing. Violator will be scored DSQ without hearing, and the score is not excludable.
- 8.3 Accredited VIP, journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members and are registered as official guest or media at The China Cup International Regatta may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes rule 47.2.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the regatta.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1 For all classes there will be a maximum of nine races. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series warranting overall prizes.
- 12.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 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.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 The 2018 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) .
- 13.2 The Beneteau Cup will be awarded to the best placed Beneteau boat in IRC Class.
- 13.3 Line Honours of Race 1 New Sports HK-SZ Passage Race will be awarded.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of RMB 5,000,000 (HK\$ 5,000,000 is required for Hong Kong – Shenzhen Passage race boats) effective for designated racing venue and dates. All boat insurance must cover sailing competition.
- 14.2 Each crew and passenger onboard shall be insured with valid personal accident insurance with a minimum cover of RMB 500,000 effective for designated racing venue and dates.
- 14.3 China mainland registered boats shall be insured by China Cup Organizing Committee authorized agency - China Pacific Property Insurance Co.,Ltd. Shenzhen Branch. Hong Kong registered boats shall be insured by Hong Kong Marine Department recognized insurance companies.
- 14.4 Each team shall submit the original and copy of valid boat and crew insurance certificates as well as the Insurance payment voucher to the organizing committee.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "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...". If

boat owner is not onboard, he/she shall sign an authorization paper(provided by OC) to skipper who is racing onboard, entrusting him/her the full responsibility of boat & crew safety and all legal issues related to entering China Cup event. Meanwhile, boat owner and skipper shall submit a copy of his/her Identity Card with signature to OC. If boat owner is a company, a copy of company Business License with stamp shall be submitted. Non registered crew is not allowed to race onboard without the prior written approval from organizing committee, or it will be on his/her own account.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

- 15.2 All owners and skippers are responsible to avoid contact with another boat.
- 15.3 The organizing authority, RHKYC, New Sports Ocean Sports Center and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club will not accept any liability for vessel and material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. The team or boat owner shall take the full responsibility.
- 15.4 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMAITON

For further information please contact:

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