

Sailing in Qingdao

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Qingdao International Marina & Olympic Sailing Center (update)

After the 'open days' during the October holidays, the Olympic Sailing Center has remained open to the public. Tickets are RMB 10 per person at the gate.

For people interested in sailing in Qingdao the opening up of the excellent sailing facilities inside the Olympic complex is great news. QIYC (Qingdao International Yacht Club) is right now busy working out the guidelines for people who wish to store a small boat (dinghy) in the marina.

For questions regarding dinghy sailing in the Olympic marina you can call Mr. George Li (黎青), m: 1395 427 8317. George speaks excellent English.



More information about QIYC and the Olympic Marina is available here: www.sailweta.com/qiyc/

YCIS Children enjoy sailing with NOCSP Sailing Program

Autumn is definitely one of the best seasons in Qingdao, with fallen leaves decorating the charming alleys in Badaguan and refreshing breeze adding to the relaxing atmosphere of the beaches.

On a sunny Saturday, NOCSP (National Organisation of Community Sailing Programs) has moved its playground to QIYC (Qingdao International Yacht Club) in the Olympic Marina. Nine Students from YCIS Qingdao (Yew Chung International School) received their sailing class from NOCSP.

The nine young sailors, who are enrolled in a 10-week comprehensive "Introduction to sailing" program, organised by NOCSP, will be learning how to manage their first sailboat- Optimist, a small sailboat designed specially for children who start learning sailing. The children will also have opportunities to visit shipyards and sailmakers alike.

It is the second class for these young sailors from Korea, France, South Africa and the United States. Their coaches are Loik Morgant and Suyu Li (from QIYC), French and Chinese sailors who have had years of experience teaching young children.

The children tried out sailing by themselves for the first time. They had the first practice starting their boats from a pontoon and gliding on water with their sails. They also learned how to stop the boat and how to tack. Many of them still need a lot of practice before they'll really feel at home in their new sailing buddy called Optimist. However, the smile on their faces and the laughter that is heard over the marina can hardly be wiped from the pleasant Autumn air of Qingdao on this sunny Saturday. One thing is sure: the children do enjoy sailing.

Thanks to Qiqi Tang (NOCSP) and Loik Morgant for sharing this sailing activity report.



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