



2017 Asian Rowing Masters Regatta

Xiamen, China

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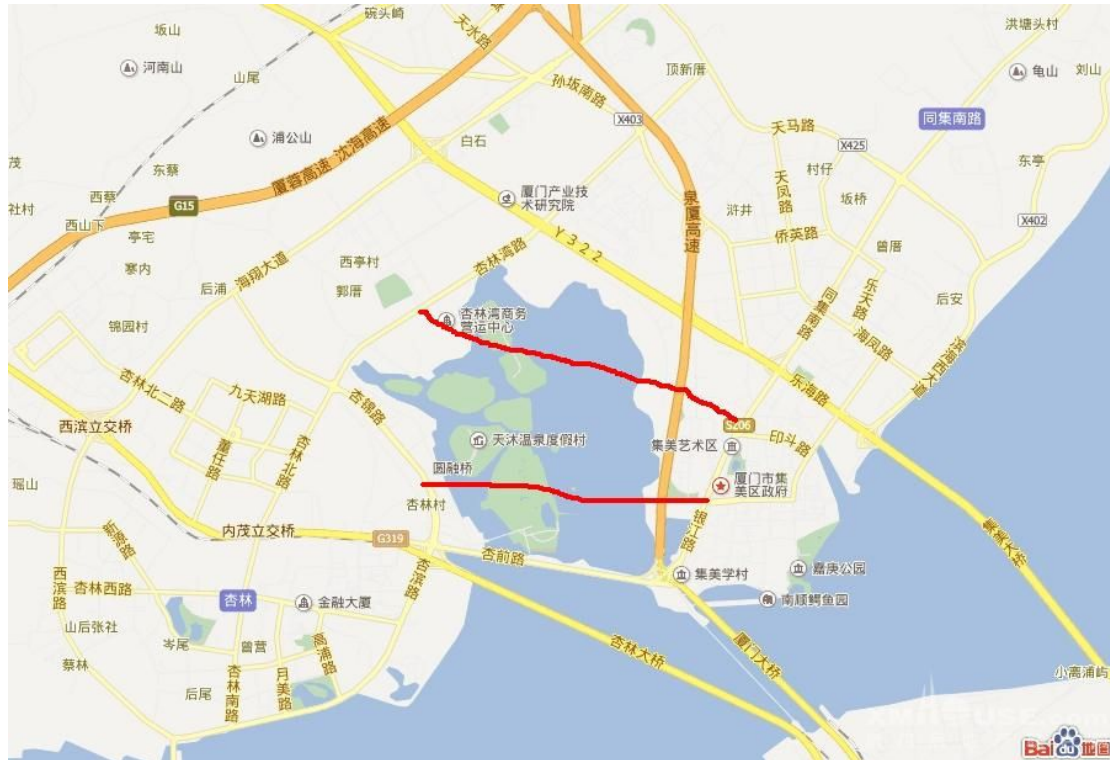
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International Jury

The International Jury will be appointed by the ARF Umpires Committee.

I . General Introduction



Xiamen covers a total area of 1,516 square meters. As one of the five earliest special economic zones, it has been a city growing in strength.

Locating in Southeast part of China mainland, Xiamen is a coastal city facing Taiwan Island across the Taiwan Strait. It has the administrations of 6 districts: Siming, Huli, Jimei ,Haicang,Tong'an and Xiang'an. It is said it was once egret inhabited place,so it is also called Egret Island.

Jimei is a distinguished cultural and educational area, a community teeming with talent and enthusiasm thanks to the reputed Jimei School village and the well-balanced educational institutions from kindergarten, primary school, secondary school to university. At the same time it is

well-known hometown of overseas Chinese and scenic area of great attraction. Three million tourists visit it annually for its calming elegance, charming scenery and outstanding cultural landscape of south Fujian.

The venue of 2017 Asian Rowing Masters Regatta located in the Water Sports Center of Xiamen, Yinjiang Road No. 137 of Jimei District , Southeast of Xinglin Bay. The investment of Water Sports Center of Xiamen is nearly 300 million yuan and has an area of sixteen hectares, with a favorable environment. It has been said to be the "China's most beautiful water course."

II . Competition Information

1. Date & Venue

The Asian Rowing Masters Regatta is to be held from 8th to 12th of November 2017, at the Water Sports Center of Xiamen, China.

2. Race Distance

All events will be 1000 meters and 500 meters, from a fixed start.

3. Events

The Asian Rowing Masters Regatta events will be as follows:

Men's 8+, Men's 2X, Men's 4X

Women's 8+, Women's 2X, Women's 4X

Mix 2X, Mix 4X

Note 1:	The Masters events are held according to the FISA Masters Categories as follows:-			
	Category A	Minimum age:	27 years	
	Category B	Average age:	36 years or more	
	Category C	Average age:	43 years or more	
	Category D1	Average age:	50 years or more	
	Category D2	Average age:	60 years or more	
	Category D3	Average age:	70 years or more	
	Age categories do not apply to coxswains. Each competitor shall be responsible for his/her own health and fitness. Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his/her age by presentation of an official document (passport or any identity card).			
Note 2	Crews of different Masters Age categories and gender may be rowed in the same heat if there are less than six entries in any category. Medals will be awarded based on the respective categories.			

Please note that crews/athletes who enter events in the same group do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK**. No changes to the competition schedule will be entertained in order to accommodate doubling-up in the same group.

4. **Rules and Regulations**

1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the FISA Rules of Racing.
2. All races will be conducted on a six-lanes course. If less than six crews

are entered in one event, it will be held as preliminary round and Final. If there are more than six crews entered, heats and Repechage(s) will be held.

3. An event with less than three entries may be canceled.

5. Eligibility

This Masters Regatta is open to all ARF members and its Affiliates Clubs. They may enter more than one crew in each boat class.

6. Entry

1. Preliminary Entry must be received by 7th September 2017

The Preliminary Entry must include the events to be entered, the total number of athletes in the team, and the number of officials accompanying the team.

Final Entry is due by 7th October 2017.

The completed Final Entry must include all necessary information for each crew, including name with date of birth of each athlete, all team members and substitutes and officials.

Entry Forms for Preliminary and Final Entries are attached to this Bulletin. These should be filled in and forwarded to the Organizing Committee, with a copy to ARF headquarters, by the stipulated date.

2. **Withdrawals** of events will be accepted until AM 1200 hours (Beijing Time) on 20th of October 2017.

Late Entry: Will not be entertained. Please note that late entries will DEFINITELY NOT be accepted after the final entry lists have been published, or at the Team Manager’s meetings.

All hotels and boat reservations and bookings are on first come first serve basis.

7. Provisional Schedule

Date(November)	8	9	10	11	12
Arrival & Check-in					
Boat Rental and Draw					
Course Open					
Team Manager & DRAW					
Jury Meeting					
Heats					
Repercharges					
Semi-finals					
Finals					
Team Departure					

8. National Flag and National Anthem

National Anthem will be played at Award Ceremony for all Events. Subject to changes.

9. Boats and Equipment

1. All boats and other equipment must comply with FISA Rules of Racing.

2. If participating teams unable to bring their own boats, OC will provide boats for rental in each event. Requests for hiring boats should be submitted to the Organizing Committee using the attached Boat Rental Form before 7th September 2017.

Later reservations will be subjected to availability of boats / equipment.

3. Boat Rental Time & Location

Time: 8th of Nov. 2017

Location: Hall of the First Floor, Water Sports Center of Xiamen

Detail information will be released in Bulletin 2.

10. Accommodation and Meals

Accommodation facilities are located about 30 minutes by shuttle-bus from the venue. The features of the accommodation are an air-conditioned room, bathroom, parking and buffet style breakfast and dinner for teams and officials.

Single Room	USD 100/person/night including 3 meals
Twin-room Sharing	USD 52.5/person/night including 3 meals

For lunch meals, team managers will be required to indicate the required number of lunch sets to be arranged for his/her team for each day. (The form will be given upon arrival.)

Note:

1. All hotel accommodation reservations shall need a full payment from

the total amount to be paid by 7th of November 2017.

2. Any change or cancellation must be immediately reported to OC in writing (**asianmastersxm@163.com**). If notice of cancellation is made by 20th of October 2017, then no cancellation fee is necessary, i.e. The deposit shall be refunded but all fee derived from the bank transfer of the refund must be supported by the receiver. However, if notice of cancellation is made after 20th of October 2017, then no refund will be Given.

11. Transportation

Local transportation for the participants, oars and other equipment to and from Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport Accommodation facilities will be provided by OC, 20 USD will be charged per person for round trip. Detailed information of arrival and departure dates and flight number or train number should be informed in advance to OC via **Arrival & Departure Form** in order for OC to arrange local transportation and other necessary Preparations. Teams are advised to arrive in Xiamen by 6th of November 2017 and depart by 13th of November 2017.

Note:

Local transportation will only be provided for teams staying in the official accommodation. Teams that stay at their preferred accommodation would need to arrange for their own daily internal transportation to/from Venue.

12. Accreditation

All participants will receive an accreditation card on arrival at hotel. Teams are required to email a passport size photograph of all officials and athletes along with the **Accreditation Form**.

13. Umpires

The Umpires for the Asian Rowing Masters Regatta will be appointed by the ARF Umpiring Committee. OC will provide free Board & Lodging for ARF Umpires Only.

14. Appeals

All appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with the FISA Rules.

15. Uniform

During the competition, competitors must wear the official competition uniform of their Clubs/National Federation.

16. Weather

The past average weather conditions in Xiamen in November are as follows:

Average daily maximum air temperature (°C)	26	Predominant wind direction	° SSW
Average daily minimum air temperature (°C)	15	Average wind speed	m/s
Average relative humidity (%)		Maximum wind speed	m/s
Average monthly rainfall (mm)	mm		

Confirmed information will be released in Bulletin 2.

17. Prize

Medals will be presented to the first, second and third placed competitors in each event.

18. Organizing Committee

For all submission of entries and other information, please contact the Organizing Committee at the following address:

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Enclosed:

Preliminary Entry & Boat & Oar Deadline: 7th September 2017

Hotel Reservation Form Deadline: 7th September 2017

Accreditation Form – Athletes Deadline: 7th October 2017

Accreditation Form – Officials Deadline: 7th October 2017

Final Entry Form by Name Deadline: 7th October 2017

Arrival & Departure Form Deadline: 7th October 2017

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