

## 470 World Championships Men & Women 21 - 30 January 2008 | Melbourne, Australia



### Facts

- 153 teams from 38 countries
- The 470 class fulfills the two person dinghy sailing sport discipline at the 2008 Olympic Games for both Men and Women
- 470 Men WILMOT / PAGE (AUS) and 470 Women DE KONING / BERKHOUT (NED) will fight for their fourth World Championship title
- 15 nations will battle for the last 7 remaining places at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta, in the 470 Men, 16 nations for the last 5 places in the 470 Women

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## Introduction

### Last World Championships within the XXIX Olympiad

After almost four years campaigning in the XXIX Olympiad, sailing athletes will measure strength at their last World Championships prior to the Olympic Sailing Regatta, taking place next Summer at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. The World Championships in the International 470 class, the class representing the "two person dinghy" for both men and women at the Olympic Sailing Regatta, will take place from 21 to 30 January on Port Phillip Bay near Melbourne in Australia.

Reigning World Champions Nathan WILMOT and Malcolm PAGE from Australia (470 Men) and Marcelien DE KONING and Lobke BERKHOUT from the Netherlands (470 Women) will have a tough job defending their Worlds title and fight, to claim the Worlds title to their names for the fourth time.

During the last few years, many different crews in the international 470 class racing scene from different nations and continents as well, have managed to climb the podium at International 470 Class Championships and major events. With their proven ability to win races, they will push it hard to break the resp. Australian and Dutch leadership.

Having this trend of changing leaders in mind, it looks like the number of contenders for the Worlds title is higher than ever.

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#### Competition around the globe

470 World Championships have taken place on different continents the last three years, (USA 2005, China 2006, Portugal 2007), and now the action is brought to Australia, with 153 entries from an impressive number of 38 representing nations.

#### Nations still in the race to qualify and represent their country at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

Besides the challenge for the Worlds title, this event will decide on the remaining 25% of country qualifications for the Olympic Sailing Regatta. 29 crews will start at the Olympic Sailing Regatta in the men's two person dinghy, and 19 in the women's.

At the ISAF Sailing World Championships last year in Cascais, Portugal, 22 countries have already qualified in the 470 Men and 14 in the 470 Women.

A hot competition for the Olympic dream, meaning for the 7 remaining places in the men's 470, will establish between 15 nations that have not qualified. In the women's 470 it will be even harder, where 17 nations will compete for only 5 remaining places.

#### Title defenders 470 Men : Nathan Wilmot and Malcolm Page (AUS)



#### Title defenders 470 Women : Marcelien de Koning and Lobke Berkout (NED)



#### Support to Olympic dreams

To ensure that all nations around the World got a chance to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta, 470 Internationale launched the 2008 Olympic Pathway Solidarity Grant programme in 2006.

With a 30.000 euro budget and great efforts, this programme provided in equipment, training and coaching support at the first qualifying event, the ISAF Sailing World Championships in 2007, and provides financial support for transport and charters at this last qualifying event, the 2008 470 World Championships.

The support is provided to crews from nations admitted to the programme by proving to have financial obstacles to take a chance for country qualification.

This makes a total of 50 nations from all continents that have been, and still are competing for participation at the Olympic Sailing Regatta this Summer where only 29 starting places are available in the 470 men, 19 starting in the 470 Women.

#### New young talent, oxygen for the sport on the long run.

The entry list of this World Championship also shows that preparations for the 2012 and following Olympic Sailing Regatta's have already begun.

Many countries send a second or a higher number of crews in both the men and women's fleet, which are often top performing crews from the junior scene.

## About the Event

### EVENT GRADE

### ISAF Grade W

### CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

The 470 Class fulfills the two person dinghy sailing sport discipline for both Men and Women at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

Because the 470 carries an Olympic status, a World Championship is granted with the ISAF Grade W, which is the highest grade after the sailing regatta at the Olympic Games.

The winners of the event, resp. Men and Women will receive the title of:

### **470 Class Men's World Champion**

### **470 Class Women's World Champion**

### THE FORMAT IN A NUTSHELL

The 470 Worlds Men & Women are strictly two separate events. Both the Men and Ladies Fleet will race on separate courses to make sure that racing will not be influenced by each others presence.

The race format for each Fleet is the same. Each Fleet (Men & Women) will be split up into groups, as close to the number of 35 per group.

All groups will race six qualifying races during three days, with two races a day on the schedule. The groups will be changed each day.

After three days of qualifiers, the best 35 teams of each Fleet will proceed the event in the so called Gold Fleet, the remaining boats in a second Silver Fleet and third Bronze Fleet, if applicable. All teams will have seven races in the finals, (the Medal Race included.)

On the last day, the top ten of each Gold Fleets Men & Women will decide the World Championship in the highlight of the event: The Medal Race.

### PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

21-22 January	- Registration and measurement
23 January	- Registration and measurement - Practice Race - Opening Ceremony
24-26 January	<b>Qualifying races</b> - Six races per fleet Each day, first warning signal is scheduled at 1300hrs At least one race per fleet will be organized each day
27-30 January	<b>Final races</b> - Up to seven races per fleet Each day, first warning signal is scheduled at 1300hrs On the last day: - at least one race per fleet will be organized, - the fleet Gold will sail the Medal race and the Last race if at least two final races have been completed for this fleet, - no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

### COMPLETE FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

The complete format and programme can be found at the Event web site under **Notice of Race** and **Sailing Instructions**, and prevail at all times over all further information.  
<http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au>

### LOCAL TIME

**Local Time in Melbourne is UTC/GMT+11**



### About the Venue

#### CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATION

The 470 World Championships are organized by, and is part of Sail Melbourne, one of the most well known and biggest and professional events in the World for International and Olympic Classes.

#### ABOUT SAIL MELBOURNE

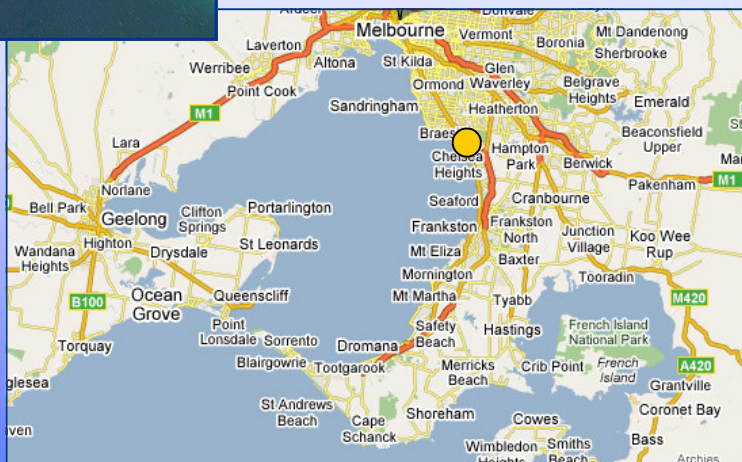
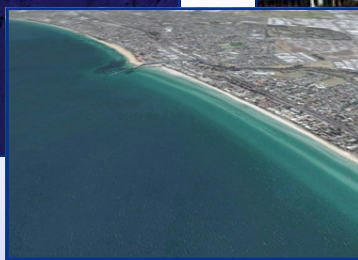
MELBOURNE is renowned as a city for major events including the Commonwealth Games, the Australian Tennis Open, F1 Grand Prix and Sail Melbourne. Sail Melbourne was established by Yachting Victoria in 1994 with funding assistance from the State Government of Victoria. It is now recognized as the number one sailing event for Olympic class sailing in the Southern Hemisphere. Mark Turnbull OAM, at 34 the world's youngest Chairman of an International Sailing Federation Grade 1 regatta and 2000 Sydney Olympic Gold medalist, is thrilled with this recognition.

*"Sail Melbourne 2008 dominates the ISAF calendar leading up to the Beijing Olympic Games and Melbourne clearly has the attention of the world yachting community for an intense three to four week period in the crucial lead up to the Olympic regatta in Qingdao in August," Turnbull says.*

*"Sail Melbourne 2008 is rivaling the 1999 Worlds in sheer scale, and that event did a huge amount for the recognition of sailing, both in Victoria and around the world."*

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip Bay, which is recognized as one of the world's best open expanses of water for sailing. Excellent summer conditions include regular sea breezes averaging 15 knots, minimal tidal influences and 20 degree Celsius water temperatures. Port Phillip will be the perfect place to select the next champions of the world.

Source: Sail Melbourne



## Olympic Sailing and Country Qualification

At the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008, eleven disciplines will represent the sailing sport.



- Heavyweight Dinghy - Finn
- Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial
- Men's One Person Dinghy - Laser
- Men's and Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470
- Skiff - 49er
- Men's Keelboat - Star
- Women's Keelboat - Yngling
- Multihull - Tornado
- Men's & Women's Windsurfer - Neil Pryde RS:X

### 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta. Two Person Dinghy Men & Women

The following number of slots are available for participation at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta

**470 Men: 29 - 22 qualified, remaining: 7**  
**470 Women : 19 - 14 qualified, remaining: 5**

Countries have to qualify to participate at the Olympic Sailing Regatta, the qualified country is responsible for the selection of it's sailors.

Country qualification takes place at following events

**ISAF World Sailing Championship 2007**  
 75 %

**World Championships 2008**  
 25 % remaining

### Status of country qualification for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

#### 470 Men

<b>ARG</b>	Entries were received from following countries. These countries will have the chance to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta. (7 places left)
<b>AUS</b>	
<b>BLR</b>	
<b>CAN</b>	
<b>CRO</b>	
<b>FRA</b>	
<b>GER</b>	
<b>GBR</b>	
<b>GRE</b>	
<b>IRL</b>	
<b>ISR</b>	AUT BEL BRA CHI CZE EST FIN HKG HUN NZL POL RUS SUI TUR UKR
<b>ITA</b>	
<b>JPN</b>	
<b>KOR</b>	
<b>NED</b>	
<b>POR</b>	
<b>CHN</b>	
<b>SIN</b>	
<b>SLO</b>	
<b>ESP</b>	
<b>SWE</b>	
<b>USA</b>	

**22 countries**

#### 470 Women

<b>AUS</b>	Entries were received from following countries. These countries will have the chance to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta. (5 places left)
<b>BRA</b>	
<b>FRA</b>	
<b>GER</b>	
<b>GBR</b>	
<b>ISR</b>	
<b>ITA</b>	
<b>JPN</b>	
<b>NED</b>	
<b>NZL</b>	
<b>CHN</b>	ARG AUT CAN CHI CRO CZE DEN EST FIN GRE HKG POL RUS SIN ESP SUI UKR
<b>SLO</b>	
<b>SWE</b>	
<b>USA</b>	

**14 countries**

Source: ISAF : [www.sailing.org/20303.php](http://www.sailing.org/20303.php)  
 Subject to ISAF Ratification (last updated: 1 August 2007)  
 (Information published by ISAF prevails at all times)





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## About the 470 Class

### History

The 470 was designed in 1963 by Andre CORNU (FRA) as a modern fiberglass planing dinghy with trapeze and spinnaker. In 1969 the class was given international status and has been on the Olympic programme since 1976, sailing initially as an open event.

The 470 was the first dinghy of the modern Olympic era, could accommodate light and medium weight crews and be sailed as effectively by men as women.

In 1988, the IYRU (now ISAF) created the first women's only event and selected the 470. In parallel a men's two person dinghy event was created, also using the 470.

### Today

The 470 Class fulfills the Olympic 'Two Person Dinghy' sailing discipline for both Men and Women. The strict one design class has proved its excellent suitability as an Olympic Sport during 12 Olympiads (8 for Men and 4 for Women) because of its characteristics as a high performance sailing dinghy, suitable for human athlete body-weights from all continents, and very capable performing in most weather circumstances.

### High activity around the World

The 470 Class knows a high activity from Junior to Senior sailing in more than 70 countries spread over 6 Continents, with almost 40.000 boats built since the 60's. Five International Championships in strict accordance with the guidelines of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) are carried out annually. (World & European Championship, Junior World & Junior European Championship and Masters Cup. The 470 Class Association (470 Internationale) is managed both by volunteers and by paid persons, in order to provide a complete range of management during the entire year.

## Specifications

Length Overall :	4.70 m.
Length Waterline :	4.44 m.
Beam :	1.68 m.
Draft :	0.15 m.
Draft Centreboard Down :	1.05 m.
Weight : all up (Minimum) :	120 Kg.
Barehull Weight (Minimum) :	93 Kg.
Mast :	6.78 m.
Boom :	2.65 m.
Spinnaker Pole (Maximum) :	1.90 m.
Mailsail :	9.12 sq/m.
Jib :	3.58 sq/m.
Spinnaker :	13.00 sq/m.

## The Boat the World sails

The 470 class is represented by affiliated members in 65 countries around the world.

**470 is pronounced as "Four Seventy"**





## Participating Nations & Sail Identifications

**CAN** Canada  
**USA** United States

**ARG** Argentina  
**BRA** Brazil  
**CHI** Chile

**AUT** Austria  
**BEL** Belgium  
**CRO** Croatia  
**DEN** Denmark  
**FRA** France  
**GER** Germany  
**GBR** Great Britain  
**GRE** Greece  
**HUN** Hungary  
**IRL** Ireland  
**ITA** Italy  
**MON** Monaco  
**NED** Netherlands  
**POR** Portugal  
**ESP** Spain  
**SWE** Sweden  
**SUI** Switzerland

**CZE** Czech Republic  
**EST** Estonia  
**FIN** Finland  
**POL** Poland  
**RUS** Russia  
**SLO** Slovakia  
**TUR** Turkey  
**UKR** Ukraine  
**ISR** Israel

**CHN** China  
**HKG** Hong Kong  
**JPN** Japan  
**KOR** Korea  
**SIN** Singapore

**AUS** Australia  
**NZL** New Zealand

### 470 MEN

95 Teams  
 36 Countries  
 5 Continents

AUS	ISR
AUT	ITA
BEL	JPN
BRA	KOR
CAN	MON
CHI	NED
CHN	NZL
CRO	POL
CZE	POR
ESP	RUS
EST	SIN
FIN	SLO
FRA	SUI
GBR	SWE
GER	TUR
GRE	UKR
HKG	USA
HUN	
IRL	

### 470 WOMEN

56 Teams  
 30 Countries  
 5 Continents

ARG	HKG
AUS	ISR
AUT	ITA
CAN	JPN
CHI	NED
CHN	NZL
CRO	POL
CZE	RUS
DEN	SIN
ESP	SLO
EST	SUI
FIN	SWE
FRA	UKR
GBR	USA
GER	
GRE	

### TOTAL

151 Teams  
 38 Countries  
 5 Continents

## World Rankings

### 470 MEN

#### World Ranking Top 20

Update 19-12-2007

1	WILMOT Nathan	PAGE Malcolm	AUS
2	COSTER Sven	COSTER Kalle	NED
3	KLIGER Gideon	GAL Udi	ISR
4	BELCHER Mathew	BEHRENS Nick	AUS
5	BONNAUD Benjamin	BONNAUD Romain	FRA
6	NICOLAS Charbonnier	BAUSSET Olivier	FRA
7	ZANDONA' Gabrio	TRANI Andrea	ITA
8	ROGERS Nick	GLANFIELD Joe	GBR
9	MARINHO Álvaro	NUNES Miguel	POR
10	BARREIROS Onan	SARMIENTO Aaron	ESP
11	ANDERSON-MITTERLING Michael	HUGHES David	USA
12	LEBOUCHER Pierre	GAROS Vincent	FRA
13	FANTELA Sime	MARENIC Igor	CRO
14	MARTINEZ Gustavo	DIMAS Wood	ESP
15	YAMADA Kan	NAKAMURA Kenichi	JPN
16	MCNAY Stuart	BIEHL Graham	USA
17	ASHER Nic	WILLIS Elliot	GBR
18	SANCHEZ FERRER Francisco	RAMOS Alejandro	ESP
19	ZELLMER Lucas	SEELIG Heiko	GER
20	PIASECKI Patryk	ZIEMINSKI Kacper	POL

### 470 WOMEN

#### World Ranking Top 20

Update 19-12-2007

1	CONTI Giulia	MICOL Giovanna	ITA
2	PETITJEAN Ingrid	DOUROUX Nadège	FRA
3	DE KONING Marcelien	BERKHOUT Lobbe	NED
4	KONDO Ai	KAMATA Naoko	JPN
5	CLARK Amanda	MERGENTHALER Sarah	USA
6	BASSADONE Christina	CLARK Saskia	GBR
7	VOGL Sylvia	FLATSCHER Carolina	AUT
8	ROTHWEILER Stefanie	KUSSATZ Vivien	GER
9	YOSHISAKO Yuka	OKUMA Noriko	JPN
10	SMIDOVA Lenka	FENCLOVÁ Veronika	CZE
11	LECOINTRE Camille	LEMAITRE Gwendolyn	FRA
12	PROVAN Jennifer	LUTTMER Carol	CAN
13	RECHICHI Elise	PARKINSON Tessa	AUS
14	TORGERSSON Therese	ZACHRISSON Vendela	SWE
15	KOCH Henriette	SOMMER Lene	DEN
16	MAXWELL Erin	KINSOLVING Isabelle	USA
17	OLIVEIRA Fernanda	SWAN Isabel	BRA
18	BLASCHKIEWITZ Daria	GENRICH Geeske	GER
19	ROL Emmanuelle	THILO Anne-sophie	SUI
20	GALLEGO Marina	TUTZO Laia	ESP



## 470 Men



## Top Players

### **Nathan WILMOT / Malcolm PAGE | Australia (AUS) | Title defenders**

Age: 28 and 35

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 1

Career Highlights: 2004, 2005, 2007 World Champions; 2006 ISAF World Sailing Games gold medalists  
The 470 World Champions of 2004, 2005 and 2007 rule the 470 Men's Fleet this Olympiad, and called more predictions over them by winning the 2007 and last Olympic Test Event for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

### **Sven COSTER / Kalle COSTER | Netherlands (NED)**

Age 29 and 25

ISAF World Sailing Rankings 2

Career Highlights: 2007 World Championship silver medalists

The Dutch men are known as heavy air specialists and 470 Class dare-devils because of their guts to hoist the spinnaker in heavy gusts. Where others capsize or break masts, they fly into a position that brings them on the podium. Their results improve as the final goal, the Olympics, comes closer.

### **Nick ROGERS / Joe GLANFIELD | Great Britain (GBR)**

Age: 30 and 29

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 8

Career Highlights: Silver medalist 2004 Olympic Sailing Competition, Silver medalist 470 Worlds 2005, The top team of Great Britain earned a lot of medals at International Championships and major events, although it never came to a Gold medal yet. They still have to prove that they rule over their fellow countrymen Nic ASHER and Eliot WILLIS, 2006 World Champions, to participate at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

### **Gideon KLIGER / Udi GAL | Israel (ISR)**

Age: 27 and 28

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 3

Career Highlights: bronze medalists 470 World Championships 2006 and 2007.

These men from Israel have always been top players at international 470 Championships, and brought home many medals from major events in the past. At the 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships, they hardly made it to the Medal race, but they showed the ability to perform some excellent sailing in the final race, that finally brought them the bronze medal.

### **Gabrio ZANDONA / Andrea TRANI | Israel (ISR)**

Age: 30 and 30

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 7

Career Highlights: 2003 World Champions

Italy's current best two person dinghy sailors won the 470 World Championships at the ISAF World Championships 2003 in Cadiz. Their results have been impressive last year, picking up event wins and podiums in a range of conditions.

### **Alvaro MARINHO / Miguel NUNES | Portugal (POR)**

Age: 31 and 31

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 9

Career Highlights: 2007 European Champions

The reigning European Champions. Both men are very experienced two person dinghy sailors, with some impressive results in the 420 class until 1996 where they made the step into the Olympic sailing scene. Have hit their top form last year with wins in Palma and the Europeans.

### **Nicholas CHARBONNIER / Olivier BAUSSET | France (FRA)**

Age: 25 and 26

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 6

Career Highlights: 2007 European Championship silver medalists

The men from France were heroes at the European Championship last year in Greece by demonstrating some excellent sailing and strategy in their battle for the title with their Portuguese opponents. Nicolas CHARBONNIER has an amazing record of World Championship titles in the 420 Class, experience in an America's Cup campaign.

## 470 Women



## Top Players

### **Marcelien DE KONING / Lobke BERKHOUT | Netherlands (NED) | Title defenders**

Age: 29 and 27

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 3

Career Highlights: 2005, 2006, 2007 World Champions 470 Women

The current World Champions are known as heavy air specialists, although showed they are fast in all conditions with a win in the light conditions at the 2006 Worlds. In their home country they have won almost every national sports award available, and in 2007 they were internationally nominated for the ISAF World Sailor of the Year award in 2007. The Dutch Women have the amazing ability to push it hard at events that they choose, and take serious leads over the fleet at moments that pressure rises.

### **Ingrid PETITJEAN / Nadège DOUROUX | France (FRA)**

Age 27 and 26

ISAF World Sailing Rankings 2

Career Highlights: 2006 ISAF World Sailing Games gold medalists, silver at the 2007 470 Worlds.

The French 470 crew have been amongst the top players in the class for over six years now and are an almost constant feature around the top of the leaderboard. Strong across a range of conditions and have put in some good performances last season.

### **Christine BASSADONE / Saskia CLARK | Great Britain (GBR)**

Age: 26 and 28

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 6

Career Highlights: Silver at 470 Worlds 2005, Bronze at 470 Worlds 2007

These Ladies from Great Britain leave the 420 class successful by winning the Ladies Worlds Championships in 2000 and start sailing 470's. Only in 2004 they start to get eyes focused on them by winning silver at the Semaine Olympique Française and a seventh place at the Athens 2004 Olympic Regatta. From then, it seems they find their way on top in the 470 Women's Fleet and become contenders for Championship titles.

### **Therese TORGERSSON / Vendela SANTEN | Sweden (SWE)**

Age: 31 and 29

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 14

Career Highlights: 2004 World Champions, bronze medalists at 2004 Olympic Sailing Regatta

The 2004 World Champions and Athens Olympic bronze medalists were quick to pick up the pace in the class after TORGERSSON switched from the Europe in 2001. The team is a perfect example of two single-handed dinghy sailors teaming up to merge strengths and are at their best at the big events, in all conditions. Their strong development during the past few years calls high expectations for this World Championship.

### **Elise RECHICHI / Tessa PARKINSON | Australia (AUS)**

Age: 22 and 21

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 13

Career Highlights: Gold medalists Olympic Test Event 2007, 3rd Open 470 Europeans 2007

The Australians are one of the youngest and most talented teams participating in the Intl. 470 class scene. They have an impressive record of national and international youth sailing titles, highlighted by a trio of victories in 2004 at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship (RECHICHI also won in 2003), the 420 Women's Worlds and the 470 Junior Worlds. In August last year, they climbed the podium for a Gold medal at the Olympic Test Event.

### **Giulia CONTI / Giovanna MICOL | Italy (ITA)**

Age: 22 and 25

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 1

Career Highlights: Silver medalist at 470 Europeans 2007

Looking at the performance of the Italians over the last few months, they merit high expectations. Giulia CONTI and Giovanna MICOL only started in the class in 2006 but were quick getting up to pace. Despite being just 22, CONTI is already an experienced sailor on the match racing circuit and competed at the Athens 2004 Olympics in the Yngling class.

### **Ai KONDO / Naoko KAMATA | Japan (JPN)**

Age: 27 and 24

ISAF World Sailing Ranking: 4

Career Highlights: silver medalists 470 Worlds 2006, silver medalists Olympic Test Event 2007

Asia's best performing 470 team always gives strong competition at major events. Looking at their career highlights, circumstances on Chinese waters seem to suit them very well, which makes them favorite for an Olympic medal at the Olympic Sailing Regatta this Summer. In heavy conditions last year at the ISAF Sailing World Championships, they also showed to be very competitive by taking an overall fourth place.





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Please only use the following contact information for media purposes only. For general contact information, please visit the event web site at: [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

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