



**20<sup>th</sup> QATAR INTERNATIONAL REGATTA  
(SAIL THE GULF- 2012)  
11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
NOTICE OF RACE**



## 1. VENUE

The 20<sup>th</sup> Qatar International Regatta (Sail the Gulf -2012) will be held from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 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 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) & Equipment Rules.
  - The Notice of Race (NOR).
  - Current Class Rules of all classes competing.
  - Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 No National Authority prescription will apply.
- 4.3 The event is designated as category C. Event sponsors names and hull numbers may be required to be displayed on hulls.

## 5. COMPETING CLASSES

Following classes will be competing in the Championship:

CLASSES OF BOATS – SAILING			
1	Optimist	6	Hobie -16
2	Optimist Team Racing	7	29ers
3	Laser 4.7	8	420
4	Laser Radial	9	470
5	Laser Standard		

## 6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Competitors for Optimist must be born in 1997 or after.
- 6.2 Competitors for Laser 4.7 class must be born in 1995 or after.
- 6.3 Proof of age is to be produced at Registration.

## 7. ENTRIES

Entries shall be made using official entry forms and according to following schedule:

- 7.1 For reasons of planning (accommodation and boats availability for charter) the Preliminary Entry/Charter Boat Request Form must be received by **15<sup>th</sup> December 2011**.
- 7.2 The Final Entry Form must be received by Organizing Committee no later than **15<sup>th</sup> January 2012**.
- 7.3 Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **8. ENTRY FEES**

US\$.100/- per head both for Officials and sailors will be payable as Entry Fee at the time of Registration. Entry Fee will cover Opening / Closing dinners and the cost of Social Events during the Championship.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be made available on the QSRF Website. Sailing Instructions will also be issued to each team and competitor on completion of Registration.

## **10. PROGRAM**

11 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday	0900 - 1600	Official Arrival Day (Registration & Measurement)
		1300 - 1600	Optimist Team Racing
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	0900	Team Leaders Meeting
		1100	Race 1, 2 & 3.
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday	1100	Race 4, 5 & 6
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday	1100	Race 7, 8 & 9
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	1100	Race 10, 11 & 12
	Evening		Closing Ceremony & Dinner

10.1 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

10.2 A minimum of 4 races will be sailed to constitute the championship. If 5 to 9 races are sailed one discard will be allowed. If 10 to 12 races are sailed 2 discards will be allowed.

## **11. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

## **12. RACING AREA**

Racing Area will be Doha Bay approximately 30 minutes sailing time from the launching area.

## **13. COURSES TO BE SAILED**

Courses will be Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. SAFETY**

14.1 All Sailing boats must have a towing rope on board of at least 8 meters in length.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

## **15. PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

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.

## **16. MEASUREMENT**

16.1 Each boat where applicable shall hold a valid measurement certification.

16.2 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.

## 17. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 17.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.  
17.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with Racing Rule 70.5.

## 18. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 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.  
18.2 Support boats shall be marked with their National Flags.  
18.3 Limited Coach boats can be made available on charter provided advance request is received by the Organizing Committee. The charter fee of a Coach Boats is QR. 575/- per day with petrol (Without Driver).

## 19. VISA

- 19.1 Visitors must be in possession of a fully valid passport. Along with the Entry forms clear copies of passport showing name, Passport number, Expiry Date, Date & Place of Birth, Issuing Place and Address must be forwarded so that request of Visa could be processed.  
19.2 The Organizing Committee will apply for an entry visa into Qatar. The Copy of Visa will be faxed or E-mail for your use.  
19.3 Visa is required by all visitors except nationals of GCC.

## 20. CHARTER FEES

A reduced charter fee has been decided as under:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Charter Fee</b>	<b>Damage Deposit (Refundable)</b>
Optimist	\$. 100	\$. 100
Laser (all Types)	\$. 150	\$. 150
420	\$. 200	\$. 200
470	\$. 200	\$. 200
29er	\$. 300	\$. 300
Hobie 16	\$. 300	\$. 300

Boats will be provided with spars & foils. Competitors must bring their own **SAILS**. Own boats are also allowed to be brought in the event.

## 21. ACCOMMODATION

Following are the contact details of some reasonable hotels in Doha. Kindly contact directly for information and booking:

*Marriott – Doha (5\*)*

Located on the seafront, adjacent to the venue 5-min walk or 2-min drive from the venue.  
P.O. Box 1911, Doha – Qatar  
Tel.: + 974 429 8808 Fax: + 974 429 8804  
E-mail: [minelli.dekretser@marriotthotels.com](mailto:minelli.dekretser@marriotthotels.com)  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.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](mailto:info@gokulamdoha.com), [www.gokulamdoha.com](http://www.gokulamdoha.com)

## Qatar Palace Doha Hotel (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.  
Tel.: + 974 4441 4140, Fax: + 974 4431 9313  
E-mail: [info@grandqatarpalacehotel.com](mailto:info@grandqatarpalacehotel.com), [www.grandqatarpalacehotel.com](http://www.grandqatarpalacehotel.com)

## Gloria Hotels (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.  
Tel.: + 974 423666, Fax: + 974 4236223  
E-mail: [info@gloriahotel-doha.com](mailto:info@gloriahotel-doha.com), [www.gloriahotel-doha.com](http://www.gloriahotel-doha.com)

## Gulf Paradise Hotel (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.  
P.O. Box 12954, Doha – Qatar  
Tel.: + 974 4322212 Fax: + 974 4310121  
E-mail: [gulfparadisehotel@qatar.net.qa](mailto:gulfparadisehotel@qatar.net.qa)

## Millennium Hotel (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20-min drive from the venue.  
P.O. Box 24249, Doha – Qatar  
Tel.: + 974 447 9990, Fax: + 974 447 8881  
E-mail: [nader.chahine@mill-doha.com](mailto:nader.chahine@mill-doha.com)

## Le Park (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.

Tel.: + 974 425555, Fax: + 974 4255500

E-mail: [info@leparkhotel.net](mailto:info@leparkhotel.net), [www.leparkhotel.net](http://www.leparkhotel.net)

## Holiday Villa (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.

Tel.: + 974 4408 4888, Fax: + 974 4408 4013

E-mail: [info@holidayvilladoha.com](mailto:info@holidayvilladoha.com), [www.holidayvillahdoha.com](http://www.holidayvillahdoha.com)

## Grand Regency (4\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.

Tel.: + 974 4343328, Fax: + 974 4343506

E-mail: [ayoub@grand-regency.com](mailto:ayoub@grand-regency.com), [www.grand-regency.com](http://www.grand-regency.com)

## City Suites Apartments (3\*)

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 3 min drive from the venue.

Tel.: + 974 4419 1888, Fax: + 974 4437 2232

E-mail: [info@citysuitesapartments.com](mailto:info@citysuitesapartments.com)

### **22. SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

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

### **23. TRANSPORTATION**

Local transportation will be provided by the Organizing Committee during the entire duration including pick up & drop off to the Airport.

### **24. MISCELLANEOUS**

Each Team is requested to bring its own:

- National Flag (100cm x 150cm)
- National Anthem recorded on Tape or CD

### **25. SAILING CONDITIONS**

*Expected weather condition with in the Racing Area*

*Average Day Time Temperature* - 18.3° C  
*Average Sea Surface Temperature* - 18.5° C  
*Average prevailing wind strength* - 8.9 kt

## **26. PRIZES**

- 25.1 Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions in each class / category.
- 25.2 Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant (sailors & officials).

## **27. CONTACT**

The official address of the Organizing Committee is as under:

**Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation**

**P.O. Box 23515**

**Doha – Qatar.**

**Tel: + 974 4420 305**

**Fax: + 974 4420 308**

**E-mail: [qatarsailing@yahoo.com](mailto:qatarsailing@yahoo.com)**

## **28. LIABILITY**

- 28.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- 28.2 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.