

One-Year Countdown to the 19th Asian Games: Expats Experience Water Sports in Ningbo

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Mr. Wang is offering a detailed kayaking course for the participants.

Photo by Mei Jie

On September 23, over 15 expats in Ningbo were invited to celebrate the one-year countdown to the upcoming 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 in Wanbo Fish Resort, Beilun District, Ningbo (a co-host city of the Hangzhou Asian Games). They shared views on the Games and participated in water sports, including sailing and kayaking. The event provided a unique window for Ningbo expats and local

citizens to get further insights into the Hangzhou Asian Games and foreign cultures.

The activity started with a Q&A session that sparked the interest of the attendees. First came the warm-up questions related to the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games, such as the opening date, mascot, location, theme, and slogan. With expats' sharing their views on sports and expecta-

tions for the Games, the atmosphere was getting hyper. In a follow-up icebreaker game, participants proceeded to set up tents. Some of them pulled the tarp and others put the poles through the tent, cooperating quite well. Working as a team, they not only successfully pitched the tents but also build up friendships.

Then came the training and experiencing session. Mr. Wang, a kayaking coach, presented a detailed training course for all the participants.

Mr. Wang displayed and introduced a double kayak, also known as a tandem kayak, with two seats. Paddlers can store some food, clothes, and small gadgets in the dedicated space on the kayak. Excited about this sport, participants couldn't wait to give it a try.

Jeswin, a Ghanaian expat currently engaged in international trade, tried kayaking for the first time. "It was difficult at the beginning. Then I got the hang of it and things went much easier. It was exciting." Jeswin expressed his expectations and best wishes for the approaching 19th Hangzhou Asian Games.

Wanbo Fish Resort, with its water sports base covering an area of 100,000 square meters, possesses 84 berths for yachts and sailboats, as well as professional facilities and equipment (e.g., 10 FAREAST 28R racing keelboat, 10 FIRST 20 (BENETEAU) sailboats). Here, participants also got a chance to en-

joy sailing (one of the three contests to be held in Ningbo's Asian Games Sailing Center).

Christian Fardel, a French educator with more than 40 years of teaching experience in sailing and aviation, shared his sailing experiences and insights with the journalist of Ningbo Evening News. Christian has been in China since 2017, studying Chinese for some time at Zhejiang University. He is dedicated and successful in sailing coaching and promotion with the aim of encouraging more people to get involved in sailing. Last year, he co-organized a sailing competition where his team took the bronze. For the big event, the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games, Christian applied as a volunteer. He also helped to set up a sailing school in Lishui, Zhejiang province. Christian mentioned that sailing might be relatively new to Ningbo locals, but increased opportunities should be provided to encourage young people to embrace the sport; sailing clubs and related coaching schools should be established to facilitate sailing enthusiasts and young talents.

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工行宁波市分行汇率避险服务护航外贸企业

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今年初，工行宁波市分行客户经理在走访宁波一家年收汇量600万美元左右的出口型企业中，了解到该企业尚未进行任何汇率规划，美元收汇后一直以活期形式存放，等支付工厂货款再即期结汇，因人民币持续升值公司已遭受数十万元汇兑损失。该行客户经理向企业详细介绍了汇率波动带来的各项财务风险，从长期、中性套保角度规划汇率。

经过该行专业细致的讲解，企业接受了风险中性的理念，打消了对衍生产品的顾虑，通过办理远期结汇使账户美元余额获得更好的结汇价格，同时锁定应收账款远期汇率，免

除后顾之忧。后续企业表示通过远期结汇提前锁定应收账款汇率成本，向国外客户订单报价时不再需要像以前一样预留一部分空间对冲汇率风险，使企业的报价更有竞争力。

今年，工行宁波市分行积极响应政府和监管部门号召，通过推动汇率避险“首办户”服务活动，持续完善汇率避险业务绿色通道，为涉外企业提供38个币种外汇交易，聚合了即期结售汇、远期结售汇、人民币外汇掉期、人民币外汇期权及其组合的“一站式”外汇交易服务体系，以专业能力和优质服务，帮助企业进行汇价成本管理，满足宁波涉外企业多元化套期保值需求。

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