



HKODA OPEN AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Main & Intermediate Fleets – 21, 22 & 23 October 2023

Green Fleet – 22 & 23 October 2023

The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club (CWBGCC), Hong Kong

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NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).

For the notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR, refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction - Notation.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The HKSF Prescriptions will apply and are available at www.sailing.org.hk.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply but changed as follows: P2.2 will apply to second and all subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be published in advance on the online official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Tav2EHyEfE>.
- 3.2 [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Optimist class and will have Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets. See the HKODA 'Fleet Outline - Main vs Intermediate' and Green Fleet FAQ/Information documents at <https://www.hkoda.org/documents/>.
- 4.2 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of HKODA and may only be varied during the event by the race committee.
- 4.3 **Green Fleet:**
 - 4.3.1 The Green Fleet is an introductory fleet for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition. Racing will be organised by the Green Fleet race committee with the objectives of learning, improving and having fun along the way as the main drivers of all decisions. The Green Fleet entry will be capped at 20 boats.
 - 4.3.2 Sailors in the Green Fleet shall:
 - a) be members of the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) and enrolled in a Hong Kong based Optimist training program;
 - b) hold a HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
 - c) be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing;
 - d) have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
 - e) not have previously raced outside of the Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and
 - f) not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.
 - 4.3.3 Sailors who do not meet these criteria should race in the Intermediate or Main Fleet.

4.4 Intermediate and Main Fleets:

- 4.4.1 Sailors in the Intermediate and Main Fleets must be members of the HKODA or an equivalent National Optimist Organisation.
- 4.4.2 Sailors shall have been born in 2008 or later.
- 4.4.3 To be considered an entry in the Intermediate or Main Fleet event, a boat shall also submit a Measurement Form by 1800hrs on Friday 20 October 2023 (see NoR 9.2).

- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Tav2EHyEfE> and sending the required fee to HKODA by 14 October 2023. If payment is made after this date, the late entry fee will apply.
- 4.6 Competitors may cancel their entry and receive a refund by emailing secretary@hkoda.org by 14 October 2023. The entry fee will not be refunded after 15 October 2023.
- 4.7 Late entries received after 14 October 2023 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the HKODA and will be subject to the late entry fee. No entry will be accepted after 19 October 2023

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for Main and Intermediate Fleets is HK\$900. The entry fee for Green Fleet is HK\$700.
- 5.2 The late entry fee is HK\$1100 for all fleets.

6. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7. FORMAT

The event will consist of a single series of races for each fleet. Boys and Girls will sail combined. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The schedule will be:

By 1800hrs on Friday 20 October	Online Measurement Form Submission for Main & Intermediate Fleets (available at https://forms.gle/9p3SpdREXwUwLidp9)
Saturday 21 October 0800 - 0830hrs	Event swag & safety tag collection by Club Reps from the Event Office at CWBGCC
Saturday 21 October Sunday 22 October Monday 23 October	Intermediate & Main Fleets First Warning Signal @ 1025hrs. Target 3 races/day.
Sunday 22 October Monday 23 October	Green Fleet Briefing @ 0930hrs. Racing to commence after briefing. Target 5 races/day (subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Green Fleet race committee).

- 8.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for the Intermediate and Main Fleets and 10 races for the Green Fleet.
- 8.3 A competitor briefing for Main and Intermediate Fleets will be held at 0830hrs on Saturday October 21st.
- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

9. MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP][DP]

- 9.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the event. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the race committee.
- 9.2 Competitors in the Intermediate and Main Fleets shall submit the online Measurement Form (available at <https://forms.gle/9p3SpdREXwUwLidp9>) by 1800hrs on Friday 20 October 2023.
- 9.3 Boats may be measured and equipment inspected at any time during the event.

10. VENUE

The venue is The Marina at CWBGCC and racing will take place in any of the Clear Water Bay and Steep Island areas.

11. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Optimist Worlds or windward/leeward courses as described in the SIs.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [NP][DP]

- 13.1 Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation.
- 13.2 [NP][DP] All support vessel personnel shall wear life jackets while afloat and the driver shall attach the boat's kill cord while driving.
- 13.3 [NP][DP] All support vessels shall carry on board and operate while afloat a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels and agree to assist the race committee if directed to do so.

14. BERTHING [NP][DP]

[NP][DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

15. PRIZES**15.1 HKODA Open Championship 2023 (Main Fleet):**

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Boy Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Girl Overall

All competitors are eligible to compete for the HKODA Open Championship.

15.2 HKODA National Championship 2023 (Main Fleet):

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

Competitors must be a HKID card holder (or if under 11 years old, must be a HK resident) and a HKODA member to compete for the HKODA National Championship.

15.3 HKODA Open Championship 2023 (Intermediate Fleet):

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Overall

- 15.4 Prizes will also be awarded to the top three '10 and under' sailors (born in 2013 or later) and the top three '12 and under' sailors (born in 2011 or 2012) in the Main and Intermediate Fleets (combined).

15.5 HKODA Open Championship 2023 (Green Fleet):

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

15.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, co-organizers, sponsors and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. CHARTER BOATS

A limited amount of charter boats are available with priority being given to visiting sailors. These are available at a rate of HK\$500/day including insurance. For full details on how to book boats, please see website.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Tav2EHyEfE> or contact the HKODA by e-mail to secretary@hkoda.org.