

The 5th Asian Canoe Ocean Racing Championships 2025 Notice of Race

Qingdao is located between 119°30' to 121°00' east and 35°35' to 37°09' north. It borders the Yellow Sea to the east and south, with a land area of 11,293 square kilometers and a sea area of 12,000 square kilometers. The permanent resident population is 10.4425 million. It has 12,000 square kilometers of sea area, 817 kilometers of coastline and 120 islands.

Qingdao stands by the sea and thrives on the ocean. It's an open coastal city with rich cultural charm and exceptional natural gifts, as well as a vibrant sports hub known for sports events and vitality, famous worldwide as the Sailing City. Blessed with unparalleled marine resources and a profound maritime cultural heritage, it is hailed as the Switzerland of the East. The city has hosted a series of major international and domestic sporting events, including the Olympic Sailing competition, the first ICF Stand-Up Paddling World Championships, the 2025 ILCA 6 Women's & ILCA 7 Men's World Championships, and the Asian qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup. It has also cultivated distinctive homegrown sporting brands such as the Qingdao International Sailing Week and Qingdao Marathon, and is home to multiple top-tier

professional league clubs in sports like football, basketball, and badminton.

The main course of this year's event is set along Qingdao's golden coastline, stretching from Shilaoren Beach to the Olympic Sailing Center. Along the route, athletes will enjoy a visual feast akin to a maritime gallery—gazing at the rolling foothills of Laoshan Mountain in the distance and admiring the jagged skyline of the city up close. This international-level marine competition route perfectly blends natural beauty with urban charm, offering a full immersion into the harmony of nature and culture.

Qingdao boasts picturesque scenery and a pleasant climate, with its red-tiled roofs, lush green trees, azure seas, and blue sky. In September, temperatures typically range between 19°C and 25°C. The prevailing winds are southeasterly and southerly, with generally light breezes mostly ranging between force 2 to 4 on the Beaufort scale. There are two high tides and two low tides in the sea areas of Qingdao each day, which is typical of a regular semidiurnal tide pattern. This means there are two high tides and two low tides within a 24-hour period, with the two high tides separated by approximately 12 hours and 24 minutes, and the interval between high tide and low tide being about 6 hours.

The main venue of the event, the Olympic Sailing Center, served as the primary location for the sailing competitions

during the 2008 Beijing Olympics. It has now evolved into a landmark 5A-level scenic area that integrates Olympic heritage, marine culture, international events, and digital cultural tourism. With its prominent geographical advantages, the center boasts a highly efficient and accessible transportation network. The distance from Jiaodong International Airport to the Olympic Sailing Center is approximately 40 kilometers. You can take the airport shuttle, which takes about 50 minutes; alternatively, you can transfer from Metro Line 8 (Jiaodong Airport Station) to Line 3 (May Fourth Square Station), with a total travel time of around 70 minutes. It is about 17 kilometers from Qingdao North Railway Station to the Olympic Sailing Center. Driving takes approximately 40 minutes; or you can take Metro Line 3 directly (from Qingdao North Station to May Fourth Square Station), with a total travel time of around 50 minutes. It is about 9 kilometers from Qingdao Railway Station to the Olympic Sailing Center. Driving takes approximately 20 minutes; or you can take Metro Line 3 directly (from Qingdao Railway Station to May Fourth Square Station), with a total travel time of around 30 minutes.

The wind blows from the sea, carrying dreams toward the future. We are confident that Qingdao's thoughtful arrangements, attentive services, warm hospitality, and trustworthy environment will captivate your heart at first sight and deepen

your affection upon return!

Welcome to Qingdao!

The 5th Asian Canoe Ocean Racing Championships 2025 is tentatively scheduled to take place from September 17 to 21, 2025, in Qingdao, Shandong, China. To ensure smooth registration and support for the competition, the following announcements regarding the event are hereby issued:

1. Date and venue of the competition

Dates: September 17-21, 2025

Venue: Shilaoren Beach& Olympic Sailing Center,
Qingdao, Shandong

2. Competitions

(1) Long-distance Race (21 km/10 km)

Boat Type	Age	Men's	Women's
Surfski Single(21km)	Open (15-65)	√	√
	Master (40-65)		√
	Master (40-49)	√	
	Master (50-59)	√	
	Master (60-65)	√	
	U18 (15-18)	√	√
Outrigger Canoe Single (21km)	Open	√	
Stand Up Paddle (10km)	Open (15-65)	√	√
	Master (40-65)		√
	Master (40-49)	√	
	Master (50-59)	√	
	Master (60-65)	√	
	U18 (15-18)	√	√

(2) Sprint (600 m)

Boat Type	Qualification	Men's	Women's
Surfski Single/ Outrigger Canoe Single/ Stand Up Paddle	Men's top 4 in each group/ Women's top 2 in each group	√	√

3. Qualification

(1) Athletes must have extensive canoeing experience, be able to swim at least 200 meters unaided, possess water rescue skills, and be free from cardiovascular or cerebrovascular conditions that could compromise safety during competition. Individuals with a history of exposure to epidemics within 7 days prior to the event or those experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat, sneezing, diarrhea, vomiting—or who have recovered from such conditions within the past 30 days—are not recommended to participate. Athletes must be responsible for their own health conditions and water self-rescue abilities, and assume all risks associated with the competition. These risks include, but are not limited to, any personal injury or property damage that may occur during the event. By registering for the competition, all participating organizations and individuals fully understand and accept this agreement, and waive the right to pursue legal liability against the organizing and related organizations.

(2) Athletes must have prior experience in ocean

Surfski/OC/SUP competitions and register through their respective national (or regional) governing associations. The governing associations are responsible for conducting eligibility reviews to ensure that the athletes possess the necessary skills and capabilities to compete in ocean racing events.

(3) Athletes must hold a kayaking accident insurance with a coverage of no less than RMB 500,000. The personal insurance coverage for athletes should extend from the registration day (i.e., the arrival time at the competition venue) through the competition days and one additional day after the event. In the event of accidental injuries during the competition, any medical emergency expenses incurred shall be borne by the athletes themselves, and the organizing committee will not provide advance payments. Athletes who register for the competition must submit the *Declaration of Participation* signed by the athlete (see Appendix 1) and submit it to the organizing committee together with a copy of the accident insurance contract when registering.

4. Competition Rules

(1) Long-distance Race (21 km/10 km)

1. The long-distance race is based on the competition rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Ocean Racing (2025 edition).

2. For groups with less than 3 Surfski/OC/SUP registered, the competition in that category will be cancelled.

3. The long-distance race is a one-time final, conducted in a mass start with two separate starts: the first group consists of Surfski and OC, while the second group is SUP.

4. Additional rules can be found in the relevant event announcements or the pre-competition technical briefing.

(2) Sprint (600m)

1. The competition is located in the inner harbor pool of the Olympic Sailing Center (inside the Lover Embankment). Athletes paddle Surfski/OC/SUP around designated buoys before returning to the starting point, with a one-way distance of approximately 600 meters.

2. Athletes will be invited to compete based on their overall rankings in the men's and women's Surfski and SUP categories, with priority given to top-ranked athletes through an invitation-only system.

3. There are three competitions, including Surfski Single, Outrigger Canoe Single, and SUP, the athlete with the best overall score in the three events will be the winner.

4. Other competition rules are detailed in the event-related announcements and pre-competition technical briefing.

5. Competition Equipment

(1) Each athlete shall bring their own Surfski/OC/SUP. Surfski and OC have no restrictions on material, weight and length. SUP should be no longer than 14 feet(4.28m), with no restrictions on material or weight.

(2) Mandatory equipment: life jacket, leg rope, and event tracker (provided by the organizing committee); recommended equipment: waterproof bag, mobile phone, hydration bladder or water bottle.

(3) Competitors may bring their own competition equipment, including Surfski/OC/SUP and paddle, as well as mandatory gear and any other necessary equipment.

(4) Rental Service.

The organizing committee will entrust local Surfski and SUP brand merchants to provide rental services. For specific information, please refer to the subsequent announcements. The paddle must be brought by athletes themselves.

Be noted that the organizing committee provides a special rental price offer:

1. Only for 1 SS1 and 1 SUP per participating region
2. The specialty price is USD\$100(RMB 730) per boat.

Please email the *Rental Form* (*within Preliminary Registration Form*) to the organizing committee at Qdfgzxjsb@qd.shandong.cn by July 15, 2025.

The rent is as follows:

SS1	\$220 /three days
SUP	\$220/three days

*An additional deposit of \$280 per boat is required for the above Surfski/SUP rentals.

6. Ranking admission and awards

(1) All athletes who complete the Long-distance race will receive a finisher's medal and an electronic finisher certificate.

(2) The top three in each event will receive trophies.

(3) The prize money distribution for this competition is as follows (in RMB):

Long-Distance Race					
Men's Surfski Open	NO.1	10000	Women's Surfski Open	NO.1	10000
	NO.2	8000		NO.2	8000
	NO.3	6000		NO.3	6000
	NO.4	5000		NO.4	5000
	NO.5	4000		NO.5	4000
	NO.6	3000		NO.6	3000
	NO.7	2000		NO.7	2000
	NO.8	1000		NO.8	1000
Men's SUP Open	NO.1	6000	Women's SUP	NO.1	6000

	NO.2	5000	Open	NO.2	5000
	NO.3	4000		NO.3	4000
	NO.4	3000		NO.4	3000
	NO.5	2000		NO.5	2000
	NO.6	1000		NO.6	1000
Sprint					
Men	NO.1	3000	Women	NO.1	3000
	NO.2	2000		NO.2	2000
	NO.3	1000		NO.3	1000

The above prize amounts are pre-tax. The organizing committee will withhold 20% personal income tax in accordance with the *Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China* (tax receipts can be provided). Prize money will be distributed within 10 working days after the competition.

7. Registration and Check-in

(1) Registration

This competition is open to all member organizations of the Asian Kayaking Federation. The registration link will be published on the official websites of the Asian Canoe Federation and the Chinese Canoe Association. Participating teams should download the *Preliminary Registration Form*

and *Final Registration Form* from the Appendix 2 in this announcement. Fill them out, stamp them with an official seal, and send them to the email address:

Chinese Canoe Association: cncanoe@sports.cn

Qingdao Organizing Committee:

Qdfgzxjsb@qd.shandong.cn

Registration deadline:

Preliminary Registration Form: July 15, 2025

Final Registration Form: August 31, 2025

Registration Contact:

Chinese Canoe Association: Wei Jukun

010-67119652

Qingdao Organizing Committee: Zhang Yue

18661985853

(2) Check-in

1. Team check-in time and location

September 18, 2025, 8:30-23:00, Hall of Media Center at Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center.

All athletes must present a valid ID when checking in and submit a photocopy of their ID along with the signed *Declaration of Participation* (see Attachment 1).

Athletes will receive their bib numbers upon check-in at the venue. The bib numbers must be collected by the athlete himself/herself, who shall check the race number carefully.

Athletes must have ocean kayaking experience and provide relevant competition records upon registration, which will be reviewed by the organizing committee. The competition venue is not open to the public except on training days.

2. Time and location for referees' registration

September 18, 2025, 08:30-23:00, Kunlunheyue Hotel (No. 6 Jinwan Road, Shinan District, Qingdao City). Referees must present their ID card or passport to check in upon arrival.

3. Contact for check-in: Zhang Yue 18661985853

8. Expenses

Participating teams are responsible for their own accommodation, meals, and travel expenses. The organizing committee will provide nearby contracted hotels for teams to choose from. Teams staying at these hotels can enjoy convenience and favorable rates. The specific partner hotels and prices will be announced later.

9. Visa Application

For visa and entry-related matters, please contact the following:

China Canoe Association: He Zhenglong

E-mail: chncanoe@hotmail.com

Qingdao Organizing Committee: Meng Yuejiao
Email: Qdfgzxjsb@qd.shandong.cn

10. Schedule

Competition Schedule

Date	Time	Content	Place
September 17 (Wednesday)	09:00-18:00	ITO Check in	Olympic Sailing Center (Location to be confirmed)
September 18 (Thursday)	09:00-18:00	Check in and pick up materials	Olympic Sailing Center (Location to be confirmed)
September 19 (Friday)	09:00—20:00	Check in and pick up materials	Olympic Sailing Center (Location to be confirmed)
	10:00--18:30	Equipment Inspection, Field Training	Shilaoren Beach, Qingdao
	19:30—20:30	Technical	Olympic

		Meetings	Sailing Center, Media Center
September 20 (Saturday)	7:30-8:30	Long-distance Race Check-in	Shilaoren Beach, Qingdao
	8:30—8:45	Opening Ceremony	
	8:45—12:45	Long-distance Race	Shilaoren Beach to the Olympic Sailing Center
	14:00-15:30	Paddle Parade	Olympic Sailing Center
	17:00	Award Ceremony	Olympic Sailing Center
	18:00-20:00	Dinner	Undetermined
September 21 (Sunday)	8:30-10:30	Sprint Race	Olympic Sailing Center
	10:30-11:00	Award Ceremony	Olympic Sailing Center
	11:00	Event Conclusion	Olympic Sailing Center

Note: The above schedule is subject to changes based on

weather and tide conditions on race day.

11. Miscellaneous

Matters not covered will be notified separately.

Appendix 1

Declaration of Participation

Athlete' s Name: _____ Gender: _____

ID (Passport) Number: _____

I confirm that I am in good health and capable of swimming independently for at least 200 meters, with the ability to self-rescue in water. I fully understand the potential safety risks during the competition and have purchased (or authorized my organization to purchase on my behalf) a specialized kayaking personal accident insurance with coverage of 500,000 RMB for the duration of the event. I hereby declare that I, along with my representing organization, shall bear full responsibility for any personal injury, death, property loss, or other accidents that may occur during the competition, and that the event organizers, hosts, co-organizers, and other related entities shall not be held liable. I voluntarily waive the right to pursue any claims against the aforementioned parties.

I pledge to participate in the competition seriously, civilly, and fairly, complying with all applicable laws, competition rules, regulations, and event guidelines. I will respect the referees and opponents, firmly oppose the use of doping, and refrain from any illegal or non-compliant use of performance-enhancing

drugs. Should any such incidents occur, I am willing to bear all associated responsibilities and consequences.

Athlete' s Signature: _____

Responsible Coach/Guardian' s Signature (for athletes under 18):

Date: _____ / _____ / 2025

Appendix 2

OCEAN RACING

Preliminary Entry Form

(Please submit before 15th July 2025)

Federation	
Email	
Contact Person	
Contact Number	

Information of Crew

Position	No of people		Sub-total
	Men	Women	
Team Leader/Coach			
Athletes			
Others			
Total no of people			

Preliminary Entry Form

Event	Men / Women	Total

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- 2. The specialty price is USD\$100(RMB 730) per boat**

The special offer follows the principle of first come first serve

SS1	
SUP	

Chop & Signature: _____

OCEAN RACING

Final Entry Form (Men)

(Please submit before 15th August 2025)

Federation:			
	SS1	OC	SUP
U18 (15-18)	1)		
	2)		
Open (15-65)	1)		
	2)		
Master (40-49)	1)		
	2)		
Master (50-59)	1)		
	2)		
Master (60-65)	1)		
	2)		

Chop & Signature: _____

OCEAN RACING

Final Entry Form (Women)

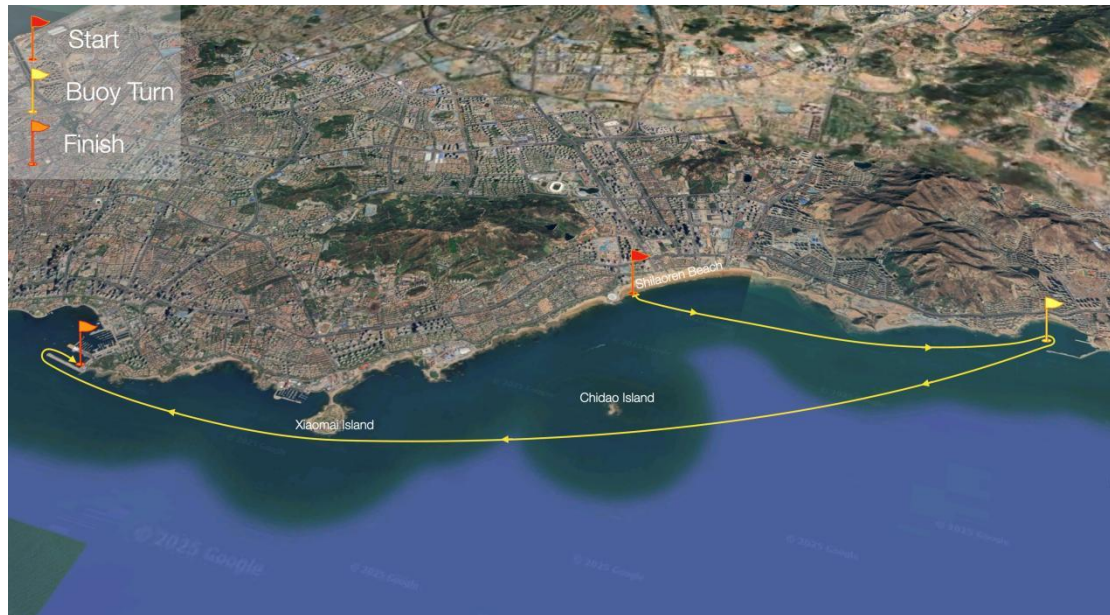
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Federation:		
	SS1	SUP
U18 (15-18)	1)	
	2)	
Open (15-65)	1)	
	2)	
Master (40-65)	1)	
	2)	

Chop & Signature: _____

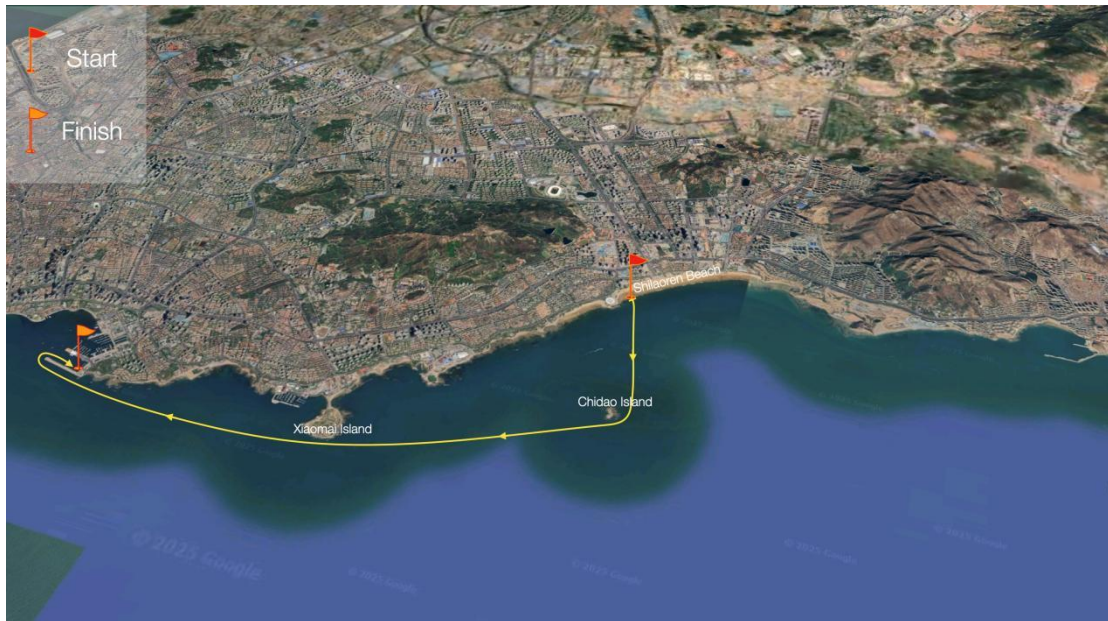
Appendix 3

21 km Route Map



The route is as shown. Starting from the beach west of Shilaoren Beach (in front of the Hyatt Hotel), athletes will paddle southeast toward Shilaoren Beach. After passing Shilaoren Beach, continue eastward to the sea area near Nanzhuamao and circle the mark point. After rounding the buoy on the starboard side, they'll head west, passing Chidao Island and Xiaomai Island, then enter the Olympic Sailing Center. Finally, they'll paddle along Lover Embankment and finish at the endpoint set inside the bay, covering a total distance of about 21 km.

10 km (SUP) Route Map



The route is as shown. Athletes will start from the beach west of Shilaoren Beach (the beach in front of the Hyatt Hotel), paddle south toward Chidao Island, after entering the water, pass Chidao Island to the right (starboard side), then head west past Xiaomai Island, enter the Olympic Sailing Center, follow the Lover Embankment, and finish by crossing the arch at the finish line set inside the Lover Embankment. The total distance is approximately 10 kilometers.