

HKSF Selection Trials
HKODA NATIONAL & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015
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1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

- 1.1 The Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) is the Organizing Authority for the regatta
- 1.2 The Hong Kong Sea School (HKSS) and the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) are co-organizers for the regatta
- 1.3 The regatta will be held on the 1st to the 4th of October 2015

2 RULES

- 2.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) for 2013-2016, the Optimist Class rules and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) for the event.
- 2.2 The Prescriptions of the HKSF will apply.
- 2.3 In the event of a conflict between the documents, the Sailing Instructions will take priority over this Notice of Race. This changes rule 63.7.
- 2.4 The right to appeal a protest committee's decision or its procedures may be denied where it is essential to determine promptly the results of a race for division of competitors into final series fleets (Rule 70.5(a)).
- 2.5 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times on the water
- 2.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English will take precedence.

3 VENUE

- 3.1 The venue is the **Hong Kong Sea School, Stanley.**

Appendix A gives an overview of the racing area. Details will be given in the SIs or posted on the official notice board.

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4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Competitors must be members of the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) or an equivalent National Optimist Organisation.
- 5.2 Entry will be accepted only from competitor's aged 15 or under on 31st December 2015.
- 5.3 Competitors may enter by completing the **online entry form** on the HKODA website, together with the required fee as instructed in the entry form, to HKODA by the 5th of September 2015.
- 5.4 Competitors can request a cancellation of their entry by sending the Organising Authority an email via the event website. In case such request is made before 5th of September 2015 and is accepted by the Organising Authority, the entry fee will be reimbursed. After the 5th of September 2015 no refunds will be given.
- 5.5 Late entries made or received after 5th of September 2015 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.6 Competitors are responsible for the correct information they provide in the entry form. It is strongly recommended that competitors check their entry information once published on the event website (this is also the confirmation of their entry). Changes in the name, date of birth, gender, sail number and/or national letters **MUST** be made via email (event@hkoda.org) before the 20th of September 2015.
- 5.7 Competitors will not be allowed to change sail numbers after measurement except under special circumstances agreed with the Organising Authority. Sailors sailing under a different sail number than registered during measurement will get a 5 point penalty for each race with the incorrect sail number.

6 FEES

- 6.1 Entry fee will be HK\$800 payable to the "HKODA". For entries submitted after the entry deadline, the fee will be HK\$1200. All entries and fees must be received by 5th of September 2015. Entry fees that remain unpaid in full after the 5th of September 2015 will be subject to an additional late entry charge of 50% of the entry fee.

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7 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 The schedule for the event is:

DATE	TIMES
Sunday 27 th Sept 2015	Measurement , 1000-1700hrs, Local Sailors
Wednesday 30 th Sept 2015	Measurement , 1300-1700hrs, Overseas Sailors
Thursday 1 st Oct 2015	Registration , 0800-0915hrs, HKSS.
	Briefing , 0915hrs
	Racing , First Start Warning signal 1125hrs
Friday 2 nd Oct 2015	Briefing , 0915hrs
	Racing , First Start Warning Signal 1025hrs
	Social Event , After Racing (Free for Competitors, Volunteers & Officials; Tickets available for Supporters)
Saturday 3 rd Oct 2015	Briefing , 0915hrs
	Racing , First Start Warning Signal 1025hrs
Sunday 4 th Oct 2015	Briefing , 0915hrs
	Racing , First Start Warning Signal 1025hrs
	Prize Giving , as soon after the completion of the last race at HKSS.

8.2 Food will be available each day after racing.

8.3 Up to 4 races can be sailed each day. No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 4th October 2015.

8.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

9 MEASUREMENT

9.1 Pre-registration measurement, including equipment inspection, will be published on the event website prior to the event. Each competitor shall produce a valid event measurement certificate in order to complete the registration process.

9.2 Measurement checks may be carried out ashore and on the water at the discretion of the measurer panel.

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10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be published in advance on the HKODA website and will be posted on the official notice board.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A to the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

- 11.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 11.3 The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

Qualifying series:

- 5 or more completed races – All scores except her worst race score
- Fewer than 5 completed races – All race scores

Final Series:

- 3 or more completed races – All scores except her worst race score
- Fewer than 3 completed races – All race scores.

- 11.4 Points for the Hong Kong National and Open Championship shall be calculated including all competitors.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support boats shall, from the 1st warning signal for a race until all boats in that race have finished, remain at least 100m outside the area bounding the entire course; unless carrying out rescue duties at the request of the Race Committee.

- 12.2 All coach boats must be contactable via VHF.

- 12.3 Support boats may be required to carry markings and shall comply with the directions from Safety Control (please refer to the Sailing Instructions for further details)

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13 BERTHING

- 13.1 All Boats must be stored at HKSS. No competitor will be allowed to participate unless he/she launches from, and recovers from HKSS. This is a safety requirement and will be strictly enforced.
- 13.2 Boats may arrive at HKSS according to a schedule distributed to the coaches of each club and must be removed on or before 11th October 2015.

14 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be available. Please refer to the HKODA website.

15 PRIZES

15.1 HKODA Open Championships 2015

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all final series fleets
- 1st Overall Girls
- 1st U12 Boys
- 1st U12 Girls
- 1st U10 Boys
- 1st U10 Girls

15.2 HKODA National Championships 2015

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Overall

15.3 Competitors must carry a HKID and be a HKODA member to compete for the Hong Kong National Championships.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$ 1.000.000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 18.1 By entering the Event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the HKODA

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APPENDIX A: RACE AREA

