



QATAR INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

(SAIL THE GULF)

18th - 22nd February 2014

NOTICE OF RACE



1. VENUE

- 1.1 Qatar International Regatta (Sail the Gulf -2014) will be held from 18 – 22 February 2014 at Doha Sailing Club, Ras Abu Abboud, Doha – Qatar.

2. ORGANIZATION

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

3. LANGUAGE

- 3.1 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 2013 – 2016 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

- 5.1 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 1999 or after.
- 6.2 Competitors for Laser 4.7 class must be born in 1997 or after.
- 6.3 Proof of age is to be produced at Registration.

7. ENTRIES

- 7.1 Entries shall be made using the attached official entry forms according to following schedule:
- 7.2 Preliminary Entry Form must be received by **1st January 2014**.
- 7.3 **Official Entry Form** request must be received by Organizing Committee before **31st January 2014**.
- 7.4 Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 7.5 There is no restriction on number of entries.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 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.

9. PROGRAM:

9.1 The detailed programme of activities and racing is as follows:

18 th February	Tuesday	0900 - 1600	Official Arrival Day (Registration & Measurement)
		1300 - 1600	Optimist Team Racing
		Evening	Opening Ceremony
19 th February	Wednesday	0900	Team Leaders Meeting
		1100	Race 1, 2 & 3.
20 th February	Thursday	1100	Race 4, 5 & 6
21 st February	Friday	1300	Race 7 & 8
22 nd February	Saturday	1100	Race 9, 10 & 11
		Evening	Closing Ceremony & Dinner

9.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on 22nd February 2014.

9.3 A **minimum of 4 races** will be sailed to constitute the championship.

9.4 If **5 to 9 races are sailed, one discard** will be allowed.

9.5 If **10 to 11 races are sailed, 2 discards** will be allowed.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

11. RACING AREA

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

12. COURSES TO BE SAILED

12.1 Courses will be Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SAFETY

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

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

14. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

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

15. MEASUREMENT

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

15.2 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.

16. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

17. LIABILITY

- 17.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- 17.2 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.

18. VISA

- 18.1 Visitors must be in possession of a **valid passport (with six months expiry date)** on their arrival at Doha.
- 18.2 A **scanned copy of passport containing personal particulars must be sent to qatarsailing@yahoo.com on or before 1st February 2014 to get the free of cost 'Qatar Entry Visa' on time.**
- 18.3 Copy of the Visa will be sent by e-mail. Visitors are requested to keep the copy of the Entry Visa while travelling.
- 18.4 Visa is required by all visitors except nationals of GCC.

19. ACCREDITATION:

- 19.1 All visitors must **send their passport size photograph**, preferably in jpg format to qatarsailing@yahoo.com atleast 15 days prior to the Regatta to have their Accreditation Cards ready prior to their arrival at the site.

20. ENTRY FEES

- 21.1 US\$.100/- per head (both for Sailors/Officials) will be payable as Entry Fee at the time of Registration. Entry Fee will cover the cost of Opening and Closing dinners, daily lunch, tea, water, refreshments, social event, airport pickups/drops and local transportation during the Championship.

21. CHARTER FEES

- 21.1 A reduced charter fee has been decided as under:

Class	Charter Fee During Regatta (For five days)	Charter Fee Prior or After Regatta (Per Day)	Damage Deposit (Refundable)
Optimist	\$. 100	\$. 10	\$. 100
Laser (all Types)	\$. 150	\$. 15	\$. 150
420	\$. 200	\$. 20	\$. 200
470	\$. 200	\$. 20	\$. 200
29er	\$. 300	\$. 30	\$. 300
Hobie 16	\$. 300	\$. 30	\$. 300

- 21.2 For the duration of **two days training**, **no charter fee** is required.
- 21.3 Boats will be provided with spars & foils. Competitors must bring their own **SAILS**.
- 21.4 Own boats are allowed to bring in the event.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions in each class / category.
- 22.2 Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant (sailors & officials).
- 22.3 Cash prizes will also be given as follows:

Class	First (Qatari Riyals)	Second (Qatari Riyals)	Third (Qatari Riyals)
Optimist, 4.7, Radial, STD	3000	2000	1000
420, 470, Hobie-16, 29er	4000	3000	2000
Team Racing (per team)	2000	1500	1000

23. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 Support boats shall be marked with their National Flags.
- 23.3 Limited Coach boats can be made available on charter provided advance request is received by the Organizing Committee on or before **1st February 2014**. The charter fee of a Coach Boat is:
- QR.700/- per day (**Without** Petrol).
 - Petrol cost is around QR.1/- Per litre.
 - 1 US \$ = QR 3.65
- 23.4 Kindly note that the boats are booked prior to the arrival of the teams and are made available on the date it is booked. The booking team will be responsible for payment of the entire duration to the boat owner.

24. TRANSPORTATION

- 24.1 Local transport will be provided by the Organizing Committee daily to all the participants at the hotels situated near Doha Sailing Club including pick/drop facility at the Airport. **A list of recommended hotels is attached.**

25. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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

26. SAILING CONDITIONS

26.1 Expected weather condition with in the Racing Area:

<i>Average Day Time Temperature</i>	-	<i>18.3° C</i>
<i>Average Sea Surface Temperature</i>	-	<i>18.5° C</i>
<i>Average prevailing wind strength</i>	-	<i>8.9 kt</i>

27. BANK DETAIL:

All payment can be made by cash on arrival. However, it can be sent through bank transfer as well. The bank details are as under:

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

28. CONTACT

The official address of the Organizing Committee is as under:

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