

2018 Asian Rowing Coastal Championships (Finals)

Victoria Harbour was the competition venue for two days racing in the 2018 Asian Rowing Coastal Championships over the weekend. Nearly 80 crews from eight countries and regions, saw over 200 rowers "Race in the City". This is the first time that an international rowing event has been held in Hong Kong harbour and it showed the great potential of the harbour as a water sports arena for the community as well as promoting Hong Kong.

The 4km race course started and finished off Causeway Bay waterfront at Kellett Island, and took crews into the heart of Central, turning around buoys at the Central Piers, the Hong Kong Observation Wheel, Tamar Park and Golden Bauhinia Square. Spectators and casual visitors alike lined the shore to enjoy the spectacle of crews racing in front of them.

Coastal rowing boats are designed for open water rowing and the rough waters of Victoria Harbour were perfect to produce some exciting racing.

Gold medals are:

- (CW1x) Philippines – Melcah Jen CABALLERO
- (CM1x) Hong Kong, China – Eduardo Gabriel LINARES RUIZ
- (CM2x) Hong Kong, China – CHAN Yuk Man & CHIU Hin Chun
- (CW2x) Hong Kong, China – LEE Ka Man & LEE Yuen Yin
- (CM4x+) Chinese Taipei – LIN Che Wei, CHANG Yen Chun, WANG Ming Hui, CHANG Chun Hsien & YU Tsung Wei
- (CW4x+) Chinese Taipei – LEE Kuan Yi, LIN Chia Yi, YANG Wan Yu, HUA Yi An, LEE Chia Ju.

These Asian Championships were a precursor to next year's World Rowing Coastal Championships to be held in November 2019 on the same harbour course. This year's rowers are all promising to return to Victoria Harbour to race again!

Last but not least, the HKCRA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all the rowers, the presenting sponsor CMMB Vision Holdings Limited, ANIFA, Home Affairs Bureau, Hong Kong Water Sports Council, Leisure & Cultural Services Department, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Swift International, The Hong Kong Life Saving Society, the Hong Kong Tourism Board and The "Star" Ferry Company, Limited.

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