



HKODA Open & National Championship 2020 Competitor Briefing Notes

From the Race Committee -

Dear Sailors and Coaches,

Welcome to the HKODA Open & National Championships 2020. Here are some notes for all competitors – these highlight some key race management points to help smooth your regatta experience:

1. To practice social distancing and avoid gatherings, the Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/1566/event and via the RacingRulesOfSailing.org App. All the forms you might possibly need during the regatta (e.g. scoring inquiry, hearing requests) are also available in these locations and can be submitted online.
2. Boats shall launch only after Flag D is displayed on the flagpole in front of Garden Bar at HHYC.
3. We plan to start the Open and Intermediate fleets together but sailing different courses to suit their different target times. But this plan may change! So watch for your class flag and be sure to check the course board.
4. Races will be started using the P preparatory flag. And will progress to U and black flags if necessary.
5. As written in the SI 6.1 & 6.2, the target number of races on Saturday will be 3 for each fleet. The Race Committee may run a 4th race for the Open Fleet. After the 3rd race, the Open Fleet should please return to the starting area for further signals by the Race Committee.
6. Any boat that retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible, and should stay in the racing area unless given permission to leave by the Race Officer.
7. If the race committee hoists IC Flag V, all support boats please observe a listening watch on the designated VHF 96 channel and wait for directions from the Race Committee.
8. As written in SI 20, any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules. Standard penalties will be applied in case of any breach of the rules.
9. If the Race Committee protests a boat, a notice will be posted on the ONB to inform the boat. So please do check on the online ONB.

10. Last, but not least, it is important for us to take full precautions to minimize the risk of spreading COVID. Please refer to the document sent to you earlier and follow the **“COVID guidelines for HKODA Open & Nationals 2020”**.

Good luck! Please read the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and we really look forward to seeing you all on the water.

Race Committee
27 February 2021 0740 hrs

From the Protest Committee -

1. Protest Committee (PC) members consists of following Judges. Alain Choi (Chairman), Tom Sheppard, David Fan, Lesley Anderson and Felix Ng.
2. Protest committee is here to provide a service to all competitors. Appendix P Special Procedures for Rule 42 is in effect, PC members will also be the observers on water to protect boats from those around them who might break the rule 42.
3. When PC member sees a boat breaking rule 42, the PC member may penalize the boat by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing.
4. If you break a rule, you must take a penalty promptly and submit a penalty report according to Sailing Instruction (SIs) 14.5.
5. Good behaviour is expected from all competitors, when PC member observed any bad language or bullying action during the event, verbal warning will be given and subsequent warning likely lead to a rule 69 action.
6. PC members are approachable except during racing. However, PC encourage question and query be submitted online in this event.
7. If you intend to protest/requests for redress or check if you've been protested/penalized, please refer to SIs 16 for details.

Safe race, Fair competition and Good luck!

Protest Committee
26 Feb, 2021