



2024 VIODA Qingdao Exchange Tour

Expression of Interest (Sailors)

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Please email completed EOI form to viodacommittee@gmail.com

Title of email: Qingdao24 EOI – Sailor's Name

Official Use	Notes
Sailor's Name:	

About the VIODA Qingdao Exchange Tour

In 2013 in conjunction with ISAF Sailing World Cup, VIODA created a sailor exchange program to provide an international sailing experience for junior sailors. As invited as guests of the Chinese Yachting Association the opportunity exists to be able to attend the annual Qingdao International Optimist Training Camp and Regatta in China.

This exchange program is now in its 8th year and forms a unique offering to all our VIODA members. Qualifying sailors will be offered the opportunity to travel to Qingdao as a team of 6 sailors with one coach and a manager. As guests of the Chinese Yachting Association, they will be offered complementary training camp, regatta, accommodation and meals.

The purpose of this program includes:

- International travel experience for Intermediate level sailors;
- Cultural exchange with sailors of other Nations (eg. China, Japan, Russia, South Africa, Poland, Germany, Singapore, Thailand, New Zealand, Spain);
- Development of regatta preparation and management skills in new environment (NOTE: Qingdao is typically extremely hot and humid in August and September);
- Learning to manage charter boat set-up and travelling with sailing equipment; and
- Sailors and parents learning to travel as a team under the guidance of a coach.

Qualifying sailors will be responsible for flights to and from China, visas, travel insurance, incidental costs and coach fees. This experience is available for qualifying Intermediate/ new Open sailors with an accompanying parent.

Qingdao Exchange Tour Details:

Dates: September 4 – 11, 2024

Sailors: Six (6) current financial members of VIODA

Coach: One (1) Australian Sailing Qualified Sailing Coach with current VIODA endorsement.

Manager: One (1) Parent Team Manager

NOTE: By accepting your position you will be also offering a Chinese sailor to billet at your home at a Melbourne regatta as part of a reciprocal arrangement. This has been a fabulous way to share our cultures with other sailors.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Only Intermediate / New Open sailors are eligible
- Selection is based on a combination of rankings at the Nationals (67%) and the Victorian States (33%)
- Current financial members of VIODA

About the Qingdao International Optimist Training Camp & Regatta

The training camp & regatta is hosted by the Chinese Yachting Association and Qingdao Municipal People's Government.

It is organized by the:

Qingdao Major International Sailing Event Festivals Organizing Committee

Qingdao Municipal Sports Bureau

Qingdao Municipal Education Bureau

Qingdao Tourism Group

China Marine Sports Academy

Qingdao Olympic Sailing City Development Association

Qingdao Yachting Association

Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre will be the hosting venue .

NOR : http://www.qdsailing.org/content/2024-02/19/content_23540931.htm

Published schedule of the Qingdao International Optimist Training Camp and Regatta

Date	Time	Schedule
Sep. 4, 2024	09:00-16:30	Registration
Sep. 5, 2024	09:30-16:00	Equipment Distribution and Measurement, Training on water
Sep. 6, 2024	09:20-16:00	Races
	19:00-20:30	Opening Ceremony of the Sailing Week & Marine Festival
Sep. 7, 2024	09:20-16:30	Cruising, Races
Sep. 8, 2024	09:20-16:30	Races
Sep. 9, 2024	09:20-16:30	Races
Sep. 10, 2024	09:20-16:30	Races
Sep. 11, 2024	09:00-12:00	Equipment Return
	19:00	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
Sep. 12, 2024		Departure

Applicant Details

Please complete and provide the details below:

Name of Sailor	
Date Of Birth	
Name of Parent / Guardian	
Contact number 1 Contact number 2	
Address	
Email Address	
Sailing Club Membership/s	

Element	Details
Sailing Experience	<p>Current Fleet: _____</p> <p>Year in Intermediate – _____ (example: 2022 and 2023)</p> <p>Year in Open - _____ (if applicable)</p> <p>No. of years sailing in the Optimist: _____</p>

<p>Regatta Experience and placing in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Jan 2024 – Nationals Intermediate Fleet -10th</p> <p>Feb 2024 – Regatta XYZ Open Fleet – 20th</p>	
<p>Can you commit to the lake coaching at Albert Park between June – Sept 2024?</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>Tell us why you would like to be selected to be part of the 9th VIODA Qingdao delegation.</p>	