

# Sailing in Qingdao

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## 10 reasons to sail while living in Qingdao

You like the ocean but you can't see why you should be sailing on it? Here are 10 reasons that may make you change your mind.

1. **Out on the water there are no distractions.** You can focus on each other. You can have conversations. Share stories. Laugh. Reconnect and create memories that will last a lifetime.
2. **Sailing lets you relax and helps reduce stress.** It's hard not to relax when you're sailing. Out on the water there are no emails. No computers. No interruptions. There is the open water. The fresh air. The sun warming your face. Seagulls flying in the sky. Sailing makes you feel like you're very far away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Sailing is a major stress-relieving activity, and it brings a sense of freedom and adventure you can't find anywhere else.
3. **You'll never catch your limit of fun.** Buy a boat, and you'll never catch your limit of fun. There are always new places to explore. Bigger waves to ride. Different weather to test your skills in. New memories to be made.

After a day on the water taking in the beautiful scenery along Qingdao's coastline, you will realize that a Tsingtao beer has never tasted better.

4. **Sail and make new friends.** No matter who you meet out on the water - you will always have at least one thing in common - the joy of sailing. Have a 'spontaneous race' and get the adrenalin kicking in your body, then have a relaxing and comfortable sail back.



5. **Sailing improves quality of life.** Recreational sailing goes a long ways towards improving your quality of life. The minute you start to move forward on a boat, you'll notice how easy it is to leave your troubles behind. Sailing provides a constructive outlet for reducing stress, and provides enriching opportunities for self discovery, whether it's learning how to make your boat go faster, or simply enjoying an evening sunset.
  6. **Sailing is an affordable recreation alternative.** More and more foreign boat designs are now being manufactured in China making it possible to get a high quality boat at a very affordable price. With the water at your doorstep, buy and sail a boat while living in Qingdao, then fit it neatly into a container if moving elsewhere.
  7. **Sailing helps you bond with friends and family.** Recreational sailing is quality time spent away from the television set, video games, and online attractions. Sailing creates an atmosphere that brings people together and creates fond memories to last a lifetime.
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- 8. Sailing is an engaging and rewarding activity.** Recreational sailing offers lots of opportunities for personal growth. Whether you're instilling your child with extra confidence as they learn how to sail the boat or properly secure a line, sailing provides many different rewards for all ages. Once you're hooked on sailing, it can become a lifelong passion.
- 9. Sailing is good exercise.** Sailing a boat in a brisk wind can give one a really good exercise. Simply breathing in the fresh air coming off the water in itself can go a long ways towards strengthening one's health, not to mention the additional physical and psychological benefits in terms of relaxation and stress relief.
- 10. Sailing is FUN.** Last but definitely not least, one of the top reasons for sailing is simply because it's so much fun. Sail alone, sail with friends and family, join friends in a friendly race, push your boat to new limits, or simply enjoy relaxing on the water.

Credit:

The text to "10 reasons to sail while living in Qingdao" is largely inspired by the two sources listed below, plus added my personal experiences from sailing in Qingdao. 1. [www.discoverboating.com/reasons/topreasons.aspx](http://www.discoverboating.com/reasons/topreasons.aspx), 2. [www.discoverboating.ca/reasons/topreasons.aspx](http://www.discoverboating.ca/reasons/topreasons.aspx)

Although scientifically incorrect, the following point made by John F. Kennedy is a very poetic way to explain why we're drawn to the ocean.

*"All of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea -- whether it is to sail or to watch it -- we are going back from whence we came."*

Speech given by John F. Kennedy at a dinner before the America's Cup Races, September 1962.

## Get started sailing in Qingdao - it's easier than you think..!

Holding a sailing certificate, or having sailed before, is not a prerequisite for getting started sailing in Qingdao. All it takes to get out on the water is an interest in sailing, a boat to take you there, and someone to provide you the necessary instruction so you can sail it safely.

### **Safe recreational sailing can be learned fast.**

Learning boat handling skills, and having knowledge about the local weather and sailing conditions, will ensure that you stay safe while sailing in comfort and experiencing the kind of joy and fun that only sailing can provide.

**So what's the best boat to sail, you may ask.** The answer is: It depends... and the question can best be answered if you have a general idea about what kind of sailing you're interested in.

Should the boat be suitable for learning to sail in, or you don't mind being thrown in the water when making mistakes?

Do you want a boat you can sail by yourself, and must it also have space enough for bringing a friend or two?

Is your primary objective to find new ways to spend quality time with your family?

Do you want a boat that is fun and challenging to race, or do you just want a boat that can bring you to places?

Do you want a fast boat, or are you just interested in something that can bring you out on the water?

What kind of money are you willing to spend on sailing?

Having a good overview of what is available in terms of places to sail in Qingdao and available boats, feel free to call or write, and I will try my best to help you find what you're looking for.



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