



7th CHINA CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2013

The 7th 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 Co-organizer and Shenzhen Marine Sports Base and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club providing base support. The regatta will be held on 25th to 28th October 2013 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 Longgang District, Shenzhen
The People's Government of Yantian District, Shenzhen
The People's Government of Nanshan District, Shenzhen
The People's Government of Futian District, Shenzhen
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

2. RULES

2.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2013 will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016*.

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 2013, 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.
- 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 2013 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

2.4 This Notice of Race may be amended by the China Cup International Regatta 2013 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 display advertising supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with the ISAF regulation 20.4.1.1.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2013 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 must 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. Beneteau First40.7, Soto27, J/80,FE26 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) 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.
- 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 30th Aug 2013**.
- 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, scanned copy of all crew member's valid Chinese entry visa page and sending it together with the Entry Fee, Crew Fee to the Shenzhen Regatta Office on or before **1800hrs on Friday 20th Sep 2013**. 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 Monday 30th Sep 2013** 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.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The required fees for the China Cup International Regatta 2013 are as follows:

Early Entry Fee (on or before 1 st Sep 2013)	RMB\$1,000 (HK\$1,200 / US\$150)
Event Entry Fee (on or before 20 th Sep 2013)	RMB\$2,000 (HK\$2,500 / US\$300)
Late Entry Fee (on or before 30 th Sep 2013)	RMB\$2,500 (HK\$3,800 / US\$450)

- 5.2 Additional Crew fee of RMB\$500 (HK\$700 / US\$80) 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 20th Sep 2013, the entry fee less RMB\$500 (HK\$700 / US\$80) administration charge will be refunded. Prior to this deadline full entry fees are refundable.

6. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The scheduled programme for the 7th China Cup International Regatta 2013 is based on the following, with 8 races planned to be sailed over 4 days:

Thursday 24th October 2013

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
7 th China Cup International Regatta 2013 Welcoming Party at RHKYC	1915 hours to 2100 hours

Friday 25th October 2013

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 26th October 2013

Race 2, 3 & 4 – Windward/Leeward

Starting 1100 hours

Dinner & Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort

1930 hours to 2100 hours

Sunday 27th October 2013

Race 5 – Windward/Leeward Race

Starting 1100 hours

Race 6 – Islands/Geometric Race

Starting ASAP after Race 5

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 28th October 2013

Race 7 – Windward/Leeward Race

Starting 1100 hours

Race 8 – Island/Geometric Race

Starting ASAP after Race 7

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 29th October 2013

Immigration clearance at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base

From 0900 hours

6.2 Any changes to the above schedule will be notified to entrants in the Sailing Instructions or in duly posted Notices to Competitors.

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.

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

An International Jury may be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. If so constituted, decisions of the jury will be final.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Rule A2 is modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 5 or above races have been completed.

11.2 A minimum of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series warranting overall prizes.

12. PRIZES

12.1 The 2013 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 INFORMAITON

For further information please contact:

Shenzhen Regatta Office, China Cup International Regatta Management Co., Ltd, Room 601, Building E-6, OCT LOFT, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China.

Tel no: + 86 755 8835 3518; Fax no: + 86 755 8832 3928; Email: yuna@chncup.com

Website: <http://www.chncup.com>