



25th SAIL THE GULF



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31st January 2017 – 4th February 2017

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Qatar Sailing & Marine Sports Federation (QSMF) in cooperation with Katara

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) and World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) including Appendix D for Team Racing.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.2 For chartered boats World Sailing Regulation 20.4.2 applies, and boats shall display the event advertising as supplied by the O A.
- 2.3 Individual Advertising may be displayed according to World Sailing Regulation 20. 3. 1 on clothing only.
- 2.4 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. This change rule 63.6

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 3.1. The regatta is open to following classes: Optimist, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, 420, 470 & Hobie-16. In the Optimist Class in fleet and Team Races will be conducted.
- 3.2. Competitors for Optimist class must be born in 2002 or after.
- 3.3. Proof of age is to be produced at registration.
 - a) Entry forms for coaches, team leaders, supporters, and competitors must be filled out on-line through the event website <http://sailthegulf2017.com> not later than **1st January 2017**.
- 3.4. Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.5. An entry fee of USD **\$100** per person for coaches, competitors, team leaders and supporters will be payable at the time of registration.
- 3.6. In addition to the requirements of 3.3 & 3.5; coaches, competitors, team leaders and supporters shall deliver signed entry forms and register at the Race Office on **31st January 2017**.
- 3.7. The entry fee covers the cost of closing dinner, daily lunch, tea, water, refreshments, social events, airport pickup/drops and local transportation during the regatta from the official hotels on rule (26).
- 3.8. There is no restriction on number of entries
- 3.9. Fees shall be paid in US dollars (USD \$).
- 3.10. Each Participating Country shall designate a person to be official contact with the Organising Authority and provided an email address.

The bank details of Organizing Committee are:

Beneficiary:	Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation
Bank Name:	Qatar National Bank
Main Branch	Doha – Qatar
Account number:	0787-013883-001
SWIFT Code:	QNBAQAQXXX
IBAN number :	QA22 QNBA 0000 0000 0787 0138 8300 1

Notice 1 USA Dollar = Q.R 3.65

4. BOAT CHARTERS

- 4.1. Competitors may use their own private boats or charter boats from the OA. For team racing OA will provide Optimist boats free of charge.
- 4.2. Optimist Boats will not be provided with Sails, Hand Bailers & Paddles.
- 4.3. There will be NO charter fee. Sails will not be provided with chartered boats. Participants are requested to bring own sails duly numbered.

Classes	Damage Deposit (Refundable)
Optimist	USD \$100
Optimist Team Race	USD \$200
Laser Radial, 4.7 & Standard	USD \$150
420	USD \$150
470	USD \$200
Hobie-16	USD \$300

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. All Sailing boats must have a towing rope on board of at least 8 meters in length and 10mm minimum diameter.
- 5.2. All competitors shall bring their own PFD which must be capable of being fastened at all times while afloat. Wet / dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Event
31 st January		0900 to 1800	Registration and measurement
		1400	Optimist Team Race
1 st February		1000	Warning signal for 1 st race of the day
2 nd February		1000	Warning signal for 1 st race of the day
3 rd February		1000	Warning signal for 1 st race of the day
4 th February		1000	Warning signal for 1 st race of the day
		1800	Price giving and closing ceremony

On 4th February no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. Sails will be checked by measurement committee.
- 7.2. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided the damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Committee and the substituting equipment is presented to the Measurement Committee. Such substitution will be subject to the approval of Race Committee.
- 7.3. Private boats will be checked by the Measurement Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office after the completion of Registration and on the event website <http://sailthegulf2017.com>

9. VENUE AND RACING AREAS

- 9.1. Addendum "A" shows the location of the racing areas.
- 9.2. Three racing Areas may be used. Racing Area A is in front of Katara Beach, Racing Area B is Doha Bay approximately 30 minutes sailing time from the launching area and Racing Area C is also in Doha Bay approximately 40 minutes sailing time from the launching area.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Appendix P will apply.
- 11.2. Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 11.3. Team racing will be umpired in accordance with D2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. **4 races** are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 12.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. When 10 races are sailed 2 discards are allowed.
- 12.5. Scoring for team racing will be in accordance with D3.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall be marked with their National Flags / National Letters.
- 13.2. Limited number of coach boats can be made available for charter provided advance request is received by the Organizing Authority by **15th January 2017** as provided in the online Entry Form.
- 13.3. The charter fee for Rib is QR 550 – per day with Petrol. (1USD = QR 3.65)
- 13.4. Support boats may be requested by the Race Officer to assist with rescue or other race management duties.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions in each event/ category. (one event is fleet race and another is team race, category is girls / boys /under 12 ets)
- 15.2. Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant (competitors & officials).
- 15.3. Cache prizes will be given as follow

Classes	Cash Prizes (QR)		
	First	Second	Third
Optimist Overall	3000	2000	1500
Optimist Girls	2000	1500	1000
Optimist U12	2000	1500	1000
Optimist Youngest Boy & Girl	2000	-----	-----
Optimist Team Racing (per team)	3000	2000	1500
Laser 4.7, Laser Radial & Laser Standard	4000	3000	2000
420, 470 & Hobie-16	4000	3000	2000

- 15.4. Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 16.2. The Organizing Authority will require each competitor to sign a waiver for losses, damage or injury to persons or properties occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the Venue premises. The Organizing Authority and its respective members, employees, officers and / or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as consequence of the participation of any boat.
- 16.3. A medical form have to be filled for all sailors at registration office.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance.

18. CONTACT INFORMATION

The official address of the Organizing Authority is:

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Fax: + 974 4442 0308

Web: <https://qsmf.qa>

E-mail: qatarsailing@yahoo.com

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in these events event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the events without compensation.

FURTHER INFORMATION, NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE

20. VISA

- 20.1. Visa is required for visitors.
- 20.2. For the Visa, it is essential to receive the following data:
 - Full name of the participants (Competitor, Coach, Team Leader, Supporters, etc.) as per passport.
 - Traveling Details.
- 20.3. Visitors must be in possession of a valid passport (with six months expiry date) on their arrival at Doha.
- 20.4. A scanned copy of passport containing personal particulars must be sent to gatarsailing@yahoo.com before **1st January 2017** to get the free of cost 'Qatar Entry Visa' on time. It takes at least 10 working days to obtain the visa.
- 20.5. Copy of the Visa will be sent by e-mail. Visitors are requested to keep the copy of the Entry Visa while travelling.

21. ACCREDITATION

All visitors must send their passport size photograph, preferably in jpg format to gatarsailing@yahoo.com at least 15 days prior to the Regatta to have their Accreditation Cards ready before their arrival at site.

22. TRANSPORTATION

Local transport will be provided by the Organizing Authority daily to all the participants at the hotels situated near the venue (point 26) including pick/drop facility at the Airport.

23. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Closing ceremony with dinner has been scheduled. Other Social events will be planned as Regatta Social Program and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the site.

24. Accommodation

- 24.1 Please visit our event website: <http://sailthegulf2017.com>

Addendum A



