



J World 厦门
2008 J-Boats Asia International
Invitational Regatta
2008 J-Boats 亚洲国际帆船邀请赛



Held during World Ocean Week in Xiamen, China

Notice of Race

- 1) **Date:** Friday November 7th– Sunday November 9th, 2008
- 2) **Venue:** Wuyuan Bay Xiamen, China
- 3) **Organizing committee:** The Chinese Yachting Association, Xiamen Government and J Boats Asia.
- 4) **Eligibility:** International sailors will be invited to sail J/80s built and produced in Xiamen, China during this regatta.
- 5) **Registration:** Registration and skippers meeting will be held at J World, Wuyuan Bay Xiamen, China November 7th, 2008
- 6) **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) together with, as appropriate, The International J/80 Class Association (IJCA) as amended for this Regatta.
 - * The crew restrictions on weight will not be applicable, crew will be no more than 4 persons per boat regardless of weight.
 - * This notice of race may be amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 7) **International Jury:** An international jury may be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. If so constituted, the Jury's decision will be final.
- 8) **Advertising:** For boats competing in the regatta is designated as a category C event under ISAF Regulation 20—Advertising code of RRS Appendix A.
- 9) **Scoring:** The scoring systems for the regatta races will be the low point system.
- 10) **Prizes:** The prizes will be awarded for the boats in the first three positions and there will be souvenirs for all boats participating.
- 11) **Disclaimer:** Competitors participate in the J World/J Boats 2008 International Invitational Regatta event entirely at their own risk. The sponsors, the organizing authority, officials and staff/assistants will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.



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- 12) Boats and Sails:** The Regatta will use new J/80s with a new set of sails provided by J Boats Asia and J World Asia. Boats will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 13) Rules:** Any contact between boats could be grounds for immediate disqualification of the boats involved in the contact for the race in which the contact occurred. Contact resulting in damage deemed serious by the Race Committee will result in disqualification from the remainder of the event.
- 14) Starting times:** The warning signal for the start of the first race on Saturday and Sunday will not be before 09:00.
- 15) Instructions:** The Sailing instructions will be available at the skippers briefing on Friday November 7th at the J World Facility on Wuyuan Bay.



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Press and Media

J World Xiamen and 2008 J Boats Asia International Invitational Regatta will be the first International Regatta held in Xiamen. J World Xiamen and 2008 J Boats Asia International Invitational Regatta will spotlight Xiamen and in particular Wuyuan Bay during the World Ocean Week 2008. The event Organizers will have in place a full media center available for video, print, and web distribution. Press releases will be made on a regular basis from September throughout the entire event. The regatta will feature the first J Boats built in Xiamen sailing on the beautiful Wuyuan Bay.

TV Coverage and media will be facilitated by the event and media support boats will be provided to any television crew. All Chinese media requests will be facilitated along with sailing and yachting publications "China Yachting", "Asia Pacific Boating", "Yacht Style", "Fragrant Harbor" who will be invited to attend.

The event will feature race results, competitor biographies and event interest pieces. Beyond the event website, this event will utilize several websites to bring visitors notice about this event: J Boats, J World, J Boats Asia website.

We believe The J World Xiamen and 2008 J Boats Asia International Invitational Regatta will reflect not only the quality of the J Boats built in Xiamen, but also the Beautiful waters of Xiamen that we sail on.

Regatta Rules

The Regatta will be sailed under ISAF racing rules of sailing 2004-2008.

The will be an international Jury.

Venue: Wuyuan Bay, Xiamen China

International and Chinese sailors will be invited to attend.

J Boats Asia J World Xiamen will provide regatta support vessels for crowd and boat control on the water and working in conjunction with the Xiamen city officials as directed.



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Teams

The J World Xiamen 2008 J Boats Asia International Invitational Regatta is an International Regatta with the following countries invited:

- Australia
- Chile
- China
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK
- USA

J Boats Asia purposes to host the '2008 J Boats Asia International Invitational Regatta' during World Ocean Week in Xiamen China. Under the auspices of the Chinese Yachting Association, Xiamen Government and J Boats Asia. International Sailors will be invited to sail J/80s built and produced in Xiamen China during this regatta. Sailors from over 16 countries will be invited to participate. This is the first J/80 International Regatta to be sailed in Asia and will celebrate the production of J/80s built in Xiamen.

- J/80 is an International Class
- Recognized by the ISAF
- J/80s will be provided by J Boats Asia sailed in Xiamen China
- Special Mayors Cup Race – Invited Mayors will be provided a J/80 and crew to sail a special race in Wuyuan Bay
- J Boats Asia will be responsible for International Jury, Race Committee and all Sailing Instructions



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It's proposed that this International Regatta will work in unison with the World Ocean Week (WOW) in Xiamen and promote Ecological Responsibility while highlighting Xiamen's marine resources and beauty. The international sailors invited to attend will enjoy the competition and marine cultural activities during WOW. These sailors will return to these native countries with a great appreciation of Xiamen and its beautiful marine life.

The J/80 class attracts a wide range of sailors—in size, weight, gender, and experience level. This is due to the boat's inherent stability (45+% ballast ratio), and simple ease of operation. The 12' long cockpit and high boom enables most crew to pass through the cockpit while tacking or jibing. There is higher premium placed on quickness and coordination than brute strength. The 5:1 mainsheet, 12:1 boom vang, and large primary winches (for jib and spinnaker sheets) further help equalize performance between different strength crews.

The stability of the J/80 allows it to more easily adapt to a wide range of crew weight, without detracting noticeably from optimum performance. Four 15 year olds weighing 270 kilos combined can competitively sail a J/80 around a W-L course in 20 knots and perform all maneuvers. On the extreme side, a J/80 was recently double-handed by two Swedish sailors (one of whom is a class measurer) across the Atlantic Ocean. At the 2007 J/80 World Championships, the Class estimates that most competitors weighed between 60 and 90 kilos.

The age range of participants was from 15 to 70, but averaged in the early to mid 30s. 40% of the boats were sailed with mixed gender, which is considered a high percentage for a performance sport boat championship event.



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Fleet Locations / Boat Numbers

As of March 2008, there are 1,100 J/80s built. The numbers are growing at a rate of 120 boats per year (based on 2007 builder shipments and 2008 sales backlog). Total current output from builders is 14 boats per month. The boats are distributed as follows:

EUROPE

France	200	Spain	110	Sweden	110
UK	90	Germany	55	Benelux	30
Italy	25	Ireland	14	Switzerland	12
Norway	10	Finland	8	Denmark	7
Portugal	4	Turkey	2		

NORTH AMERICA

United States	370	Canada	15	Caribbean Islands	15
Mexico	6				

OTHER

Japan	4	Australia	3	Chile	3
China / Hong Kong	2				

J/80 World Championship History

YEAR	VENUE	BOAT #	REPRESENTATION
2001	Newport, RI, USA	35 boats	4 countries, 2 continents
2002	La Rochelle, France	46 boats	8 countries, 2 continents
2003	Fort Worth, TX, USA	49 boats	5 countries, 2 continents
2004	Sandham, Sweden	56 boats	5 countries, 2 continents
2005	Falmouth, UK	52 boats	6 countries, 2 continents
2006	Corpus Christi, TX, USA	38 boats	5 countries, 2 continents
2007	La Trinite, France	125 boats	8 countries, 2 continents

Future World Championships

2008	Keil, Germany
2009	Santander, Spain
2010	Newport, RI, USA





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PARTIAL LIST OF J CLASS SUPPORTED ISAF EVENTS

YEAR	EVENT	LOCATION	BOAT
1991	IYRU Nations Cup	Barcelona, Spain	J/24
1993	IYRU Nations Cup	Netherlands	J/24
1994	IYRU World Sailing Championship	La Rochelle, France	J/22 & J/24
1995	IYRU Nations Cup	San Francisco	J/24
1998	ISAF World Sailing Games	Dubai	J/22
1999	ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds	Italy	J/22
2001	ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds	Italy	J/22
2002	ISAF World Sailing Games	Marseille	J/22 & J/80
2002	ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds	Spain	J/22
2004	ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds	Annapolis, MD, USA	J/22
2005	ISAF Women's Match Racing Worlds	Bermuda	J/24
2006	ISAF Nation's Cup Regionals & Finals		J/22, J/24, & J/80

The J Class Associations (J/22, J/24 & J/80) and their owners, along with J Boats and its builders and agents have been the most prolific suppliers of keelboats to ISAF events since 1991. The J/80 class fully supports the use of J/80s in provided boat competition such as match-racing and team racing. While these activities do not directly bear on the one-design fleet racing aspect of the class, they fulfill the mission of the class to promote sailing and fellowship to all sailors.





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ORGANIZATIONS USING J/80s IN MATCH-RACING, TRAINING AND EVENT BASED PROGRAMS (partial list)

Finland

Finland NJK Match Racing Center

France

Ecole Navale (French Naval Academy)
Nantes Saint Nazaire
Pays de la Loire
Yachting Club de la Pointe Rouge (Marseille)

Germany

BMW Sailing Cup (New 2008 Fleet for Match Race circuit)

Ireland

Irish Sailing Association

Sweden

Royal Swedish Yacht Club (KSSS)
J World Stockholm

United Kingdom

Plas Menai Sailing Center, Wales
Plymouth University
Royal Yachting Association, Weymouth
Team Origin, British America's Cup Syndicate
UK Sailing Academy, Cowes

United States

J Schools/Clubs in Annapolis, San Francisco and San Diego
Sail Northwest Sailing Club, Seattle

China

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SCHEDULE

Friday November 7

- 0900-1030 Registration and boat check out (J World Xiamen Wuyuan Bay)
- 1100-1200 Boat check out and practice
- 1200-1330 Lunch
- 1400-1500 Mayors Cup Regatta
Special Mayors Cup invited Mayors or dignitaries will be provided a J/80 and team to sail a "fun race" in Wuyuan Bay.
- 1530-1600 Mayors Cup Trophy Presentation
- 1600-1730 On the water practice
Boat Check
- 1830-2030 Welcome Banquet
Skipper and Crew Introductions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

- 0800-1000 Registration and boat check out, J World Xiamen, Wuyuan Bay
- 1100-1600 Races 1, 2 and 3
- 1600-1800 Visit Xiamen Boat Show
- 1830-2000 Banquet hosted by Host Hotel and Lewmar

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

- 0900-1000 Registration and boat check out, J World Xiamen Wuyuan Bay
- 1100-1600 Races 4 and 5
- 1700-2000 Awards Ceremony
J World Xiamen, Wuyuan Bay
Vice Mayor of Xiamen Municipal Government presents awards
Mr. Pan Shijian
Closing Ceremony





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PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday November 9th at J World Xiamen. We will request that Mr. Pan Shijian, Vice Mayor of Xiamen, will honor us with his participation and award each participant.



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