

Aberdeen Boat Club Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2023

Incorporating the 2023 Hong Kong 29er Nationals



Organized by Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC)

2nd and 3rd December 2023

Middle Island, Hong Kong

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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the HKSF Prescriptions
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times whilst on the water except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.5 ILCA class rule 7(a) is changes as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available by 29th November 2023 at www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta.
- 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 except when using equipment provided by the race committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats in the following classes/fleets:

- 2.4mR
- 29er
- ILCA 4
- ILCA 6
- ILCA 7
- Optimist Green Fleet
- Optimist Intermediate Fleet
- Optimist Main Fleet
- Waszp

4.2 A class or fleet will consist of a minimum of three boats. Other classes may be considered by making a request to the organising authority (minimum of 6 boats).

4.3 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of the organising authority. The race committee may reallocate sailors between the Optimist Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets during the event at its discretion.

4.4 **Optimist Green Fleet:**

4.4.1 Optimist 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.

4.4.2 The Green Fleet entry will be capped at 20 boats.

4.4.3 Sailors in the Optimist Green Fleet shall:

- a) hold 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;
- b) be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing;
- c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
- d) not have previously raced outside of Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and
- e) not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.

4.4.4 Optimist sailors who do not meet these criteria should race in the Optimist Intermediate or Main Fleet.

4.5 **Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets:**

4.5.1 Sailors shall have been born in 2008 or later.

4.5.2 Guidance notes on the Optimist Intermediate Fleet (Fleet Outline - Main vs. Intermediate) are available at www.hkoda.org/documents/.

4.6 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta and pay all fees by 25th November 2023. If payment is made after this date, late entry fee will apply.

4.7 Late entries received after 25th November 2023 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising authority and will be subject to the late entry fee.

4.8 No entry will be accepted after 30th November 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat is HK\$600 for single-handed entries and HK\$800 for double-handed entries.
- 5.2 For late entries/payments received after 25th November 2023, the late entry fee will be HK\$800 for single-handed entries and HK\$1,000 for double-handed entries.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats intending to display advertising on their hulls, sails and/or spars shall supply a copy of their national authority license to the race committee prior to the first race sailed unless that Authority has in its prescriptions prescribed otherwise.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

All classes/fleets (except Optimist Green Fleet)

Saturday 2 nd December	Competitors sign out/in open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs
Sunday 3 rd December	Competitors sign out/in open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs
	Latest possible warning signal	1530hrs

Optimist Green Fleet

Saturday 2 nd December	Sailors briefing (racing after briefing)	0930hrs
Sunday 3 rd December	Sailors briefing (racing after briefing)	0930hrs

- 7.2 Number of races:

Class/Fleet	Max. no of races	Target no. of races per day
2.4mR, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Waszp, Optimist Main & Intermediate Fleet	6	3
29er	8	4
Optimist Green Fleet	6*	3*

*Subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Green Fleet race committee, depending on weather condition and ability of sailors.

- 7.3 The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.
- 7.4 Notwithstanding NoR 7.2, any number of races may be sailed each day, subject to the race officer's discretion. Boats should not leave the racing area until they have been advised by the race committee that there will be no further races on that day.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

Boats shall comply with their class rules. Boats may be measured and inspected at any time during the event.

9. VENUE

9.1 The event venue will be at ABC Middle Island club house.

9.2 Racing will take place in Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan, Stanley Bay, Tai Tam Bay, or west of Beaufort/Po Toi Islands.

10. COURSES

The Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid, or Optimist Worlds courses.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For the 29er class RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

12. SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [NP][DP]

13.1 Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation and the driver shall attach the boat's kill cord to their person while driving.

13.2 All personnel on support person vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat.

13.3 All support person 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 requested to do so.

13.4 Support person vessels shall display identification of the club they represent on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position whilst afloat.

14. BERTHING [NP][DP]

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

14.2 A limited number of pontoon berths will be made available for support person vessels. It should be noted that ABC takes no responsibility for boats left overnight, and competitors are responsible for their own mooring lines and safe berthing.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at the ABC Middle Island club house.
- 15.2 There will be prizes awarded for each Class/ Fleet. The number of prizes to be awarded will be as follows:
- 3-4 entrants 2 prizes
 - 5+ entrants 3 prizes
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 15.4 In order to be eligible for prizes in the 2023 Hong Kong 29er Nationals, the competitors need to be paid up members of the 9er Class Association which they can do through the following link www.revolutionise.com.au/hk29erclass/registration/.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. All those taking any part in the event do so entirely at their own risk.
- 16.2 The organising authority, the sponsors, the venue, the race committee, and their respective representatives, officers, members, staff 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 regatta.

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. ABC members and cadets using club boats will be insured.

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 event facilities and they automatically grant to the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further entry information and enquiries contact the Marine and Sailing Office of Aberdeen Boat Club by email at sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com or by phone at 2518 9536.