



# QATAR OPTIMIST CUP 2014



**27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. VENUE**

The Qatar Optimist Cup will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 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. ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1 Competitors for Optimist must be born in 1999 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 2014**.
- 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:

27 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday	Official Arrival Day (Registration & Measurement)
		0900 Registration Office Open
		1100 Team Leaders Meeting
		1400 Practice Race
		Evening Opening Ceremony & Dinner
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	1000 Race 1, 2 & 3
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday	1000 Race 4, 5 & 6
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	1200 Team Race
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Wednesday	1000 Spare Day
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Thursday	1000 Race 7, 8 & 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Friday	1300 Race 10, 11 & 12
		Evening Closing Ceremony & Dinner

10.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

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](mailto: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 **In addition numerous prizes be awarded through lucky draws to sailors.**

24.4 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 liter. (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	-	8.9kt

## **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 44420305, 4432 7335**

**Fax: + 974 44420308**

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