



**2026 1st CMAS Mermaid World Cup
2026 China Championship Mermaid Open
Event Announcement**

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Welcome Message from China Waterski, Underwater & Powerboat Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

The First CMAS Mermaid World Cup and the 2026 China Championship Mermaid Open (Lingshui) will be held in Lingshui, Hainan Province, China, from 25 to 31 August 2026.

On behalf of the World Underwater Federation (CMAS) and the China Waterski, Underwater & Powerboat Federation, we are pleased to extend our warmest welcome to mermaid athletes, officials, and delegates from around the world to this prestigious event in the beautiful island province of Hainan.

This document provides essential information regarding the competition and participation arrangements. Should you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Welcome Message from the Host City — Lingshui, Hainan, China

Lingshui Li Autonomous County, located in the southeastern part of Hainan Island—the second-largest island in China—covers a total land area of 1,128 square kilometres. Situated south of the Tropic of Cancer, Lingshui enjoys a tropical monsoon climate, with an average annual temperature of approximately 25°C. The region is characterised by mild winters, warm summers, abundant rainfall during summer and autumn, and relatively dry conditions in winter and spring.

Renowned for its pristine coastline, crystal-clear waters, blue skies, and fine sandy beaches, Lingshui is recognised as a National Integrated Tourism Demonstration Zone and a National Model Unit for Tourism Standardisation. It has received numerous accolades, including “National Forest Tourism Demonstration County,” “Most Beautiful Destination in China,” and “Best Coastal Leisure Destination in China.” It is home to the national 5A-level tourist attraction Boundary Island, 4A-level scenic spots Nanwan Monkey Island and Clear Water Bay, as well as Diaoluoshan National Forest Park, tropical fruit-picking bases, ocean theme parks, and other attractions.

We warmly welcome mermaid athletes and enthusiasts from around the world to experience the natural beauty of Lingshui and to celebrate the elegance and artistry of mermaid sport together.



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Welcome Message from the Venue Owner — Hainan Ocean Paradise Resort, Lingshui County

Hainan Ocean Paradise Resort covers a planning area of over 1.33 km² and a built area of 0.58 km². It consists of five major zones: Sansha City, Discovery Bay, Adventure Ocean, Ecological Coast, and Ocean Water Park. The resort is equipped with more than 40 amusement facilities, including the "South China Sea Eye Ferris Wheel", "Rusty Mountain Rapids", and "Storm Poseidon Bay". It also features eight major animal venues such as the "South China Sea Secret Realm", "Sea Turtle Pavilion", and "Stingray Pavilion", as well as themed shows including "Legend of the South China Sea Mermaid" and "Fun Sea Lion Classroom".

The competition venue, "South China Sea Secret Realm", has a total construction area of 20,427 square meters and a total water volume of 19,600 tons. It is divided into seven themed exhibition areas: Hainan Rainforest Zone, Pearl Coast Zone, Coral Sea Zone, South China Sea Zone, Deep Sea Exploration Zone, Mermaid Theatre Zone, and Fantasy Jellyfish Zone. With 43 exhibition tanks, it houses more than 1,500 species and over 40,000 individual aquatic organisms.

We welcome mermaids from all over the world to showcase their talent and create artistry together at the South China Sea Secret Realm in Hainan Ocean Paradise Resort!



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I. Event Name

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(Lingshui)

II. Event Date

August 25 – 31, 2026

August 25:	Athlete Check-in
August 26:	Venue Familiarization & Pre-competition Training
August 27:	Opening Ceremony & Competition
August 28:	Competition
August 29:	Competition
August 30:	Competition & Closing Ceremony
August 31:	Departure

III. Venue

South China Sea Secret Realm, Hainan Ocean Paradise Resort, Lingshui, Hainan,
China

IV. Organisers

1. Host

World Underwater Federation (CMAS)

2. Organiser

China Water Ski, Underwater & Powerboat Federation

Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of Hainan
Province

People's Government of Lingshui Li Autonomous County, Hainan Province

3. Co-organiser

Lingshui Li Autonomous County Bureau of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Film,
Television and Sports

4. Executive Organisation: To be determined



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V. Competition Categories, Events and Classifications

The competition is organised into four (4) categories:

1. Adult Categories (18–50 years)

a. Men

b. Women

Each of the above categories includes the following:

- Events:
 - Solo Skill
 - Solo Mermaid Dance
- Classifications:
 - Solo Skill Classification
 - Solo Mermaid Dance Classification
 - All-around Classification (results of Solo Skill and Solo Mermaid Dance).

c. Mixed (Adults)

- Events:
 - Synchronised Skill
 - Group Mermaid Dance
- Classifications:
 - Synchronised Skill Classification
 - Group Mermaid Dance Classification

2. Junior Mixed Category (10–17 years)

- Events:
 - Solo Skill
 - Solo Mermaid Dance
- Classifications:
 - Solo Skill Classification
 - Solo Mermaid Dance Classification
 - All-around Classification (results of Solo Skill and Solo Mermaid Dance).

Note: The All-Around classification is included in the China Open but not featured in the World Cup.



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VI. Participation Regulations

1. All diving clubs from any country or region may register teams to participate.
2. Each club may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes or two (2) combinations in each event. Athletes must meet the age requirements for registration in their respective events. If a country or region has an excessive number of entries, its national or regional underwater federation may organise a pre-competition trial to determine the final participants.
3. All expenses shall be borne by the participating teams.
4. Teams with five (5) or more athletes may register one (1) team leader and one (1) coach; teams with four (4) or fewer athletes may register one (1) team leader only.
5. Any category with fewer than three (3) participating clubs and four (4) athletes/teams may be cancelled or converted into a demonstration event.
6. Athletes under the age of 18 participating in the Youth Mixed Group must have their legal guardians sign the "Waiver & Release of Liability for Participation", "Guardian Consent Form", and "Guardianship Authorisation Letter". Furthermore, they must be accompanied throughout the competition by a guardian or an authorised guardian.
7. Each participating team and athlete must conduct a thorough self-assessment of the risks involved, independently decide to participate, voluntarily assume the relevant risks and responsibilities during the event, and waive the right to hold the event-related organisations liable. Athletes must sign the "Waiver & Release of Liability for Participation" before the competition and must purchase personal accident and medical insurance covering the entire duration of the event with a minimum coverage of 500,000 RMB; otherwise, they will not be allowed to participate.

VII. Competition Rules

The latest revised Mermaid Competition Rules (2026 Edition) issued by the World Underwater Federation (CMAS) and the detailed rules of this competition shall apply.

1. Skill Competition

- 1.1 The Skill Competition is divided into Solo Skill and Synchronised Skill Classification. Athletes shall perform a specified number of mermaid skills within the prescribed time limit, in accordance with the competition schedule.
- 1.2 The final score for the Solo Skill Classification shall be the sum of the Skill Execution Score, Skill Transition Score and Equipment Bonus. The final score for the



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Synchronised Skill Classification shall be the sum of the Skill Execution Score, Skill Transition Score, Skill Synchronisation Score and Equipment Bonus.

1.3 The time limit for the Adult Skill Competition is four (4) minutes. The maximum depth of the competition area shall be 10 meters. A maximum of twelve (12) skill movements is permitted, including no more than four (4) compulsory movements and no more than eight (8) optional movements. The sequence and number of dives shall be freely choreographed by the athlete(s).

1.4 The compulsory movements for the Adult Solo Skill Classification are: Vertical Sculling Dive; Underwater Horizontal Dolphin Kick (Supine); Vertical Suspension; and 360° Backwards Somersault (Supine).

1.5 The compulsory movements for the Adult Synchronised Skill Classification are: Bent-over Dive; Underwater Horizontal Dolphin Kick (Lateral); 360° Backwards Somersault (Prone); and 360° Sculling- Driven Spin.

1.6 The time limit for the Junior Solo Skill Classification is three (3) minutes. The maximum depth of the competition area shall be 3 meters. A maximum of eight (8) skill movements is permitted, including no more than three (3) compulsory movements and no more than five (5) optional movements. The compulsory movements are: Bent-over Dive; Underwater Horizontal Dolphin Kick (Prone); and 360° Backwards Somersault (Prone).

1.7 Optional skills shall be selected from the Mermaid Skill Library. Self-created skills are permitted; however, they must be submitted to the Judging Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the competition, together with clear video documentation. The Judging Committee shall review and respond within seven (7) days upon receipt. Approved self-created skills performed in competition shall be awarded bonus points.

1.8 In the skill competition, all skills except the diving skill may only be performed once.

1.9 A Skill Sequence Form must be submitted to the Judging Committee at least 72 hours prior to the competition, and no changes shall be permitted after submission.

2. Mermaid Dance

2.1 The Mermaid Dance competition is divided into Solo and Group events (2–4 athletes).

2.2 Athletes' scores shall comprise the Form Art Score, Music Artistry Score, Performance Artistry Score, Overall Artistry Score, and Fundamental Performance Score, which together determine the final result.

2.3 The time limits for the Adult Solo Mermaid Dance event are a minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes; for the Junior Solo Mermaid Dance event, minimum of three (3) and a maximum four (4) minutes; and for the Adult Group Mermaid Dance event, minimum five (5) and maximum seven (7) minutes. The duration of the music must correspond to the performance time.



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3. The competition consists of two stages: preliminary and final. The top six athletes in each event based on preliminary results will advance to the final. Final rankings from 1st to 6th are determined by final scores. Athletes who fail to qualify for the final will be ranked 7th or below based on their preliminary results.

4. The starting order for preliminaries shall be decided by a draw before the competition. The starting order for finals shall follow the reverse order of preliminary rankings.

5. All-Around Competition Classification

5.1 The All-Around competition will not be held separately. The rankings shall be determined based on the combined points of the Solo Skill Classification and the Solo Mermaid Dance Classification.

The point comparison table for competition rankings is as follows.

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5
Point	25	20	16	13	11
Ranking	6	7	8	9	10
Point	10	9	8	7	6
Ranking	11	12	13	14	15
Point	5	4	3	2	1

5.2 In the event of a tie in total scores, the ranking shall be determined by the point of the Skill Competition. If the tie persists, in the Adult Categories, the score for the “Vertical Sculling Dive” shall serve as the deciding factor. In the Junior Mixed Category, the score for the “360° Backwards Somersault” shall serve as the deciding factor. For competitors without a rankings score, the ranking will be determined by their best single-event placement. If the best single-event placements are also identical, the ranking will be decided by the best performance score.

6. Use of pure oxygen and oxygen-enriched gas is strictly prohibited within 45 minutes prior to the competition. Violators will be disqualified.

7. Rankings for each event of the China Mermaid Open Championship shall be determined based on the scores of all participating athletes. For each event of the CMAS Mermaid World Cup, a maximum of two individuals or teams per country/region shall be eligible for scoring and ranking and shall be selected in descending order based on the results and rankings of the China Mermaid Open Championship.

VIII. Awards & Prizes

1. Top 3 of each category will be awarded medals; Top 8 will receive certificates.



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2. The Local Organising Committee will provide free twin standard room accommodation at the official event hotel for the Top 4 athletes in all World Cup events.
3. Cash prizes will be granted for selected competition categories of the China Mermaid Open (RMB):

Competition categories	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
Men's All-Around Competition	18,000	12,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	50,000
Women's All-Around Competition	18,000	12,000	8,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	50,000
Synchronised Skill Competition	9,000	7,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	30,000
Group Mermaid Dance	9,000	7,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	30,000
Junior All-Around Competition	9,000	7,000	5,000	4,000	3,000	2,000	30,000

IX. Registration and Check-in

1. Entries will be accepted exclusively via the following two channels:
 - 1.1 <https://portal.cmas.org/>
 - 1.2 Email: cnunderwater@163.com & Cc to: chnmermaid@163.com
 - 1.3 Registration closes at 18:00 on July 25, 2026.
2. Athletes registering for the Individual Skill Competition and Individual Mermaid Dance Competition shall submit a 60-second video of the corresponding event for the Organising Committee's review. Participation is permitted only upon approval.
3. No registration fee will be charged for this event.
4. Check-in
 - 4.1 Technical Delegates, Chief Referee, Deputy Chief Referee, Scheduler and Safety Officer shall complete check-in on August 23, 2026. All other technical officials shall check in on August 24, 2026.
 - 4.2 All participating teams shall complete check-in on August 25, 2026.
 - 4.3 Each team shall arrange its own accommodation and meals. Should you require recommendations from the Organising Committee, please submit your request well in advance; otherwise, we cannot guarantee arrangements.
5. Contact Information

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Venue Management: Mu Jiaxin, Tel: +86 18645390214

X. Catering & Accommodation

1. Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Hainan Ocean Paradise Resort
2. Hotel Address: No. 8 Haifeng Avenue, Li'an Town, Lingshui Li Autonomous County, Hainan Province
3. Prices:
 - 3.1 Double Room (with breakfast): RMB 650
 - 3.2 Single Room (with breakfast): RMB 600
 - 3.3 Buffet A (per person per meal): RMB 50
Buffet B (per person per meal): RMB 80
Buffet C (per person per meal): RMB 100



XI. Transportation Guide

1. Airport Arrival



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Participants from outside China may fly directly to Sanya Phoenix International Airport or Haikou Meilan International Airport in Hainan, depending on their departure location. Alternatively, they may connect to Sanya or Haikou via major international airports in China, including Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou.

2. From Airport to Competition Venue / Official Event Hotel

<u>Arrival Location</u>	<u>Transportation Options</u>
Sanya Phoenix International Airport	1.Taxi ride directly to Ocean Paradise Resort (1.5 hours)
	2.High-speed rail from Phoenix Airport Station to Lingshui Station (35 mins)
	3.Free shuttle bus to the resort (2 hours)
Haikou Meilan International Airport	1.Taxi ride directly to Ocean Paradise Resort (2.5 hours)
	2.High-speed rail from Meilan Station to Lingshui Station (1.5 hours)
Qionghai Boao Airport	1.Airport shuttle → Qionghai Station
	2.Airport shuttle → Boao Station
	3.Taxi ride directly to Ocean Paradise Resort (1.5 hours)
Boao Station	Boao Station → Lingshui Station (35 mins)
Qionghai Station	1.Qionghai Station → Lingshui Station (40 mins)
Lingshui Station	2.Lingshui Station → Taxi ride directly to Ocean Paradise Resort (25 mins)
	3.Lingshui Station → Free shuttle bus→Ocean Paradise Resort
	4.Lingshui Station → Bus Route 91 to Ocean Paradise Resort Stop

XII. Visa Policy

1. Visa-Exempt Countries for Hainan Entry

59 countries: Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Norway, Ukraine, Italy, Austria, Finland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ireland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, UAE, Qatar, Monaco, Belarus.

Citizens of the 59 listed countries may enter Hainan visa-free for a maximum stay of 30 days for tourism, sports competition, business, visiting, medical treatment, and exhibition purposes (excluding work and study). The valid activity scope is limited to Hainan Province. The stay period is calculated from 00:00 on the next day after entry.

2. Other Regions

Participants from non-visa-exempt countries shall apply for entry visas independently. For assistance, please contact the Event Organizing Committee.