Karl Chi Leung Kwok

Karl has been racing cruisers since 1975. The current “Beau Geste” is his 12th boat under the same name. He is the only Chinese skipper to date to have won the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race (1997) on handicap. He is also the holder of the previous China Sea Race course record (under 48 hours in 2000) and the Macau to Sanya, Hainan Race course record (under 24 hours in 1999). He has raced extensively in Asia, North America, Caribbean, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Karl is a member of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Royal Ocean Racing Club, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Royal British Virgin Island Yacht Club, Transpacific Yacht Club, Hong Kong Sailing Federation, and US Sailing. He was a former President of Hong Kong Sailing Federation and was also a World Sailing Council Member (2012 to 2016). He is a VP of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, a Director of Hong Kong Sports Institute, Chairman of Major Sports Events Committee, and Member of The Sports Commission of The Hong Kong Government. In 2011,The Hong Kong Government awarded Karl with a Medal of Honour for his contribution  to the sport of sailing.

Karl is also the Chairman of Wing On International Holdings Ltd, and an Independent Non-Executive Director of Tai Cheung Holdings Ltd. Both companies are listed on the HKEx.