

NOTICE OF RACE

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**

Organized by



**Sailing Federation
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HONG KONG ILCA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

20-21 January 2024

The Hong Kong Laser Class Association (HKLCA) in collaboration with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invite you to participate in the annual Hong Kong ILCA Championships at Middle Island, Hong Kong.

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation will apply.
- 1.3 The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules will apply
- 1.4 ILCA class rule 7(a) is changed as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.5 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. [DP]

2 [DP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 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. [DP]
- 2.2 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.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of ILCA and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event. These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country, where the competitor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairperson, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10(3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The competitor can only be member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association. If you are not a member, please find the following link to **join the HKLCA for the 2023/2024** year. <https://www.laser.org.hk/registration/>
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, no later than 1600 hrs. of Tuesday 9 January, 2024. If payment is made after this date, a late entry fee will apply. <https://www.laser.org.hk/events/188679/>
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and will be subject to the late entry fee.
- 3.4 A Class or Division will consist of a minimum of 3 boats
- 3.5 The following restrictions apply:

ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7) Youth Division	Under 14 years of age as at the first day of championship
ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) Youth Division	Under 18 years of age as at the first day of championship
ILCA 7 (Laser Standard) Youth Division	Under 21 years of age as at the first day of championship
Masters Championship	Reach 35 years of age as at the first day of championship
Women's Championship	For female sailors only

*Proof of age will be required for entrants into these Championships.

3.6 Each Championship is open to entries from international competitors. Such entries will not be eligible for cubes or perpetual trophies.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

The entry fee per boat is HK\$750, (does not include HK\$400 for annual membership of the HKLCA payable separately).

4.2 For late entries/payments received after 9 January 2024, the late entry fee will be \$950 per boat.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule will be as follows:

•20 January 2024	Saturday,	Registration	0845
		Competitors Briefing:	0930
		Racing, first start warning signal:	1055
•21 January 2024	Sunday,	Registration	0845
		Competitors Briefing:	0930
		Racing, first start warning signal:	1055
		Latest possible start:	1530

5.2 A maximum of SIX races is scheduled and THREE races are scheduled to be raced each day. There will be separate starts for the ILCA 7 (Standard), ILCA 6 (Radial), and ILCA 4 (4.7) fleets. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the race committee may attempt to complete additional races on any of the days to try to ensure a maximum of races are completed. Boats should not leave the racing area until they have been advised by the race committee that there will be no further races on the day.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA class boats as recognized by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name "ILCA" or "Laser." All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA class rules to the aft face of the cockpit.

6.2 All boats and equipment may be measured by a measurer appointed by the Organizing Authority.

6.3 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast and boom, centerboard and rudder during the regatta. In the event of damage, written application must be made to the Organizing Authority before replacement is authorized, or after replacement have been made on the water if damage occurs between races of a day. However if damage occurs afloat before or after a race, the competitor may replace the part and then verbally inform the Race Officer or any other officials. After that day's racing, written application shall be made before the end of protest time. Failing to make an application will result in a competitor being disqualified (DSQ).

6.4 All female competitors shall display a red rhombus on the sail in accordance with the ILCA Women's Policy.

6.5 Only class legal sails can be used in the championships.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after the entry deadline on the HKLCA website (www.laser.org.hk), and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HKLCA)

8 VENUE

8.1 The championships will be held at the venue of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island Clubhouse, Middle Island, Hong Kong

8.2 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.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or trapezoid and will form an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is as follows:

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A

10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to award Cubes (in accordance with ILCA guidelines) & prizes will be awarded to competitors as listed hereunder however, allocation of prizes in any division will be dependent on the number of entries received. A minimum of 3 entries is required to constitute a Championship or Division.

Hong Kong ILCA 7 Open Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

Hong Kong ILCA 6 Open Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

Hong Kong ILCA Masters Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

Hong Kong ILCA Women's Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

Hong Kong ILCA Youth Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

Hong Kong ILCA 4 Open Championship

Cubes (if awarded) & Prizes

11.2 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 21 January 2023 at the RHKYC Middle Island hardstand.

11.3 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.

11.4 HKLCA shall use positions in these championships for ranking purposes for entry into ILCA events of the 2023/2024 year. Details of ranking system can be found at our web site <http://www.laser.org.hk>.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (HKLCA), the RHKYC, their members, officers, race officials, committees and all others involved in the management and conduct of this championship 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.

13 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. Insurance may be inspected at registration and any competitor not found to have such insurance may be barred from this championship.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please email us at info@laser.org.hk