



HONG KONG SAILING FEDERATION

香港帆船運動總會

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INTERNATIONAL OPEN DINGHY REGATTA 2009

SATURDAY 24TH – MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2009

The Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) is pleased to invite entries from local and overseas dinghy sailors to compete in this three-day event with, subject to entries, racing being provided for the following popular classes of mono-hull centerboard dinghy, viz. Enterprise, 505, 420, 470, 29er, 49er, Laser (various) and Optimist and Topper.

Except for the Optimist and Topper Classes, all classes will race in an Open Dinghy Division with race results calculated under the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, and with fleet results for any class that has six or more entries. Optimist and Topper class boats will each have a separate start and race on a (separate) shorter course set within that for the main fleet.

Loaner boats, primarily 420, Laser and Optimist class boats, will be made available free of charge to overseas entrants by HKSF provided that a Liability for Damage Undertaking is signed prior to the event by the entrant or his/her parent, in the case of a minor. The Undertakings will be invoked only in respect of cases of serious damage to a boat and/or its rigging which results from abuse or careless/ reckless misuse by the loanee.

Overseas entrants are advised to bring and use their own sails.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) is the organising authority for the regatta and has duly delegated a race committee to oversee the racing.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2009-2012).

- 2.2 Chartered or Loaner boats may be exempted from the requirements of RRS Appendix G – Identification on Sails.
- 2.3 The Class and measurement rules of entered boat classes will apply.
- 2.4 The prescriptions of the Hong Kong national authority, the Hong Kong Sailing Federation, will not apply.
- 2.5 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) sufficient for each member of the crew shall be carried or worn at all times. The PFDs shall be in good serviceable condition and in accordance with the recommended specification issued or approved by the competitor's national authority or government standards authority.

3 VENUE

- 3.1 The regatta venue will be the Sail Training Association's Dinghy Centre at Little Palm Beach, Clearwater Bay, Sai Kung, Hong Kong.
- 3.2 The venue will be open from 0900 to 1700h between 22nd and 27th October 2009.
- 3.3 Racing will take place in Port Shelter (Ngau Mei Hoi) waters to the north and east of Shelter Island (Ngau Mei Chau) but, if necessary to ensure good and fair racing, the race area may be transferred to the south of the Island.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and event sponsor advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20. Advertising Code.
- 4.2 Boats intending to display Cat C 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.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all monohull dinghy sailors with an affiliation to an association or club recognised by HKSF or, in the case of overseas entrants, by their national authority.

- 5.2 Subject to entries, the eligible divisions or classes are as follows:

Open Dinghy Division : Enterprise, 505, 420, 420 Boys, 420 Girls, 470, 29er, 49er, Laser (various);

Level Class Racing : Optimist Boys, Optimist Girls and Toppers

- 5.3 All competitors in the Optimist class must have been born on or after 01 Jan 1994.
- 5.4 Preliminary Entries **from overseas** shall be made to the HKSF Secretariat on the attached form on or before 18 August 2009. Final Entries **from overseas** shall be made to the HKSF Secretariat on the attached form accompanied by entry fee payments, no later than 22 September 2009 while Final Entries **from local Hong Kong sailors** shall be made no later than 5 October 2009.

5.5 However, late entries may be accepted exceptionally at the sole discretion of the race committee, up until 12 October 2009 in which case a 100% additional premium on the entry fee may be levied.

5.6 The Entry fee per boat is HK\$ 200, payable with entry. No entry payment will be accepted at the regatta venue.

6 INSURANCE

Each participating boat and all coach boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. (Loaner boats will be covered by HKSF policies).

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The regatta sailing instructions will be available on 5 October 2009 and at registration.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 The sails of all boats may be measured for compliance with the relevant class rules.

8.2 Technical and measurement issues will be decided by a duly appointed measurer. This changes RRS rule 78.3.

9 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

9.1 The programme is as follows:

• Saturday,	24 October	Registration: 0800-0930 h
• Sunday,	25 October	Racing, first start warning signal: 1055 h
• Monday,	26 October	Racing, first start warning signal: 1055 h

9.2 Three races are scheduled to be raced each day. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. But 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.

9.3 A minimum of FOUR races is required to be completed to constitute the regatta series.

10 COURSES

10.1 Courses for races will be selected from the List of Geometric Courses included in the HKSF International Open Dinghy Regatta Sailing Instructions and will be signalled by the race committee boat using the appropriate ICF numeral pennant before, or no later than, the warning signal for each start.

10.2 The course for the Open Dinghy division will be around black cylindrical buoys with a shorter course for the Optimist class fleet set within that course and around marks of a different colour (orange).

11 INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1 An international jury may be appointed by the organizing authority. The decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS rule 70.4.

- 11.2 In addition, the jury members may undertake on-the-water judging in the context of RRS Appendix P – Immediate Penalties For Breaking RRS Rule 42.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 For the Open Dinghy division, race results will be calculated on the basis of boats' corrected times derived from their actual elapsed times and their Portsmouth Yardstick number as published by the HKSF for each class of competing dinghy prior to the event.

For the Optimist and Topper classes, a boat's result will be her finishing place in the race.

- 12.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply **except** for the changes to RRS A2 as stated in paragraph 12.3 hereunder.

- 12.3 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be presented to first, second and third boat in series points in each of the Open Dinghy division and the Level Racing (Optimist and Topper) classes.
- 13.2 In addition, and subject to entries, other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee, including for first and second boat in any class racing with six or more boats in the Open Dinghy division and in the Optimist sub-divisions (Boys and Girls).

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 ACCOMMODATION FOR OVERSEAS TEAMS

The HKSF will assist overseas teams in arranging accommodations in Hong Kong at a rate as low as HK\$480/double room/day plus breakfast. Overseas teams are urged to contact the HKSF Secretary by 18 August 2009 for the arrangement.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be available from the HKSF Secretariat (attention: Miss Cora Chen, Tel. No. 2504 8159 or at email address: hksf@sailing.org.hk).