QATAR OPTIMIST CUP

QATAR
SAILING & ROWING
FEDERATION

2013

27th December 2013 – 2nd January 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1. VENUE
The Qatar Optimist Cup will be held from 27th December 2013 – 2nd January 2014 at Doha Sailing Club, Ras Abu Aboud, Doha – Qatar.

2. ORGANIZATION
The Championship is organized by Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation in cooperation with Doha Sailing Club.

3. LANGUAGE
English shall be the official language for the Championship

4. RULES
4.1 The Championship will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
4.2 The Notice of Race (NOR).
4.3 Current Class Rules.
4.4 Sailing Instructions.
4.5 No National Authority prescription will apply.

5. ADVERTISING
5.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per ISAF Regulation 20.3.2.
5.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

6. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

6.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This change rule 63.6.

7. ELIGIBILTY

7.1 Competitors for Optimist must be born in 1998 or after.
7.2 Proof of age is to be produced at registration.

8. ENTRIES

8.1 Entries shall be made using Official Entry Form.
8.2 Official Entry Form/Coach Boat demand must be received by Organizing Committee before **1st December 2013**.

8.3 Entries may be accepted after closing date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
8.4 There is no restriction on number of entries.

9. ENTRY FEES

9.1 NO ENTRY FEES.

10. PROGRAM

10.1 The detailed program of activities and racing is as follows:

27th December	Friday	Official Arrival Day (Registration & Measurement)	
		0900	Registration Office Open
		1100	Team Leaders Meeting
		1400	Practice Race
		Evening	Opening Ceremony & Dinner
28th December	Saturday	1000	Race 1, 2 & 3
29th December	Sunday	1000	Race 4, 5 & 6
30th December	Monday	1200	Team Race
31st December	Tuesday	1000	Spare Day
1st January	Wednesday	1000	Race 7, 8 & 9
2nd January	Thursday	1000	Race 10, 11 & 12
		Evening	Closing Ceremony & Dinner

10.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on 2nd January 2014.
10.3 A minimum of **4** races will be sailed to constitute the championship. If **5 races** and more. are sailed one discard will be allowed. If 10 or more races are sailed two discards are allowed.

11. MEASUREMENT

11.1 No measurement is required, since boats will be supplied. Sails will be measured.
11.2 Substitution of the damaged equipment may be permitted provided the damaged equipment has been checked by Measurement Committee and the substituting equipment is presented to Measurement Committee. Such substitution will be subject to the approval of International Jury.

11.3 Once a boat has completed measurement, the hull may not be removed from the boat parking area without permission from the Race Committee.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available on the QSRF Website. Sailing Instructions will also be issued to each team/competitor at the time of Registration at the venue.

13. COURSES TO BE SAILED

13.1 The course for the fleet race will be Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instruction.
13.2 For the team race the course will be a starboard "S" course.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P will apply.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

16. RACING AREA

16.1 Racing Areas will be Doha Bay approximately 30 minutes sailing time from the launching area **(Attachment 1)**.

17. SAFETY

17.1 All Sailing boats must have a towing rope on board of at least 8 meters in length.
17.2 In addition to International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Class Rules 4.2(a) and (b), 4.3(a) and (b) each Optimist boat shall have onboard a secured paddle with a surface of not less than 0.25 square meters and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to his / her clothing or body.
17.3 Competitors not complying with this instruction will get added to their score a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.

18. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

18.1 All competitors shall bring their own personal buoyancy which must be capable of being fastened at all time while afloat. Wet / dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

19. INTERNATIONAL JURY

19.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
19.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with Racing Rule 70.4

20. VISA

20.1 Visitors must be in possession of a **valid passport (with at least six months validity)** at the time of arrival in Qatar**.**
20.2 A scanned copy of passport showing necessary particulars must be sent by email/fax along with Official Entry Form to get the (free of cost) 'Entry Visa' of Qatar on time.

20.3 The copy of Visa will be sent by email. Visitors are requested to keep the copy of the Entry Visa while travelling.
20.4 Visa is required by all visitors except nationals of GCC.

21. LIABILITY

21.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
21.2 The Organizing Committee and all others involved in the Organization of the Championship accept no liability for any injury, damage, loss or claim whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.

22. ACCREDITATION:

22.1 All visitors must send their passport size photographs (**preferably in jpg format**) to qatarsailing@yahoo.com at least 15 days prior to the Regatta to have their Accreditation Cards ready prior to their arrival at the site.

23. CHARTER FEES

23.1 **Boats will be provided free of cost.** However (a refundable) **damage deposit of US $ 100/-** is required to be paid on Registration.

23.2 Boats will be provided with spars & foils. Competitors must bring their own **SAILS**.

23.3 Own boats are allowed to bring in the event.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions in each class / category.

24.2 Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant (sailors & officials).

24.3 Cash prizes will also be given as follows:

Classes	Cash Prizes (QR)		
	First	Second	Third
Optimist Over All	2000	1500	1000
Optimist Girls	4000	3000	2000
Optimist Team Racing (per team)	2000	1500	1000

24.4 In addition numerous prizes like IPAD, TABLETS, and SMART PHONE will be awarded through lucky draws.

24.5 Youngest sailors award for boys and girls will be given.

25. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

25.1 Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of preparatory signal for the first class to start, until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25.2 Support boats shall be marked with their National Flags.

25.3 Limited Coach boats can be made available on charter provided advance request is received by the Organizing Committee by **1st December 2013** as given in the Preliminary Entry Form.

25.4 The charter fee of a Coach Boat is QR.700/- per day (Without Petrol). Cost of petrol is QR.1/- per litre. (1 US $ = QR 3.65).

26. TRANSPORTATION

26.1 Local transport will be provided by the Organizing Committee daily free of cost to all the participants at the recommended hotels situated near Doha Sailing Club including pick/drop facility at the Airport free of cost . (**A list of recommended hotels is attached** (**Attachment 2**).

27. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

27.1 Opening and Closing ceremonies with dinner have been scheduled. Other Social events will be planned as Championship Social Program and will be as under:

(a) Arabian night dinner in desert.
(b) Camel Ride.
(c) Ride on Sand dune.

28. SAILING CONDITIONS

28.1 Expected weather condition with in the Racing Area

Average Day Time Temperature - 25 – 30 o C

Average Sea Surface Temperature	-	25 – 30 o C
Average prevailing wind strength	-	8.9 kt

29. CONTACT

29.1 The official address of the Organizing Committee is as under:

Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation
P.O. Box 23515. Doha – Qatar.
Tel: + 974 4442 0305, 4432 7335
Fax: + 974 4442 0308
E-mail: qatarsailing@yahoo.com

30. BANK DETAIL:

30.1 The bank details of Organizing Committee are as under:

Beneficiary: Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation
Account number: 0787-013883-001
SWIFT: QNBAQAQA
Address: Qatar National Bank
IBAN number : NIL

ATTACHMENT 1

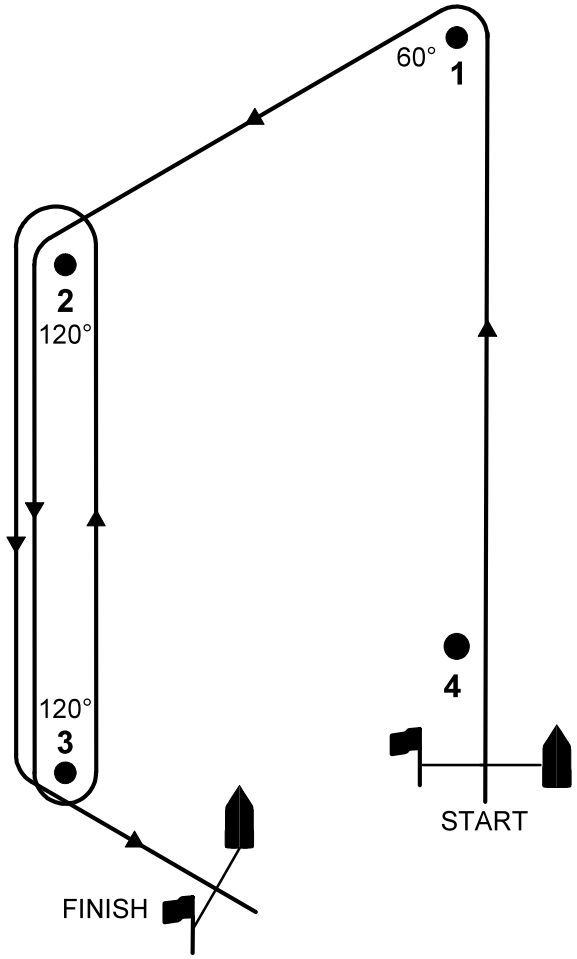
RACING AREA

DOHA BAY

Attachment 2

Course

Course O1 :Start-1-2-3-2-3-Finish
Course O2 :Start-1-2-3-2-3-2-3-Finish
Course O3 :Start-1-2-3-2-3-2-3-2-3-Finish



Attachment 3

List of Recommended Hotels in Doha

Al Sharq Villas – Doha (5*)

Located on the seafront, adjacent to the venue 5-min walk or 2-min drive from the venue.Tel.: + 974 4425 6666
E-mail: rc.dohsq.reservation@ritzcarlton.comwww.sharqvillage.com

Marriott – Doha (5*)

Located on the seafront, adjacent to the venue 5-min walk or 2-min drive from the venue.Tel.: + 974 429 8808 Fax: + 974 429 8804
E-mail: minelli.dekretser@marriotthotels.comwww.marriott.com

Gokulam Park Hotel (4*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4470 8888, Fax: + 974 4470 8899
E-mail: info@gokulamdoha.com, www.gokulamdoha.com

Gloria Hotels (4*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4423 6666, Fax: + 974 4423 6223
E-mail: info@gloriahotel-doha.com, www.gloriahotel-doha.com

Best Western Doha (4*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4422 1122, E-mail: cindy@bestwesterndoha.com, www.bestwesterndoha.com

Century Hotel (4*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue. Tel.: +974 4445 5111, E-mail: info@centuryhoteldoha.com

Al Bustan Hotel (4*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.Tel.: + 974 4432 8888, E-mail: info@albustanhotel-qa.com

Move n Pick Hotel (4*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue. Tel.: + 974 4429 1111, E-mail: reservation.doha@movenpick.com

Doha Seef Hotel (4*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.Tel.: + 974 4422 1111, E-mail: info@dohaseefhotel.com

Al-Mourouj Inn (3*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974, 4442 2426 E-mail: info@almouroujinn.com

Al-Seef Hotel (3*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.Tel.: + 974, 4433 2222 E-mail: info@alseefhotel.net

Le Mirage SharqHotel(3*) Located in the middle of the Township Doha 10 min drive from the venue. Tel.: + 974 4444 3778, E-mail: info@le-mirage-sharq.com

Retaj Royal Hotel(3*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 10 mir

drive from the venue. Tel.: + 974 4452 8888, E-mail: m_ragab@retaj.com

City Suites Apartments (2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 3 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4419 1888, Fax: + 974 4437 2232E-mail: info@citysuitesapartments.com

La Villa Hotel (2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 44354963, 44322795 E-mail: reservations@lavillahospitality.com

La Villa Palace (2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4427 1592 E-mail: marketing@lavillahospitality.com

Doha View Suites Apartments (2*)

Located in the middle of the

Township Doha, 3 min drive from the venue. Tel.: + 974 4443 6300, E-mail:
wael_elshorbagy@yahoo.com

Sovereign Hotel (2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 3 min drive

from the venue.Tel.: + 974 4413 4400, E-mail: istoo66@yahoo.comWebsite:www.homes2rent.biz

FudaHotel(2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the

venue.Tel.: + 974 4431 3293, E-mail: fudahotel@gmail.com

Inter Diplomat Hotel (2*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha

5 min drive from the venue. Tel.: + 974 4484 4444, E-mail: reservation@icdoha.com

N.B :The Organising Committee will provide daily transport to/from these hotels.