

## **2008 Paralympic Preparation & Regatta Preliminary Information**

### ***Authority***

#### **Olympic & Paralympic Games**

One authority, the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (BOCOG), will run the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games, The Sailing Subcommittee – Qingdao (SSCQD) of BOCOG will be responsible for Sailing. SSCQD operates with a certain degree of autonomy. Olympic and Paralympic sailors will share the same venue and facilities.

### **Sailing**

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) is affiliated to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). ISAF and IFDS work together to stage sailing at the Olympic and Paralympic games.

### **Technical Delegates**

Every quadrennium (four years), the IFDS Executive Committee appoint one or more Technical Delegates (TDs) to liaise with the relevant Paralympic authority and to oversee preparations for and operation of the Paralympic regatta. The IFDS Executive Committee has appointed Phil Vardy (AUS) as Technical Delegate and Ian Harrison (GBR) as Assistant Technical Delegate for the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition. Pauline Harrison (GBR) is secretary to the Technical Delegates. If anyone has any queries they can email the Technical Delegates:

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### ***The Event***

#### **Location**

In 2008, most Olympic and Paralympic events will held in Beijing. Equestrian and Sailing however will be held in satellite venues – Hong Kong and Qingdao (pronounced 'ching dow', in English). Qingdao is on the southern side of the Shang Dong province (the large peninsula in northern China that points to Korea).

### **Schedule for the Paralympic Regatta 2008**

- Saturday 30 August 2008 - Village and venue open  
Registration, Classification and Measurement
- Saturday 6 September 2008 - Opening Ceremony
- Sunday 7 September 2008 - Practice Race
- Monday 8 – Tuesday 9  
September 2008 - Racing
- Wednesday 10  
September 2008 - Reserve Day
- Thursday 11 – Saturday 13  
September 2008 - Racing
- Saturday 13 – Sunday 14  
September 2008 - Medal presentation – Qingdao

- Tuesday 16 September 2008 - Containers to leave the venue
- Wednesday 17 September 2008 - Closing Ceremony – Beijing
- Thursday 18 September 2008 - Village and Venue close

Eleven races are planned for each class. If 5 or more races are sailed there will be 1 drop, if 11 are sailed, 2 will be dropped. 4 races will constitute a series.

### **Venue**

For the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Competitions, a purpose-built venue has been constructed.

After the Games;

- The harbour will become a sailing centre and port,
- The Olympic/Paralympic village will become a five-star hotel,
- The media centre will become an International-Standard Yacht Club,
- The administration block will become a National Sailing School.

Accommodation (Olympic/Paralympic village) is next to the entrance to the sailing venue. There is no need for transport between the village and the venue. In the village, 30 bedrooms will meet the IPC standards of “Fully Accessible” or “Wheelchair Friendly”. Where possible, members of each national team will be housed together.

### **Entry**

80 athletes - 40 boats

14 Three-Person Keelboats, Sonars;

12 Two-Person Keelboats, SKUD18s

14 Single-Person Keelboats, 2.4mRs

Host country - China will have automatic entry of one boat for each event.

At the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships, 2006, Single-Person and Three-Person Keelboat, Perth, Australia;

7 nations qualified in the Three-Person Keelboat, Sonar

7 nations qualified in the Single-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR

At the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships, 2007, Single-Person, Two-Person and Three-Person Keelboat, Rochester, USA;

6 nations qualified in the Three-Person Keelboat, Sonar

6 nations qualified in the Two-Person Keelboat, SKUD18

6 nations qualified in the Single-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR

At the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship, 2008, Two-Person Keelboat, Singapore;

5 nations qualify in the Two-Person Keelboat, SKUD18

### **Harbour**

In order to accommodate Paralympic competition and support boats, three 60m pontoons will be added to the northern Olympic dinghy launching platform. These facilities provide 360 linear metres of docking space which will allow all boats (competition and support) of any one nation to be located in one 'national' area. Four cranes will enable daily haul out. Hoists (with slings) will be available to any nation that requires them.

### **Ashore**

The Athletes Lounge will be linked by a bridge to the village. The Container Park, Boat Park and Paralympic Pontoons are in close proximity.

### **Courses**

There will be two courses set close to the breakwater spectator area and close to the harbour:

- Course A (trapezoidal, closest the harbour) for Single-Person Keelboats, 2.4mR's and Two-Person Keelboats, SKUD18's.
- Course B (windward-leeward) for Three-Person Keelboats, Sonar's.

### **Sailing Conditions**

Historical data suggest that winds will be light to medium. Sea conditions can be up to 2 metres; the tide can flow at two knots.

### **Anti-doping**

Athletes will be subject to strict WADA rules and regulations.

### **Transport**

It is anticipated that accessible transport will be available between Qingdao International Airport and the venue (40 minutes drive).

### **Chandler and Boat Repair Facilities**

There will be a large tent within the venue dedicated to ships chandlery and boat repair. Currently there are no sail makers or chandlers in Qingdao.

### **Facilities**

Medical Centre, physiotherapy, wheelchair repair, etc. will be available either in the venue and village.

**International Event (8-16 May 2008)**

This event has been arranged to give sailors the possibility to experience the facilities in the Olympic/Paralympic Village and Venue and local on-water sailing conditions. Many of the above facilities will be used during this event, including the Olympic/Paralympic Village.

**Schedule**

- 6 May 2008 - Containers into the venue
- 8-10 May 2008 - Registration, Classification and Measurement
- 11-15 May 2008 - Race Days
- 16 May 2008 - Closing Ceremony
- 17 May 2008 - Containers and Equipment to be moved out of the venue

**Entry Fees (€Euros)**

- Three-Person Keelboat, Sonar - €360
- Two-Person Keelboat, SKUD18 - €240
- Single-Person Keelboat, 2.4mR - €120

**Format**

Modified Paralympic Sailing Competition

- One International Race Officer
- Three-person protest committee
- Limited classification (possibly 2 International Classifiers)
- Reduced measurement
- Sailed on one trapezoid course

**2008 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting, 10 May 2008**

**Qingdao, China**

IFDS is delighted to learn that on the 10 May 2008 the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting Delegates are scheduled to visit the Olympic/Paralympic venue. This will be an excellent opportunity to show-case Paralympic sailing to the ISAF Executive and representatives of many National Sailing Associations.

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