

IODA Asian & Oceanian Championship 2026

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Sri Lanka



Discover Sri Lanka

An Adventure Beyond Sailing

Sri Lanka is more than a destination—it's an experience that captivates every sense. With sun-drenched beaches, lush tropical landscapes, and vibrant cities, this island offers an unforgettable escape for both sailors and their families.

For sailors, Sri Lanka's diverse coastline provides ideal sailing conditions year-round, with scenic bays and new waters to explore. Beyond the competition, families can dive into Sri Lanka's rich heritage, from ancient temples and wildlife safaris to world-famous tea plantations and colorful local festivals. The warmth of Sri Lankan hospitality ensures that every visitor, whether on land or sea, feels right at home.

Sri Lanka promises a championship experience that combines thrilling competition with a journey of discovery—making it the perfect choice for the IODA Asian and Oceanian Championship 2026.



Venue

Port City Colombo

A Modern Marina at the Heart of Paradise

The proposed venue at Port City Colombo exemplifies Sri Lanka's unique capacity to balance modernity with charm. Located in the heart of Colombo, this international marina hub provides world-class facilities and berths for over 200 luxury yachts. Its proximity to Sri Lanka's main international airport ensures ease of access for attendees worldwide. The venue itself is a testament to Sri Lanka's forward-looking infrastructure, blending the excitement of a "village" structure with scenic views of yachts and the Indian Ocean, making it a unique setting for the championship.

The 2026 IODA Asian & Oceanian Championship will be held from 29th December 2026 to 5th January 2027 at Port City, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The racing area will be at Artificial Beach, Colombo Port City.



A Legacy of Excellence

Sri Lanka's Sailing Heritage

Sri Lanka's deep-rooted passion for sailing is showcased through decades of hosting world-class events, building a reputation for excellence in maritime sports. Each competition held here has reinforced our nation's commitment to creating exceptional experiences for sailors and spectators alike. Key milestones in Sri Lanka's sailing history include:

South Asian
Yachting Regatta
(SAYR) – 1970 to
1978 and 2004

Enterprise Worlds –
2006

GP14 World
Championships –
2011

IODA Asian
Championship –
2012

IODA Asian and
Oceanian
Championship –
2016

IODA Asian and
Oceanian
Championship
(planned) – 2020
(canceled due to
COVID-19)

Optimal Sailing Conditions

Wind, Water, and Tides

Wind Speed in the Winter of 2024 in Colombo

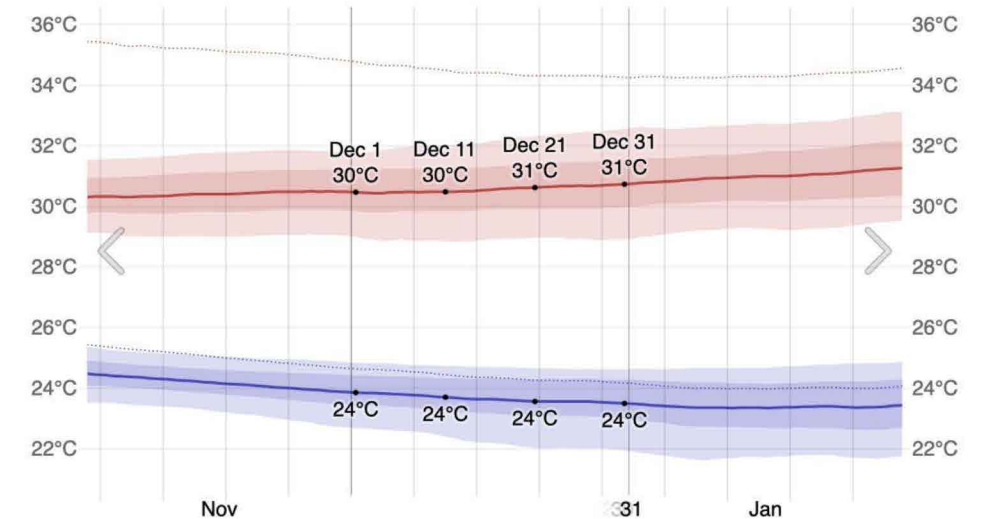


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Variable: 28-32°C

Water temperature 26
- 28°C

Prevailing wind
direction 0 – 45 °

Average High and Low Temperature in December in Colombo



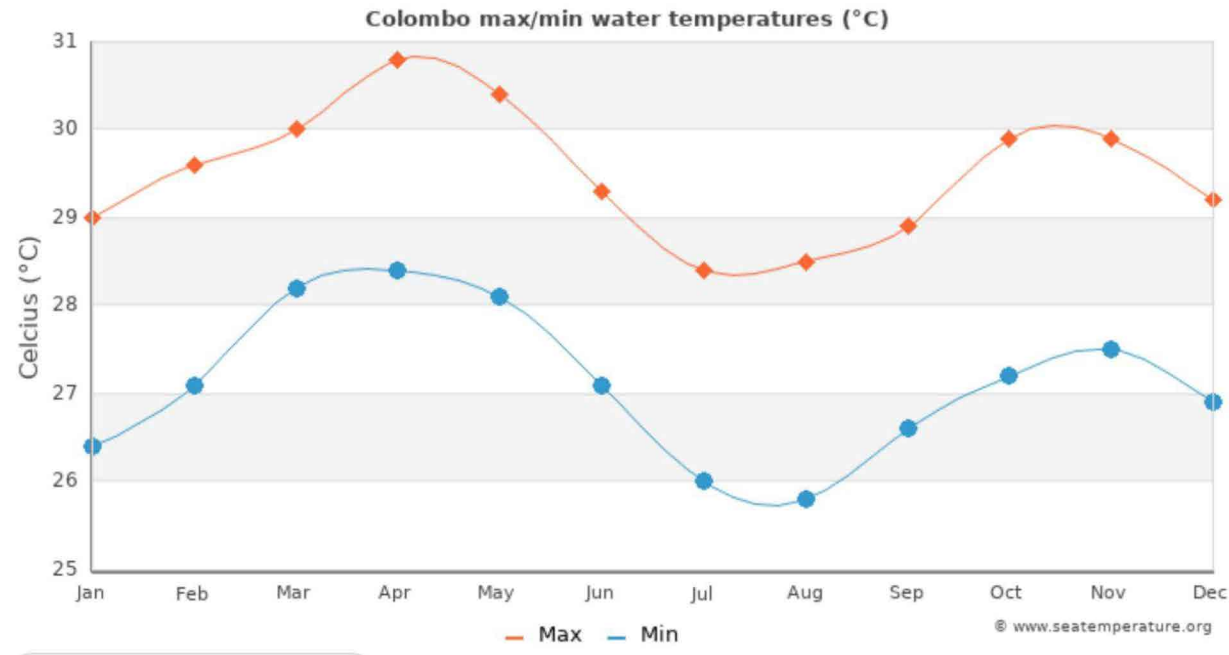
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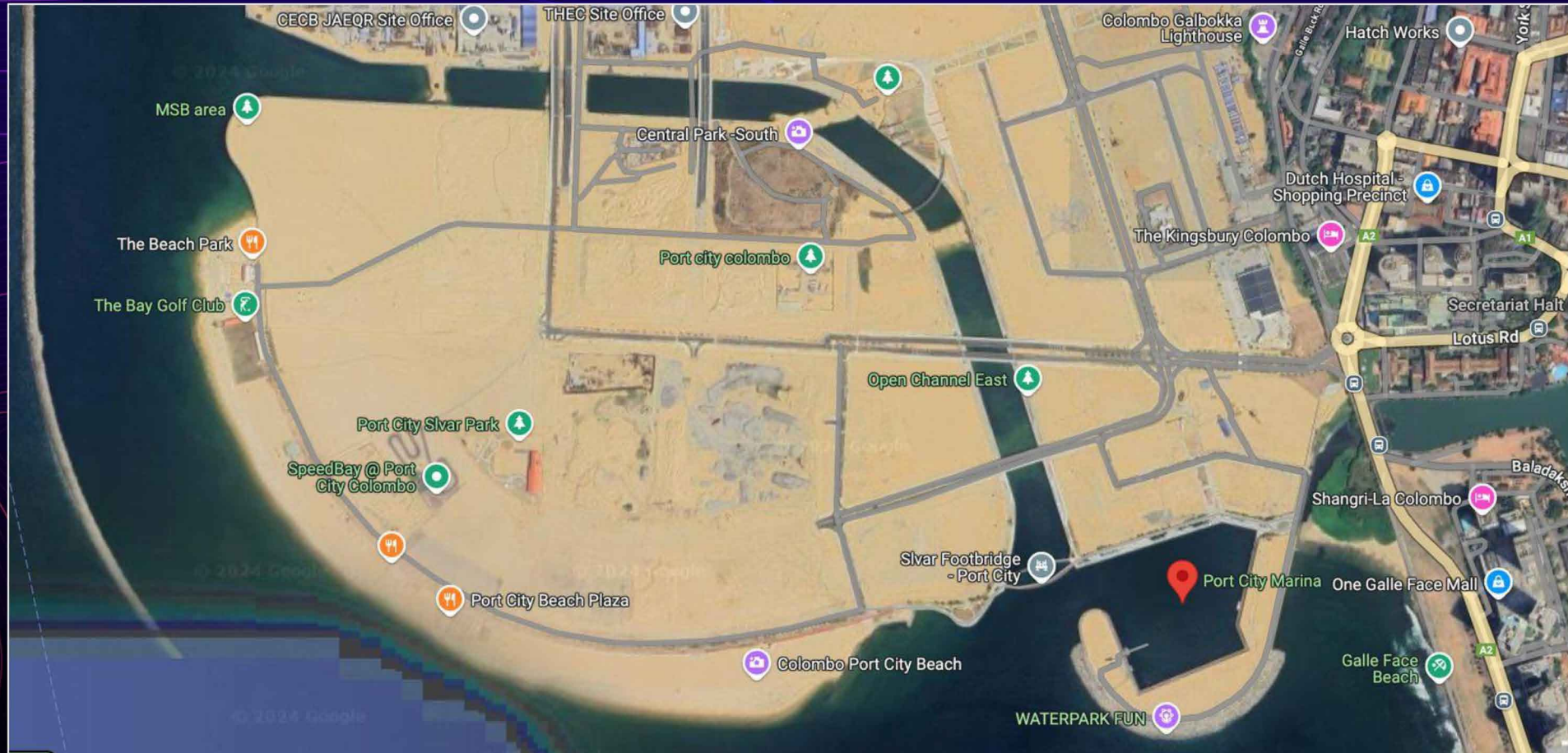
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Sailing into the Heart of Colombo

Venue Location



Charter Boat Information and Fees

To ensure a seamless experience for competitors, charter boats will be made available for the event.

Below are the key details and requirements for charter boats:

Mandatory Charter Boats

All competitors are required to use charter boats provided by the organizers.



Permitted Equipment

Competitors may bring their own foils, spars, fittings, and running rigging for use with the charter boats.

Charter Boat Inclusions

Charter boats will be equipped with:

- Blocks
- Airbags
- Racing spars and foils
- Mainsheet
- Padded toe straps
- Trolley and bowlines
- Note: Bailers, paddles, and sails will NOT be included.

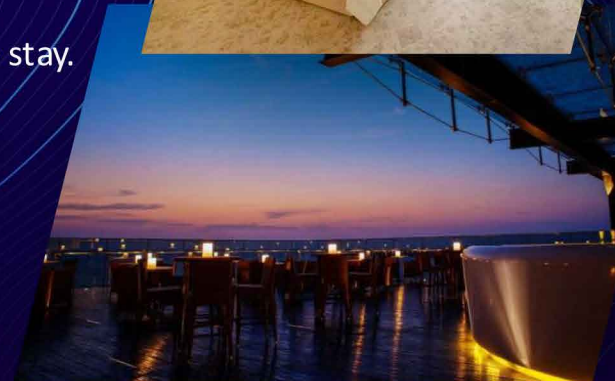
The Kingsbury Colombo

Luxury Accommodation Near the Venue

Located in the heart of Colombo, The Kingsbury offers a blend of elegance and convenience, making it an ideal choice for participants and their families. This 5-star hotel is just minutes away from the Port City racing venue, ensuring easy access to the championship while providing a luxurious retreat.

Nestled between Galle Face Green and the bustling World Trade Centre, The Kingsbury boasts the finest accommodations, signature dining experiences, and world-class meeting and banqueting facilities. Its central location places you within reach of Colombo's premier shopping, entertainment, and cultural hotspots, making it a top choice for a memorable stay.

Website: <https://www.thekingsburyhotel.com>



Culinary Delights: Dining for Competitors and Guests

Participants and visitors can look forward to a variety of high-quality dining options designed to cater to their needs throughout the championship



Breakfast and Dinner

Competitors will enjoy a delicious and diverse selection of meals served at the 5-star Kingsbury Hotel, ensuring a comfortable and satisfying dining experience.



Packed Lunches for Competitors

A professional caterer will provide nutritious and convenient packed lunches specifically designed for sailors, ensuring they stay energized during race days.



Food Vendors for Guests and Visitors

The event venue will host a range of food vendors offering a variety of local and international cuisine, providing guests and visitors with flavorful options to enhance their experience.

*** Special food can be provided if requested in advance.

Getting There: Seamless Transportation for Participants

Ensuring a smooth journey, transportation has been arranged to accommodate all participants and competitors:



Airport Transfers

All participants will arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA). The travel time from the airport to The Kingsbury Hotel in Colombo is approximately 35 minutes by shuttle, providing a quick and comfortable start to their stay.

USD 25 Per Person (One Way)



Hotel to Event Venue

The Port City racing venue is conveniently located just 5 minutes by shuttle or a leisurely 10-minute walk from The Kingsbury Hotel, ensuring easy and efficient access for competitors and attendees.

Free of charge

Explore Colombo: Culture, Cuisine, and Sightseeing

Participants, supporters, and visitors can enjoy a vibrant mix of cultural experiences, sightseeing, and culinary delights in Colombo during the championship:

- **Cultural Highlights**

Visit the historic Gangaramaya Temple, a serene Buddhist landmark blending traditional and modern architecture.

Explore the Old Dutch Hospital, a beautifully restored colonial-era building housing shops, restaurants, and galleries.

Discover the National Museum of Colombo, showcasing Sri Lanka's history, art, and heritage.

- **Scenic Experiences**

Stroll along Galle Face Green, a popular seaside promenade perfect for evening relaxation. Enjoy breathtaking views and leisurely walks at Beira Lake, located near the city center.



Explore Colombo: Culture, Cuisine, and Sightseeing

- **Culinary Delights**

Savor authentic Sri Lankan seafood, including the famous Negombo crab curry at local eateries. Indulge in international cuisine and fusion dining at Colombo's trendy restaurants and rooftop bars. Experience street food culture at local markets, sampling snacks like isso vadai (prawn fritters) and kottu roti.

- **Shopping and Entertainment**

Shop for souvenirs at One Galle Face Mall or explore local artisan markets for handcrafted items. Enjoy Colombo's vibrant nightlife, with rooftop bars, live music, and fine dining options.

- **Day Trips and Excursions**

Take a short trip to the Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara, a sacred Buddhist temple steeped in history. Explore the Muthurajawela Marsh, a biodiverse wetland offering eco-tours and wildlife sightings.



Early Arrivals and Spectator Boat Options

Accommodation:

Teams arriving before the official arrival date can contact the organizers to arrange accommodation.

The daily fee is approximately **USD 80** per person (Half Board).

Club Facilities:

Club facilities will be open from 26th December 2026.



Early Arrivals and Spectator Boat Options

Early Arrival Support Boats

Support boats are available for rent before the official arrival day at a rate of **USD 400** per boat per day, excluding fuel.

Early Arrival Charter Boats

Charter boats will be available from 26th December 2026 at a rate of **USD 80** per boat per day.

Spectator Boats

Spectator boats will be available for visitors and supporters at an additional fee.



Safety and Support Protocols

- **Visas**

All visas can be applied for online, with approvals granted within 24 hours.

- **Airport Transfers**

A special counter with Sri Lanka Yachting Association representation will welcome participants at the airport, ensuring a smooth arrival experience.

- **Hotel Services**

A dedicated concierge desk will assist with check-in, check-out, and participant inquiries.

- 24-hour security will be in place for added safety.

- **Transport**

Shuttle services will be provided between the hotel and the event venue for participants' convenience.

- **Event Site Safety Measures**

On-site medical teams, lifeguards, ambulances, and secure storage facilities will be available to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants.

Competitors are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured, at all times while on the water.

- **Health and Entry Requirements**

There are no special medical precautions required for entry into Sri Lanka.





Memorable Experiences Beyond the Races

To enhance camaraderie among participants and ensure a memorable stay in Sri Lanka, the event will feature a range of engaging social activities. Dinners with authentic cultural themes will provide an opportunity to connect while experiencing the island's rich traditions. At the event venue, lively music, interactive photo opportunities, and entertainment will create a vibrant atmosphere for competitors and supporters alike. These enhancements aim to celebrate the spirit of friendship, leaving lasting memories of Sri Lanka's warmth and hospitality.



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Thank You
See you in Sri Lanka

