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Venue: RHKYC Middle Island Clubhouse, Hong Kong

### Organizer



### Subvented by

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## Hong Kong Race Week

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Notice of Series for the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup 2015 - 16 will apply except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR).
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the HKSF (Attachment A) will apply.
- 1.4 The class rules of each class racing will apply. These may be changed, where permitted, by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for RRS 42*, will apply.
- 1.6 When Medal Races are held, the version of ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, which is current as of 16 February 2016 will apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 This event is designated a Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea Organization, a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Our goal is Bronze Level.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 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 ISAF Regulation 20 – (Advertising Code) unless that Authority has in its prescriptions prescribed otherwise.
- 2.2 Boats maybe required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 Competitors aboard boats ranked first, second and third in the regatta at the beginning of each day shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs, respectively, while racing. The bibs will be provided by the Organising Authority.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

2.4mR	29er
420	Laser 4.7
Laser Radial	Optimist
Optimist Green	RS:X Youth
RS:One	Techno 293

3.2 Further eligibility requirements for any boat intending to be eligible for scoring as part of the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup Series are set out in the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup Notice of Series.

3.3 Other classes may be considered by making a request to the Organising Authority (minimum of 10 boats).

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at [www.hongkongraceweek.com](http://www.hongkongraceweek.com) and paying the required fee by 16 December 2015 (Early Bird) or by 13 January 2016 (Regular). A completed Declaration Form shall be submitted for each boat by 12 February 2016.

3.5 The charter boat deadline is 15 December 2015. Charter boats will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability. See also Attachment B, section C.

3.6 Late entries (if approved) will be charged a 30% penalty to the Regular Fee. No entries will be accepted after 12 February 2016.

3.7 The Race Committee, acting under RRS 76.1, may cancel the entry of any boat or class of boats depending on the prevailing or forecast weather or sea conditions.

### 4 FEES

4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Bird Fee (entry & payment by midnight (HK time) on 16 December 2015)	Regular Fee (entry & payment from 17 December 2015 to midnight (HK time) on 13 January 2016)
Singlehanded	HK\$475	HK\$600
Doublehanded	HK\$800	HK\$1000
Optimist Green Fleet	HK\$350	HK\$450

4.2 For charter boat fees, please contact the Organising Authority.

## 5 FORMAT

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of a single series of races for each class. Boys and Girls will sail combined. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.
- 5.2 For any of the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup classes where there are a minimum of 15 eligible entrants from at least 5 MNAs, a Medal Race may be run for the top 10 sailors in the class. Other Medal Races may be held at the organiser's discretion, depending on the size of the entry. Medal Races will be confirmed before the start of racing.
- 5.3 There will be a Green Fleet for the Optimist class. For the Green Fleet, the regatta will consist of a single series run from 19 - 21 February 2016. The emphasis will be on fun, with the objective of enabling younger and less experienced sailors to sail and participate without the need or burden of sailing in the more competitive main fleet. The regatta will be organized by the Green Fleet Race Committee with this objective as the main driver of all decisions. Details of the Green Fleet programme will be provided to entrants closer to the event date.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration: 16 & 17 February 2016 (1000 - 1730hrs)
- 6.2 Measurement and inspection: 16 & 17 February 2016 (1000 - 1730hrs)
- 6.3 Practice race:  
All classes (except Optimist Green Fleet) 17 February 2016
- 6.4 Dates of racing:  
All classes (except Optimist Green Fleet) 18 to 21 February 2016  
Optimist Green Fleet 19 to 21 February 2016

6.5 Number of races:

For all classes except the Optimist Green Fleet, there will be a maximum of 12 races with a target of 3 races per day. The last race of the series may be a Medal Race depending on entries and at the organiser's discretion (see NoR 5.2).

For the Optimist Green Fleet, there will be a maximum of 9 races with a target of 3 races per day.

6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal is:

	Classes	Date	Warning Signal
Practice race	All (except Optimist Green Fleet)	17 February 2016	1355hrs
First race	All (except Optimist Green Fleet)	18 February 2016	1055hrs
First race each day	All	19 - 21 February 2016	1055hrs

- 6.7 No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on 21 February 2016 unless posted by 2000hrs on 20 February 2016. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1530hrs, the Race Committee may display

subsequent warning signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned.

## **7 MEASUREMENTS**

- 7.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and shall be available for measurement and inspection on 16 and 17 February 2016. Boats may be measured and inspected at any time during the regatta.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The SIs will be available at registration and on the event website at [www.hongkongraceweek.com](http://www.hongkongraceweek.com).

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 Racing will take place in any of the Middle Island/Repulse Bay/Deep Water Bay/Stanley/Tai Tam areas, as decided on the day by the Race Committee.

## **10 THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or trapezoid courses.

## **11 INTERNATIONAL JURY and PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 11.2 For the 29er class RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Points system of RRS Appendix A shall apply to all races and shall be amended in the SIs to account for the Medal Races and to allow discards.
- 12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 The ASAF Youth Sailing Cup, including the ASAF Nations Cup, will be scored separately in accordance with the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup Notice of Series.

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority prior to acting as a coach or support boat. Coach and support boats shall register with the Organising Authority on 16 or 17 February 2016 between 1000 and 1730hrs. Coach and support boats shall be clearly marked with the nationality of the boats they are supporting on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position at all times.
- 13.2 All registered coach and support boats must carry on board and operate while on the water a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels, and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

## **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.



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## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 The number of prizes to be awarded in each class 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

## **16 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHT WAIVER**

16.1 By entering this regatta, 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 Organizing Authority and the sponsor(s) and affiliated companies. Clause 20.1 of the ASAF Youth Sailing Cup Notice of Series shall also apply.

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..."

17.2 The Organising Authority, the sponsor(s), 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.

17.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and the HKSF Office in completing the formalities of their regatta entry required by this NoR. It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline date and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the event (see NoR 3.4 above).

## **18 INSURANCE**

18.1 All boats competing shall carry current third party property insurance cover and third party personal liability insurance cover valid in Hong Kong. The minimum third party personal liability cover shall be at least HK\$1 million per incident. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

19.1 For further information please see Attachment B and contact [info@hongkongraceweek.com](mailto:info@hongkongraceweek.com).

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## Attachment A      HKSF Prescriptions

The HKSF prescribes that these rules become effective in Hong Kong on 1 January 2013.

### Rule    Prescription

#### 67      Damages

- 1    No claim for damages arising from breaches of these rules or the sailing instructions shall be adjudicated upon by any race committee or appeal authority, but shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- 2    A boat which acknowledges infringing a rule by retiring or taking a penalty does not thereby admit liability for damage.
- 3    The findings of fact and decisions of protest committees shall be relevant only to the purposes of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and shall not be referred to in any proceedings for damages without the written consent of the protest committee.
- 4    Notwithstanding 3 above, any owner of a boat may be liable for damages arising from a breach of these rules and may be subject to limitations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance or related ordinances or regulations of the laws of Hong Kong.

#### 69.3   Allegations of Gross Misconduct- Action by National Authority or Initial Action by the ISAF

- 1    When HKSF receives a report alleging a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or has brought the sport into disrepute under rule 69.2 or a report required under rule 69.1(c) or 69.1(e), there shall be an investigation comprising of a panel consisting of not less than three members of the Council, who shall be officers of the federation or members of the Racing Rules and Appeals Committee, to consider the case.
- 2    Such investigation, may exercise the full powers of the Council, including holding a hearing, and any action shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting after the decision is reached.
- 3    When this investigation conducts a hearing in a case that has been the subject of an appeal under rule 70 and finds facts that differ from the facts found by the protest committee, it may direct that the Racing Rules and Appeals Committee reopen the appeal and reconsider its decision.

#### 70.5   Right of Appeal

An organizing authority shall obtain approval from the HKSF for the denial of appeal in accordance with rule 70.5. The letter of approval shall be available for inspection during the event.

#### 78      Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

The race committee may inspect or measure any boat at any time.

#### 88      National Prescription to IRC Rules on the carrying of spinnakers in Category 3 races

Existing prescription valid up to 31 May 2013:

For races under HKSF jurisdiction requiring compliance with ISAF Special Regulations Category 3 or above, a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an

increase in rating. Any such prescription shall be referenced in a Notice of Race. This prescription changes IRC Rule 21.6.1.(a) as provided under IRC rule 21.6.1.(b).

New prescription adopted from 1 June 2013:

For races under HKSF jurisdiction requiring compliance with ISAF Special Regulations Category 3 or above, IRC Rule 21.6.1 is varied in accordance with IRC Rules 11.2 and 11.3.

#### 88.2 Changes to National Prescriptions

If an Organizing Authority wishes to change any of the HKSF prescriptions for an event, HKSF approval is required for such changes

#### 91(b) International Jury

An Organizing authority shall apply no later than 4 weeks before the regatta for approval from the HKSF for the constitution of an international jury. The letter of approval shall be available for inspection during the event.

### Appendix G – IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

G2 All boats falling within the category of “Other Boats” shall carry HKG national letters and the sail number allocated either by HKSF or a Member Club under its Sail Number Policy, in accordance with the requirement of rule G1.3 – Positioning.

“Other Boats” for the purpose of rule G2 means any boats that are not ISAF International Class Boats or boats of a Recognized Class (where a “Recognized Class” can have a similar definition to that of a “Class” as defined in ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, regulation 20.10(b)).

#### ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code

The following change to the HKSF Prescription on Advertising is effective from July 1st 2014:

##### 20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the HKSF is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

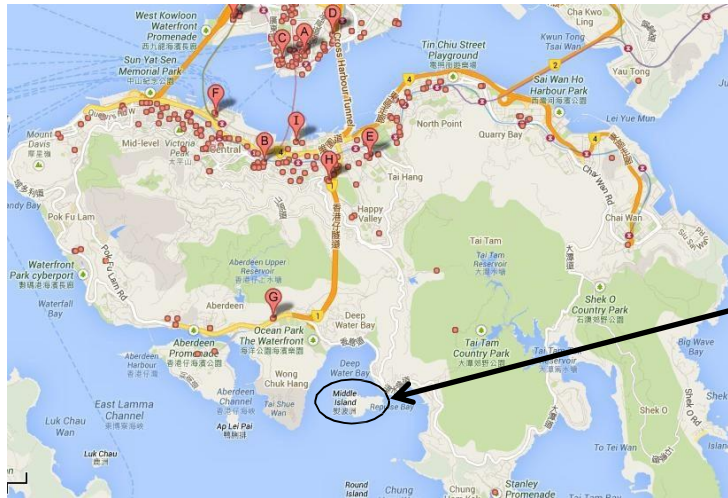
##### 20.8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display Advertising, the HKSF will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.



## Attachment B Additional Information

### A. Accommodation



Regatta venue

Hotel Options:

[www.ihotelislandsouth.com](http://www.ihotelislandsouth.com) (near regatta venue)

<http://www.ovolohotels.com/en/hotels/hongkong/ovolo-aberdeen-harbour/> (near regatta venue)

<http://www.ovolohotels.com/en/hotels/hongkong/ovolo-southside/> (near regatta venue)

[http://www.caritas-chs.org.hk/chi/oswald\\_lodge.asp](http://www.caritas-chs.org.hk/chi/oswald_lodge.asp) (near Central HK)

[Link to Google search for Hotels](#)

Bed and Breakfast Options: <http://www.airbnb.com>

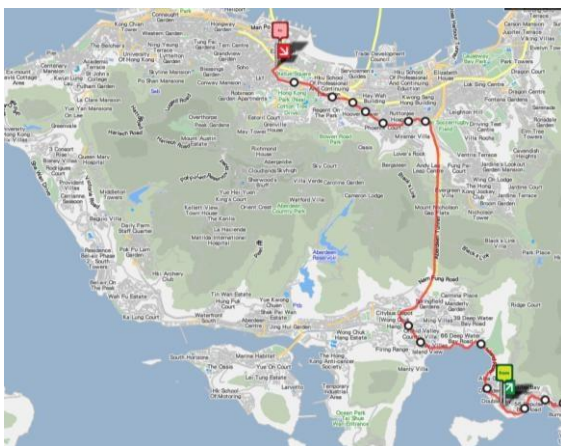
On-Line Booking: [Asia Web Direct](#), [Trip Advisor](#), [Asia-Hotels](#)

For details of HKRW regatta hotel rates, please contact [info@hongkongraceweek.com](mailto:info@hongkongraceweek.com).

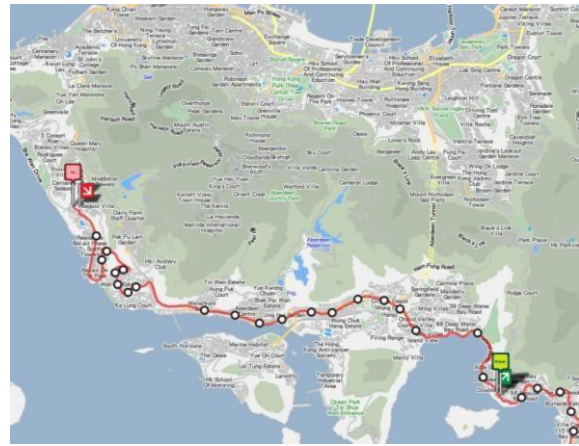
### B. Transportation

Buses - there are many bus routes to the regatta venue. Click [here](#) for details.

Bus routes 6A, 6X and 260.



Bus route 73.



Taxis - Taxis are also an efficient and relatively inexpensive way to travel around. A journey from Central to Repulse Bay would cost about \$70.

### **C. Charter Boats**

Charter boats and boards and coach boats are available. Information will be published on [www.hongkongraceweek.com](http://www.hongkongraceweek.com). For enquiries contact [charter@hongkongraceweek.com](mailto:charter@hongkongraceweek.com). If you are considering shipping your own boats to HK, please contact [info@hongkongraceweek.com](mailto:info@hongkongraceweek.com) as soon as possible.