

The First School Regatta in Shenzhen

12th November, Luo Wai school regatta was held in Vanhang Longcheer Sailing Center, it's the first school regatta in Shenzhen. 70 students and more than 80 parents attended the event. 69 eager racers competed in the race.



The origin of the event is a self-challenge camp which is organized specially for Luowai students in April. We chose 16 students who had never heard of sailing from the school, and taught them to sail and practice, there has been a heated discussion about this program, which has been attracting more than 100 students to come to the Longcheer Sailing Center for sailing. What's more, we succeeded in helping them establish the first sailing club in school, thus a growing number of students are getting to know sailing and falling in love with it.

The participants of this event made a great effort to eventually get on the starting line. They had to finish their homework ahead and drive for nearly an hour to arrive at Longcheer Sailing Center for practice every weekend in the past four months, they are true sailors with passion.



While the racers went off to race, a Campus Sailing Development Seminar was organized by Vanhang and Luowai School with the Assitant Principal of Luowai School Mr Long, Vanhang CEO Vincent and the RYA Coach/Assessor Christopher Eades. They were talking broadly on the topics, "the future of the school sailing", "Racing" and "What sailing brings for the youth" and etc.

"Vanhang will provide Chinese young sailors with more RYA sailing courses by inviting more RYA senior instructors to come to China in the future.

The superior sailors from school will represent China to participate in Topper World Championship held annually in July." Vincent said.



The perfect wind conditions were ideal for a racing day. After two races, the first place in luowai fleet was a shy boy named Suxuan, he looks more outgoing on the water.

Prizes were awarded to all the successful sailors but it was not about the results it was more about the joy of the day, and having fun out on the water.



After the race, five headmasters from other schools attended the closing ceremony.

“What’s been impressive is that so many enthusiastic parents volunteered to help the racers launched and rigged.” one of the headmasters said.

Perhaps they have never been to a regatta with so many parents involved.

Seeing the achievement of the regatta, the headmasters determined to have sailing promoted in their schools as Luowai did.

The race ended but sailing has just started to spread among the schools in Shenzhen, we will hopefully see the blue ocean decorated by thousands of white sails in the future.



Vanhang is planning to run a Vanhang Cup youth regatta in 2017 summer, there will have more than 10 schools involved and nearly 150 sailors participated.

Vanhang Sailing is a company committed to youth sailing promotion in China, our vision is upgrading Chinese young sailors' competition level to a new height within 3 years. For this reason, we are looking forward to further cooperation with Royal Yacht Association and International Topper Class Association in various sectors.