

2 May 2018

Mr Duncan Ross
Chairperson
Optimist Association
Western Cape

Dear Duncan

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL SPORT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As official partners of the International Sport Exchange Program initiated by our WC Government, South African Sailing Western Cape has been invited by Qingdao, Shandong, China to send a team of 6 Opti sailors to participate in a series of regattas in Qingdao from 6 to 16 August 2018 (travel days excluded). As a Sport Code and Federation in Goodstanding with our Sport Confederation as well as WC Government, we hereby extend an Invitation to members in goodstanding of the WC Optimist Class.

Please note this is not a selection for a World event but an invitation to participate in a cultural sport exchange Program, sponsored by WC Government. As such this Department will make the final decision and SA Sailing WC will issue the official invitations to the 6 participants. The team consists of :-

- Boy
- Girl
- Black
- White
- Each District represented
- A-fleet
- B-fleet
- Be a SA Sailing member in goodstanding
- Be an Optimist Class member in goodstanding
- Not have been on the Program previously
- Preferably not a sailor aging out of Optimist class as China is keen to introduce a new leg of the Exchange Program for aging sailors who have already been on this particular Program

Below please find the provisional Qingdao Program (note this excludes travel days). Letters will be written to respective Schools :-

Date	Time	Schedule
Aug. 8 th , 2018	09:00-16:30	<u>Registration</u> (International and Domestic)
Aug. 9 th , 2018	09:30-16:00	<u>Equipments</u> Distribution and Measurement, Training on water
Aug. 10 th , 2018	09:20-16:00 Evening	Division Races Opening Ceremony
Aug. 11 th , 2018	09:20-16:30	Cruising, Races
Aug. 12 th , 2018	09:20-16:30	Races
Aug. 13 th , 2018	09:20-16:30	Races
Aug. 14 th , 2018	09:20-16:00	Races
Aug. 15 th , 2018	9:00-12:00	<u>Equipments</u> Return Celebrity Dialogue or City Tour
	19:30-21:30	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
Aug. 16 th , 2018		Departure

Please communicate with your members and provide us with a one-pager per interested sailor by noon, 18 May 2018. The document must include a clear headshot on the top right corner of the page; date of birth, whether they hold a valid South African Passport and Unabridged Birth Certificate, which Club they represent as well as provide the correct name of their School and email address.

Kind regards



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Chairperson SAS WC