



HKODA OPEN & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

27 & 28 February 2021

Port Shelter, Hong Kong

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NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating Notice to Competitors #1.

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.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the 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 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 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. [NP][DP]
- 1.8 Competitors shall comply with any HKSAR Government Covid-19 regulations and HHYC Covid-19 precautions in place at the time of the event. [NP][DP]

2. ADVERTISING

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]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors must be members of the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) or an equivalent National Optimist Organisation.
- 3.2 Competitors shall have been born in 2005 or later.
- 3.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the entry form at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/7u9NkN5Tus/class> and sending the required fee to HKODA by 21 February 2021. If payment is made after this date, the late entry fee will apply. Competitors who entered the HKODA Open & National Championships 2020 originally scheduled for 18 - 21 December 2020 do not need to re-enter.
- 3.4 Competitors may cancel their entry and receive a refund by emailing secretary@hkoda.org by 24 February 2021. The entry fee will not be refunded after 24 February 2021.
- 3.5 Late entries received after 21 February 2021 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 24 February 2021.
- 3.6 Competitors shall enter either the Open or Intermediate Fleet. See the HKODA 'Fleet Outline - Main vs Intermediate' document at <https://www.hkoda.org/documents/>.
- 3.7 Competitors may switch between the Open and Intermediate Fleets before registration closes at 1800hrs on 26 February 2021.
- 3.8 Allocation of any competitor to the Open or Intermediate Fleet is subject to the approval of HKODA and may only be varied during the event by the race committee. [NP]

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is HK\$850.
- 4.2 The late entry fee is HK\$1075.

5. FORMAT

The regatta 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.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The regatta schedule will be:

By 1800hrs on Friday 26 February		Online Registration & Measurement Form Submission (available at https://forms.gle/YjN3kg6BMf9C6J4c6)
Saturday 27 Feb	0800 - 0830hrs	Event swag & safety tag collection by Club Reps, HHYC Garden Terrace
	1055hrs	First Warning Signal Open & Intermediate fleets - Target 3 races
Sunday 28 Feb	1025hrs	First Warning Signal Open Fleet - Target 4 races Intermediate Fleet - Target 3 races

6.2 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for the Open Fleet and 6 races for the Intermediate Fleet.

6.3 Competitor briefing notes will be posted on the online official notice board by 0830hrs on Saturday 27 February.

6.4 For the Open Fleet, the number of races sailed on 27 February may be increased to 4 at the discretion of the race committee.

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

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

7.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the regatta. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the race committee.

7.2 Competitors shall submit the online Registration & Measurement Form (available at <https://forms.gle/YjN3kg6BMf9C6J4c6>) by 1800hrs on Friday 26 February 2021.

7.3 Boats may be measured and equipment inspected at any time during the regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be published in advance on the HKODA website and will also be posted on the online official notice board.

9. VENUE

The venue is Hebe Haven Yacht Club and racing will take place in Port Shelter.

10. THE COURSES

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

11. SCORING

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

11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 Points for the HKODA Open & National Championships will be calculated including all Open Fleet competitors.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]

12.1 Support boats shall comply with local legislation. All support boat personnel shall wear life jackets while afloat and the driver shall attach the boat's kill cord while driving.

12.2 All support boats 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.

13. BERTHING [NP][DP]

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

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. PRIZES

15.1 HKODA Open Championship 2020 (Open Fleet only):

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Boy Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Girl Overall

15.2 HKODA National Championship 2020 (Open Fleet only):

1st Overall

Competitors must be a HKID card holder and a HKODA member to compete for the HKODA National Championship.

15.3 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 2010 or later) and the top three '12 and under' sailors (born in 2008 or 2009) in the Open and Intermediate Fleets (combined).

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and sponsors 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 race 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/7u9NkN5Tus> or contact the HKODA by e-mail to secretary@hkoda.org.