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NOTICE OF RACE

Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week (HKRW) is Hong Kong's premier international regatta for dinghies and invited classes held annually on the waters to the south of Hong Kong Island. In 2024, HKRW will run from 30 January to 4 February and will include the 2024 29er Asian Championship.

The organising authority is the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) in conjunction with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and, for the 2024 29er Asian Championship, the International 29er Class Association.

The event is designated a Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea, a non-profit organisation that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Our goal is Platinum Level.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).

For the notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR, refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction - Notation.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The HKSF Prescriptions current as of 30 January 2024 will apply. The Prescriptions will be available at www.sailing.org.hk.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as modified by NoR 13.2 and 13.3.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.6 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available by 25 January 2024 at www.hongkongraceweek.com. No paper copies will be handed out.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.hongkongraceweek.com/online-notice-board>.
- 3.2 [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats except when using equipment provided by the race committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats in the following classes/fleets:

HKRW	
2.4mR	29er
ILCA 4	ILCA 6
Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet	RS Feva
Optimist - Green, Intermediate & Main Fleets	

- 4.2 Other classes may be considered by making a request to the organising authority (minimum of 10 boats).
- 4.3 **29er:**
 - 4.3.1 Competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International 29er Class Association.
 - 4.3.2 Competitors must be 13 years old before 31 December 2024. Entries from sailors under this age will not be accepted by the organising authority.
- 4.4 **Green Fleets:** The Laser Pico/Fusion and Optimist Green Fleets are introductory fleets for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition. Racing will be organised by the Green Fleet Race Committee with the objectives of learning, improving and having fun as the main drivers of all decisions.

4.5 Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet:

4.5.1 Sailors in the Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) be aged 11 - 16 years at the time of racing; and
- c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons.

4.6 Optimist Green Fleet:

4.6.1 Sailors in the Optimist Green Fleet shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing;
- c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
- d) not have previously raced outside of Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and
- e) not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.

4.6.2 Optimist sailors who do not meet these criteria should race in the Optimist Intermediate or Main Fleet.

4.7 Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets:

4.7.1 Sailors shall have been born in 2009 or later.

4.7.2 Guidance notes on the Optimist Intermediate Fleet (Fleet Outline - Main vs. Intermediate) are available at <https://www.hkoda.org/documents/>.

4.8 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Optimist Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of the organising authority. The race committee may reallocate sailors between the Optimist Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets during the event at their discretion.

4.9 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online form at www.hongkongraceweek.com and paying the required fee by 20 December 2023 (Regular) or by 19 January 2024 (Late). No entries will be accepted after 19 January 2024.

4.10 Parent/Guardian Consent Forms shall be completed for all sailors under 18 years of age during the event. The forms will be emailed to parents/guardians as part of the entry process and shall be submitted to the organising authority by 29 January 2024

4.11 The organising authority reserves the right to place a cap on the number of entries.

4.12 The organising authority will send each entrant an acceptance email to confirm his or her entry.

4.13 The race committee, acting under RRS 76.1, may cancel the entry of any boat depending on the prevailing or forecast weather or sea conditions.

4.14 All coaches shall register with the organising authority as per the schedule in NoR 9.1.

4.15 Registration in accordance with the event schedule (NoR 9.1) is mandatory. If a boat fails to register in accordance with this schedule, the race committee may:

- a) consider that the entry has been withdrawn, and refuse to allow the boat to sail in the event - no refund of the entry fee will be made; or
- b) [DP] allow the boat to sail, but its results may be subject to a penalty at the discretion of the protest committee.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are:

	Regular Fee Entry & payment by 20 December 2023	Late Fee Entry & payment from 21 December 2023 to 19 January 2024
2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, Optimist Main & Intermediate	HK\$750.00	HK\$950.00
RS Feva	HK\$1200.00	HK\$1550.00
29er	HK\$2500.00	HK\$3250.00
Green Fleets - Optimist, Laser Pico/Fusion	HK\$550.00	HK\$700.00

5.2 Entry fees will not be refundable after 19 January 2024 except if the event is cancelled by the organising authority or if the withdrawal of an entry is accepted by the organising authority at its sole discretion based on a credible justification.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet: Boats shall be sailed by one crew.

7 ADVERTISING AND BIBS [NP][DP]

7.1 A boat wishing to display advertising on her hull, sails or spars shall be in possession of a valid Advertising License issued by her National Authority as provided in World Sailing Regulation 20 - (Advertising Code) unless that Authority has in its prescriptions prescribed otherwise.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7.3 Except for the Optimist Main, Intermediate and Green Fleets and the Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet, competitors aboard boats ranked first, second and third in the event at the beginning of each day shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs, respectively, while racing. Competitors in the Optimist Green and Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleets shall wear safety bibs while afloat. Bibs will be provided by the organising authority.

8 FORMAT OF RACING

The event will consist of a single series of races for each class/fleet/division. Boys and Girls will sail combined. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 The schedule (in HK time) will be:

All Classes & Fleets	
Regular Entry	By 20 December 2023 (midnight)
Late Entry	21 December 2023 - 19 January 2024 (midnight)
Parent/Guardian Consent Form Submission (for sailors under 18 years of age during the event) Online Coach & Support Vessel Registration (at www.hongkongraceweek.com/measurement)	By 29 January 2024 (midnight)

2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate	
Online Measurement Form submission (at www.hongkongraceweek.com/measurement)	By 29 January 2024 (midnight)
Measurement & Equipment Inspection and Measurement Form endorsement at event venue	30 January 2024 (0900 - 1700hrs) 31 January 2024 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Safety Tag Collection from Event Office (requires endorsed Measurement Form)	30 January 2024 (0900 - 1700hrs) 31 January 2024 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Practice Race	31 January 2024
Racing	1 - 4 February 2024

29er	
Equipment Inspection Appointment Booking Form submission (at www.hongkongraceweek.com/2024-29er-asian-championship)	By 29 January 2024 (midnight)
Equipment & Measurement Inspection at event venue (requires prepared Equipment & Measurement Form)	At Equipment Inspection Appointment Time
Safety Tag Collection from Event Office (requires endorsed Equipment & Measurement Form)	30 January 2024 (0900 - 1700hrs) 31 January 2024 (0900 - 1600hrs)
Practice Race	31 January 2024
Racing	1 - 4 February 2024

Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet	
Registration & Safety Tag Collection by Team Leaders	31 January 2024 (0830 - 0900hrs)
Racing	31 January - 1 February 2024

Optimist Green Fleet	
Registration & Safety Tag Collection by Team Leaders	2 February 2024 (0830 - 0900hrs)
Racing	2 - 4 February 2024

9.2 Number of races:

Class/Fleet	Maximum # of races	Target # of races per day
2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate	12	3
29er	14	3 or 4
Green Fleets - Optimist, Laser Pico/ Fusion	-	4*

* The Green Fleet Race Committee may adjust this target to suit the conditions and the abilities of the Green Fleets.

9.3 The scheduled times of the warning signals are:

2.4mR, 29er, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate		
31 January 2024	Practice race	1355hrs
1 - 4 February 2024	First race	1055hrs
Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet		
31 January 2024	First race	After briefing @ 1000hrs
1 February 2024	First race	After briefing @ 0900hrs
Optimist Green Fleet		
2 - 4 February 2024	First race	After briefing @ 1000hrs

9.4 On 4 February 2024 no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs. In the case of one or more postponements, general recalls or abandonments when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1600hrs, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after that time.

9.5 Prizegivings will be held after the completion of racing for each class/fleet.

10 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP][DP]

10.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and may be inspected at any time during the event.

10.2 2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate:

10.2.1 Boats shall submit their Measurement Form and be available for inspection as per the schedule in NoR 9.1.

10.2.2 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the technical committee.

10.3 29er:

10.3.1 Only one set of sails, and one forestay, shall be used throughout the event.

10.3.2 Boats shall prepare their Equipment & Measurement Form and be available for inspection at their booked Equipment Inspection appointment time.

10.3.3 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the technical committee.

10.4 **Green Fleets:** Boat and sailor equipment checks will be made during the event.

10.5 **Laser Pico/Fusion Green Fleet:** Only the mainsail shall be used throughout the event.

11 VENUE

HKRW will be based at the RHKYC's Middle Island clubhouse with racing taking place in Repulse Bay, Deep Water Bay, Stanley Bay, Beaufort Island/Po Toi Islands or Tai Tam Bay (see Attachment A).

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid or Optimist Worlds courses.

12.2 29ers will sail windward/leeward course with a gate at the leeward end of the course. The race target time will be 30 minutes.

13 INTERNATIONAL JURY & PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13.2 RRS P2.1 to P2.3 are deleted and replaced by:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty

When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 for the first or second time during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalized a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

13.3 For the 29er and RS Feva classes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, as amended by the SIs, will apply to all races.
- 14.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 (a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 (b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 (c) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15 SUPPORT VESSELS & COACHES [NP][DP]

- 15.1 Support vessels shall be registered with the organising authority as per the schedule in NoR 9.1 and shall comply with local legislation and the event support vessel regulations (see Attachment B).
- 15.2 Coaches shall register with the organising authority as per the schedule in NoR 9.1.
- 15.3 If called upon support vessels will be required to act as safety boats.

16 BERTHING [NP][DP]

All boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RHKYC Middle Island boat park/dock.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 **2.4mR, ILCA 4 & 6, RS Feva, Optimist Main & Intermediate:** The number of prizes to be awarded will be:

3 - 5 entrants	1 prize	6 - 7 entrants	2 prizes
8 - 14 entrants	3 prizes	15 - 25 entrants	4 prizes
26 or more entrants	5 prizes		

- 17.2 **Optimist Main & Intermediate:** Prizes will also be awarded to the top three 10 year and under sailors (born in 2014 or later) and the top three 12 year and under sailors (born in 2012 or 2013) in the Optimist Main and Intermediate Fleets (combined).
- 17.3 **Green Fleets:** Each sailor will be awarded a participation prize.
- 17.4 **29er:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the following categories:
- Overall;
 - Men's Asian Champion;
 - Women's Asian Champion;
 - Open Asian Champion (mixed gender teams); and
 - Top Junior (born in 2008 or later, under 17).
- 17.5 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

18 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHT WAIVER

- 18.1 By entering this event, each skipper and crew on the competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet) to the organising authority and the sponsor(s) and affiliated companies.
- 18.2 Only drones of the organising authority or with the approval of the organising authority may be flown over the venue and racing area.

19 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. By taking part in the event, each competitor and their responsible adults agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

- e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitor briefings held for this event.
- 19.2 The organising authority, the co-organiser, the sponsors, the venue and the race committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

20 INSURANCE

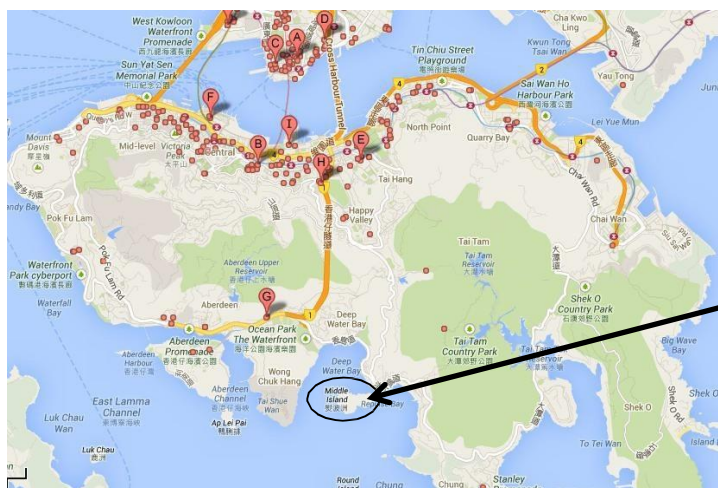
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 HKD per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see Attachment A. For enquiries, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com.

Attachment A: Additional Information

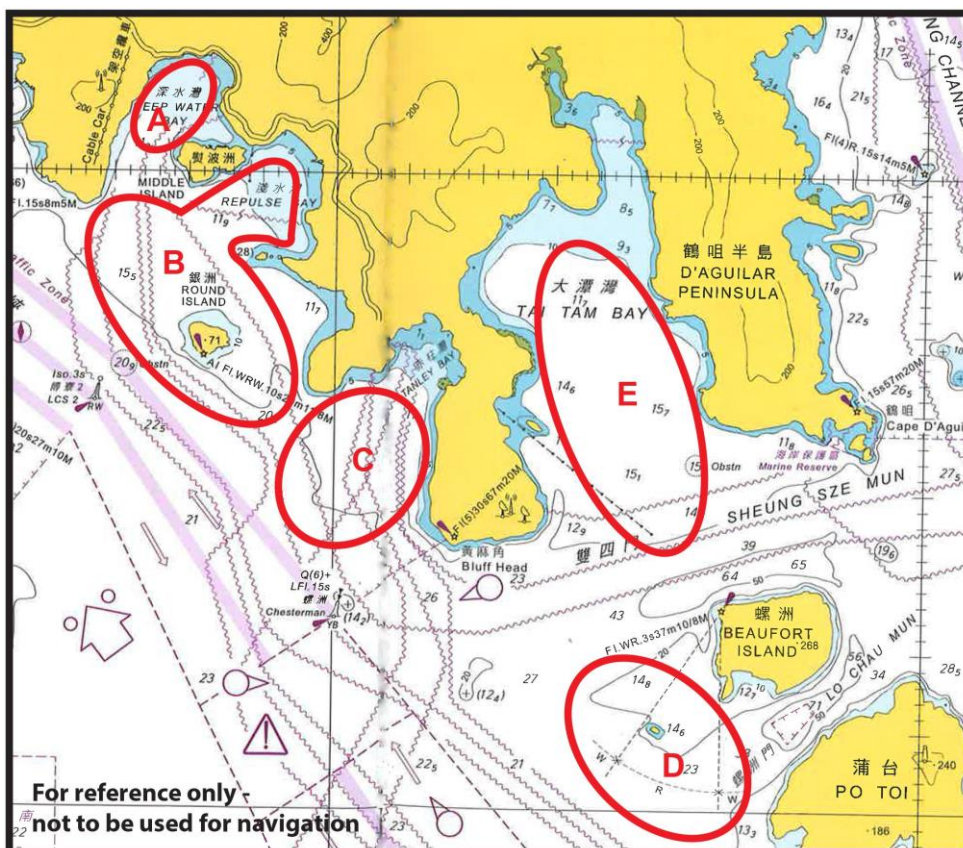
1. Event Venue



RHKYC Middle Island

For details, please visit www.rhkyc.org.hk/club-facilities/about/three-clubhouses

2. Approximate Location of Racing Areas



3. Accommodation

For details of special event hotel rates, please check www.hongkongraceweek.com.

4. Transportation

For details of the public transport options to the RHKYC Middle Island clubhouse, please visit <https://www.rhkyc.org.hk/club-facilities/about/three-clubhouses>

5. Charter Boats

Charter boats and coach boats are available. Information will be published on www.hongkongraceweek.com. If you are considering shipping your own boats to HK, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com as soon as possible.

6. Boat Park Arrival

For non-Middle Island based boats taking part in HKRW, please contact info@hongkongraceweek.com prior to 29 January 2024 to book your arrival slot.

Attachment B: Support Vessel Regulations [NP][DP]

B1 Equipment

Support vessels shall carry the following equipment on board:

- life jackets / buoyancy aids for the driver and all passengers;
- engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from the race committee or safety officers;
- first-aid kit;
- device for making a sound signal;
- compass;
- adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick); and
- knife.

B2 Support Vessel Regulations

- Support vessels shall be clearly marked with the three national letter code(s) of the boats they are supporting on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position at all times whilst afloat.
- Support vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support vessels shall follow race committee instructions on the designated VHF channel.
- **The driver shall attach the kill cord of the support vessel to their person at all times when the engine is running.**
- Support vessel personnel shall wear life jackets while afloat.
- Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations:
 - closer than 100 metres of any boat racing;
 - within 100 metres of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area;
 - within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing.
- Support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.