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Invitation to the 2012 China Cup International Regatta

Dear Japan Sailing Federation,

We're delighted to announce that the 6th China Cup International Regatta (CCIR) will take place from October 26th-29th, 2012 in the waters of Daya Bay, Shenzhen, China. We cordially invite you to the 6th China Cup and witness the rapid growth of sailing in this country.

Organized by the Water Sports Administration Centre of the General Administration of Sport of China and city government of Shenzhen, China Cup International Regatta is held annually in October every year in the coastal city of Shenzhen since its inauguration in 2007. The regatta is officially listed on the ISAF Race Calendar. China Cup International Regatta has been committed to promoting sailing in China, making the sport more accessible to ordinary people, as well as strengthening the communication between Chinese sailing community and the international sailing circuit.

The 2012 China Cup features:

- Hong Kong-Shenzhen passage race and inshore races in Shenzhen
- Welcome party and closing banquet
- Prize-giving parties
- Grand Sailing Spirit Ceremony

Looking forward to seeing you in Shenzhen, China!

Sincerely yours,

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The Race

With race management by Chinese Yachting Association (CYA) and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the regatta will kick off with a Hong Kong to Shenzhen passage race followed by round-the-cans and island races in One Design Beneteau first 40.7, IRC, HKPN & other one design classes.

In 2011, the 5th China Cup consisted of 8 races in 4 days and marked attendance by over 80 teams from all around the globe such as the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Russia, Israel, Singapore, Japan, Korea etc.

The race has also welcomed caliber sailors with experience in the Olympic Games, America's Cup, Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, Admiral's Cup, Fastnet Race and other world famous international yacht races.

Sailing Organizations in Asia and respected yacht clubs from around the world also sent their representative teams to join in China Cup, including Singapore Sailing Federation, Japan Sailing Federation, Phuket King's Cup Organizing Committee, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, and Chicago Yacht Club. China Cup is delighted to play a role in strengthening the interactions among the international sailing communities.

Recognitions

The highlighted One Design class races comprising of 30 Beneteau First 40.7 sailboats has made the regatta one of the most popular big boat racing events in Asia. In 2008 and 2009, the regatta successively won the title of "Best Asian Regatta of the Year" by Asia Boating Awards. The China Cup Organizing Committee was also honored to be presented the "Regatta Event Organization Award" by Asia Sailing Federation in 2010 on the appreciation and recognition of the contributions made by the event.

On-shore Activities

Not simply sailing, a wide range of cultural activities also take place during the regatta including welcome party, prize-giving parties and so on, all promising to give the participants post-race enjoyment and fun.

For more information: <http://www.chncup.com/?lang=en>



CHINA CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2012

The China Cup International Regatta 2012 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. The regatta will be held on 26th to 29th October 2012 in the waters of Shenzhen and Hong Kong and will consist of four days of racing with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), Shenzhen Marine Sports Base and Shenzhen Vanke Longcheer Yacht Club (LYC) providing base support.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2012 will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions will apply as appropriate:
 - the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 5 event;
 - the IRC Rules, 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 2012 Sailing Instructions.Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.
- 1.4 This Notice of Race may be amended by the China Cup International Regatta 2012 Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 This Notice of Race is published in both Chinese and English, if there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with the ISAF regulation 20.4.1.1.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The China Cup International Regatta 2012 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).
- 3.2 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).
- 3.3 The regatta is open to all monohull boats of not less than 8m length overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.
- 3.4 All competitors must be aged 18 or above, except that each boat may have one youth sailor (age 12 or above) who must have submitted copies of all relevant certificates issued by the local training centre.
- 3.5 Racing will be provided for entries from established One Design Classes (provided that there is a minimum of 10 entries of the same design holding valid IRC rating Certificates) 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.

3.6 Any boats intending to enter and compete in the Simpson Marine Passage Race 1 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 **before Thursday 30 August 2012**.

3.7 Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the Entry Form, and sending it together with the Entry Fee, Crew Fee, passenger list, a copy of a valid IRC rating Certificate or the assigned HKPN rating, Certificate of Ownership, Operating License, the crew experience form (of the skipper & at least 3 other crew members) to the Shenzhen Regatta Office at or before 1800hrs on Thursday 4th October 2012.

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.

3.8 Late entries may be accepted up **until 1800hrs on Sunday 14th October 2012** at the entire discretion of the race committee and subject to payment of the specified late-entry fee.

3.9 For non-Chinese crew members to be permitted to land at Mainland China, a valid China visa is required for each person.

4. FEES

4.1 The required fees for the China Cup International Regatta 2012 are as follows:

Early Entry Fee (on or before Friday 14th September 2012)	RMB\$1,000 (HK\$1,200 / US\$150)
Event Entry Fee (on or before Thursday 4th October 2012)	RMB\$2,000 (HK\$2,400 / US\$300)
Late Entry Fee (on or before Sunday 14th October 2012)	RMB\$2,500 (HK\$3,000 / US\$375)

4.2 Additional Crew fee of RMB\$500 (HK\$600 / US\$75) for each crew member (skipper is free) 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.

4.3 If written cancellation of entry is received at Regatta office before 1800hrs on Sunday 14th October 2012, the entry fee less RMB\$500 (HK\$600 / US\$75) administration charge will be refunded. After this deadline refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 The scheduled programme for the China Cup International Regatta 2012 is based on the following, with 8 races planned to be sailed over 4 days:

Thursday 25th October 2012

Crew Registration at RHKYC	1500 hours
Immigration clearance at RHKYC	1600 hours to 2000 hours
Skipper's briefing at RHKYC	1830 hours to 1900 hours
China Cup International Regatta 2012 Welcoming Party at RHKYC	1915 hours to 2100 hours

Friday 26th October 2012

Simpson Marine 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 & Après-race Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1900 hours to 2100 hours

Saturday 27th October 2012

Race 2, 3 & 4 – Windward/Leeward	Starting 1100 hours
Dinner & Après-race Prize giving at Sheraton Dameisha Resort	1900 hours to 2100 hours

Sunday 28th October 2012

Race 5 – Windward/Leeward Race	Starting 1100 hours
Race 6 – Islands/Geometric Race	Starting ASAP after Race 5
Dinner & Après-race 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 Sunday evening)	

Monday 29th October 2012

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 30th October 2012

Immigration clearance at Shenzhen Marine Sports Base

From 0900 hours

- 5.2 Any changes to the above schedule will be notified to entrants in the Sailing Instructions or in duly posted Notices to Competitors.
- 6. 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.
- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
The sailing instructions will be available prior to the regatta.
- 8. COURSES**
8.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from a list of appropriate courses to be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
8.2 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 Bay, China.
- 9. PENALTY SYSTEM**
An International Jury may be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. If so constituted, decisions of the jury will be final.
- 10. SCORING**
10.1 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 – 6 races have been completed; or her two worst scores discarded if 7 – 8 races have been completed.
10.2 A minimum of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series warranting overall prizes.
- 11. PRIZES**
11.1 The 2012 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) .
11.2 The Beneteau Cup will be awarded to the first placed Beneteau boat in each division of the IRC Class.
11.3 Simpson Marine Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each class (and/or any divisions in a class) of Race 1.
11.4 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.
11.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.
- 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
12.1 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..."
12.2 The organizing authority, RHKYC 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.
12.3 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.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Each team shall submit the copies of boat and crew insurance certificates to the race committee upon registration.

14. FURTHER INFORMAITON

For further information please contact:

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