

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Hong Kong Laser National Championships

20-21 January 2024

MIDDLE ISLAND

Incorporating the following Championships:

**Hong Kong ILCA 7 Open Championship
Hong Kong ILCA 6 Open Championship
Hong Kong ILCA Women's Championship
Hong Kong ILCA Masters Championship
Hong Kong ILCA Youth Championship
Hong Kong ILCA 4 Championship**

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Racing, first start warning signal: 1055
Latest possible start: 1530

6.2 A maximum of SIX races is scheduled with THREE races scheduled to be raced each day. The race committee may attempt to complete additional races on any of the days to try to ensure a maximum number of races are completed.

6.3 Any race for which the warning signal has not been made by 1530 hours on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for competing classes will be as listed hereunder. Classes will start in the order that their class flags are hoisted.

Class

ILCA 7

ILCA 6

ILCA 4

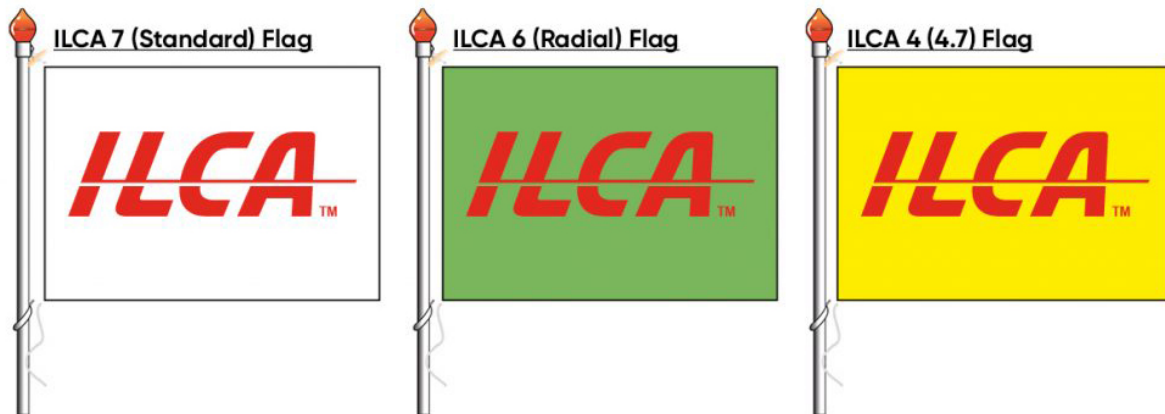
Class Flags

White with Red Class Insignia or a Red Flag

Green with Red Class Insignia or a Green Flag

Yellow with Red Class Insignia or a Yellow flag

ILCA Class Flags



8. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the waters out of Middle Island at Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Kok, Stanley Bay, Tai Tam Bay or west of Po Toi Island depending on weather conditions. The intended race area will be posted on the ONB by 0910hrs each race day. The racing areas are contained in **Attachment A**.

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be chosen from **Attachment B**.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2s, and 2p will be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 1A (if laid) will be a black inflatable mark.

10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be orange inflatable marks with a white cover.

10.3 The starting mark will be a white inflatable mark and the finishing mark will be a pink inflatable mark and/or race committee boats.

10.4 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 13.2.

11. PROHIBITED AREAS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 These rules apply at all times while afloat.

- 11.2 Buoys (usually yellow or orange, but may be other colours) may be laid adjacent to construction sites. An area bounded by virtual lines between such buoys and, where appropriate, the nearest point of the shore shall be considered to be a prohibited area.
- 11.3 Marine works areas as described in current Marine Department notices (see SSI 1.4) shall be considered prohibited areas.
- 11.4 Commercial vessels underway and vessels engaged in towing shall be considered to be a 'Moving Prohibited Area' as follows:
- Ahead of the vessel, 200 metres or two lengths of the vessel, whichever is greater. For a vessel towing, 100 metres.
 - Abeam of the vessel, 100 metres or two widths of the vessel, whichever is greater.
 - Astern of the vessel, 50 metres.
- 11.5 Boats shall not enter any prohibited area.
- 11.6 At all times boats shall keep clear of commercial traffic.
- 11.7 All prohibited areas defined in this rule shall also be considered 'obstructions' (as provided for in the RRS definition of 'Obstruction') and as applicable to RRS 19 and 20.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 signals, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The start line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both race committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 A boat failing to start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 30.3.

13. Change of the next leg of the course

- 13.1 A mark may be moved once up to 10 degrees and/or 200 metres from its original laid position without the race committee signalling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 13.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable buoy or second race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the port end.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat in her class to finish. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat in her division/class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes Rule 35.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Hearing Requests (Protests and Requests for Redress) shall be submitted to the race office (via the online system) within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Hearing Requests may be made from the event webpage links at <https://www.laser.org.hk/events/188679/>.



16.2 The Protest Time Limit, a list of hearing requests received and the hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board (see SI 2). Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing. It is the responsibility of competitors to ascertain whether or not they are parties to a protest before leaving the Clubhouse.

16.3 Except for a protest relating to breaches of rules of Part 2 of RRS, the protest committee's decision after a hearing may be to impose no penalty or a penalty less than disqualification, at its discretion. This changes RRS64.2.

16.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision or the results of the protest are posted on the Clubhouse notice board (whichever is earlier) on that day.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 (a) When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry by clicking the link on the event web site.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Mandatory sign on/off. All entrants shall sign on before leaving the shore and sign off as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of racing on both days of the Regatta, failing which they may be scored a DSQ for all races held on that particular day, without a protest hearing.

18.2 The sign on/off sheet shall be located at the Middle Island hard standing, RHKYC.

18.3 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Such devices shall be in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organization and branded in the country of origin or manufacture.

18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 All sails must be genuine class legal Laser sails. Sailors will not be permitted to compete with non-class legal Laser sails.
- 20.2 Female sailors must display a red rhombus above the top batten of the sail in accordance with ILCA Class Rules.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

Support/coach boats shall, from the first warning signal for a race until all boats in that race have finished, remain at least 100 metres outside the area bounding the entire course, unless carrying out rescue or other duties at the request of the Race Committee. Officially sanctioned Race Control Boats, which are permitted within the course area, will, wherever possible, display a white flag to indicate their role.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Trash shall not be discarded into the water.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the organizing authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be given in the following categories. A minimum of 3 entries is required to constitute a 'Division'. Cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA rules.

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- 24.2 If awarded, only residents of Hong Kong shall be eligible for Cubes and Perpetual Trophies. A resident of Hong Kong is one who holds a valid Hong Kong Identity Card or reasonably satisfies the organizing Authority of at least one year residency.

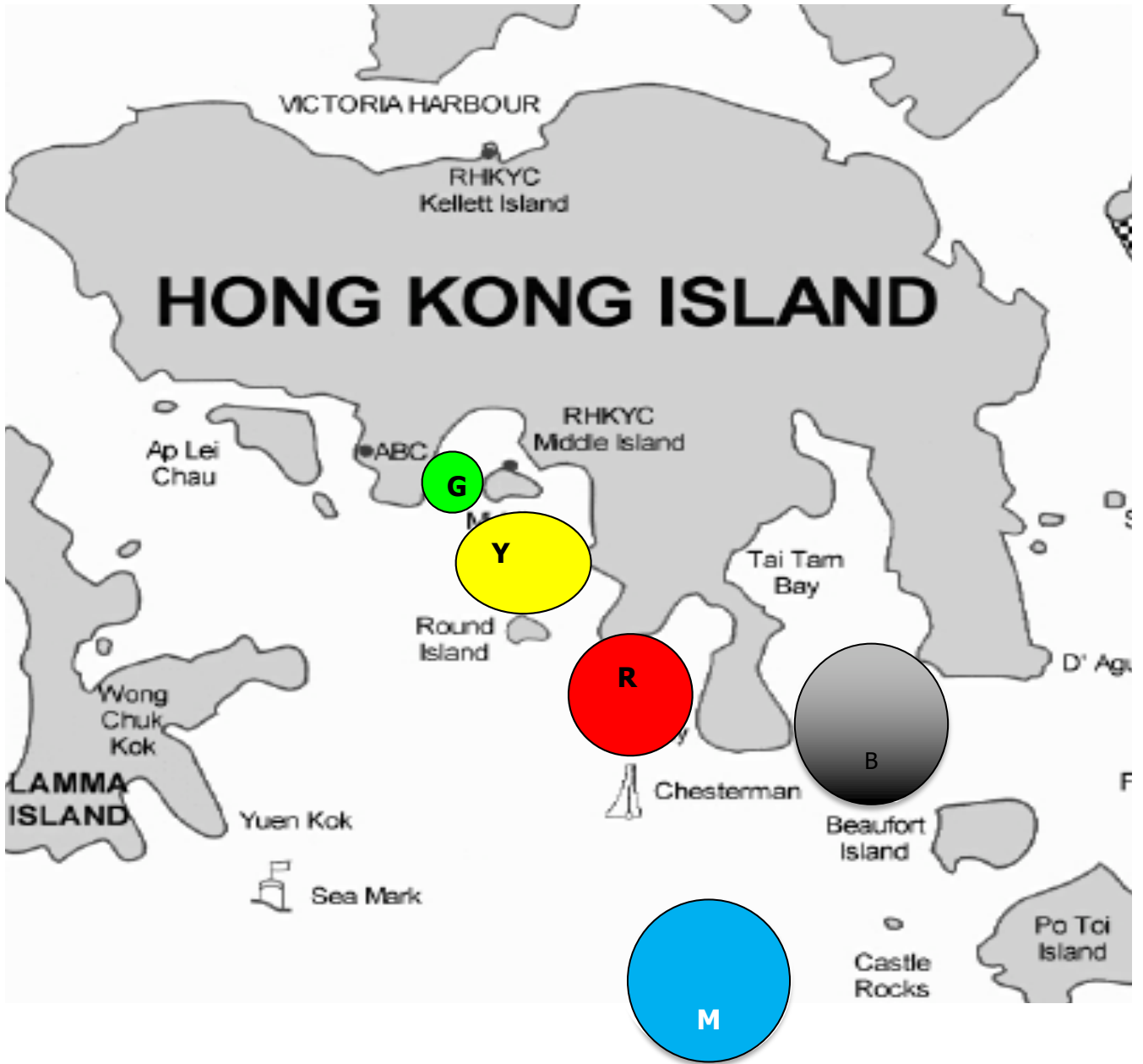
25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this championship entirely at their own risk. The Hong Kong Laser Class Association, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, their members, officers, race officials, committees and all others involved the management and conduct of this championship accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this championships. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

26. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a racing cover considered by their insurer as adequate for the risks involved. Certificates of insurance may be inspected at registration and any competitor not found to have such insurance will not be eligible to compete in the championship.

ATTACHMENT A
Racing Areas



Area G (Green Flag)	Deep Water Bay
Area Y (Yellow Flag)	Repulse Bay or Chung Hom Kok
Area R (Red Flag)	Stanley Bay
Area B (Black Flag)	Tai Tam Bay
Area M (Blue Flag)	Area West of Po Toi

Attachment B Course Maps

1. The finishing mark may be replaced with a finishing vessel at the discretion of the race officer, which, if used, shall display a blue flag.
2. Mark 1 (SHORT courses only) will be an orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
3. Mark 1A (LONG courses only) will be a black inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
4. Gate marks 2S/2P will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
1	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
1A	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
2A	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
3A	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

