



# The 2017 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship Hong Kong September 30 – October 7



## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2017 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship is organized by the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) and co-organized by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

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### ABBREVIATIONS

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| SP | Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury with a hearing |
| DP | Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury   |
| NP | Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1 (a)).  |

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply for the Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Championship, including D2.2 (single flag protest procedure); but deleting D1.1(d).
- 1.3 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to: 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail "Protest". She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing, of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.6 Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
  - 1.6.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
  - 1.6.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by instruction 1.6.1"
- 1.7 Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2. ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

- 2.1 Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by class rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.



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**3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]**

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.3 Competitors shall have been born in 2002 or later.
- 4.4 Asian & Oceanian Members of IODA may enter up to 10 sailors. For the team racing event, each member entering 8 to 10 competitors may enter 2 teams.
- 4.5 The IODA member from Hong Kong, as the host member, may enter up to 20 competitors, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.9 below. For the team racing event, if the host member registers 16 to 20 competitors, they can enter a maximum of three teams.
- 4.6 Competitors whose IODA member is European but who are residents of an overseas territory that is geographically in Asia & Oceania may be entered by the IODA member at the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. These competitors shall be considered to be Asian & Oceanian for the purpose of NOR 17 (PRIZES).
- 4.7 Entries are limited to 180 Competitors.
- 4.8 The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non-Asian or non-Oceanian Members, depending on the number of registered Asian & Oceanian sailors and Condition 7.3 of the Conditions for the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship. If the number of registered competitors is less than 180, available places will be allocated to non-Asian/Oceanian members on a first come basis. Requests must be made in writing to [regattasecretary@optiworld.org](mailto:regattasecretary@optiworld.org). Maximum 7 per member are permitted, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.9 below.
- 4.9 Gender quota: Members entering teams of 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender, as follows:

| Total number of competitors | Minimum of the opposite gender          |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 5 or 6                      | 1                                       |
| 7 to 9                      | 2                                       |
| 10                          | 3                                       |
| HOST MEMBER ONLY            | The ratio above is repeated as follows: |
| 11 - 16                     | 4                                       |
| 17 - 19                     | 5                                       |
| 20                          | 6                                       |



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- 4.10 The defending Asian & Oceanian (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirements.
- 4.11 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by up to three adults, depending on the number of competitors. A maximum of four adults including the Team Leader will be allowed for teams entering 10 or more competitors. (Condition 15.1 of the Conditions for Continental Championships)
- 4.12 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 4.13 Competitors must comply with WS Reg 19.4 (Eligibility) and 19.6 (Events Requiring World Sailing Eligibility).

## 5. ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made online at <http://2017asianoceanians.optiworld.org> by submitting the relevant forms and by paying the required fees according to the following schedule:
  - 5.1.1 The Preliminary Entry Form and a payment of 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **June 1, 2017**;
  - 5.1.2 The Second Entry Form and a payment for the balance of the fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **July 1, 2017**.
  - 5.1.3 The Final Entry Form shall be returned to the Organising Committee as soon as the members of the delegation are defined but not later than **August 15, 2017**.

Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (ENTRY FEES), 15 (SUPPORT BOATS) and 16 (CHARTER BOATS). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.3, and 16.7 below.
- 5.2 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to all late payments by the organising committee.  
**NOTE:** *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline; and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item.*
- 5.3 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **July 15, 2017** will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank cost incurred due to the refund). Competitors withdrawing their entry after that date will not be refunded. The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16.
- 5.4 Competitors, team leaders and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete an on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor will not be completed until the measurement form issued by the Technical Committee (see paragraph 9) has been returned to the Race Office.

## 6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be USD \$750 per competitor and USD \$750 per adult (maximum four adults according to 4.11.)
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship (from the Official Arrival day to the Official Departure day inclusive).



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6.3 Please make payments to the following bank account.

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| Bank Name:   | <b>HSBC</b>  |
| Bank Address:  | HSBC main building, 1 Queen’s road, Central, Hong Kong     |
| Bank Code (if needed)  | 004  |
| Account Holder (Beneficiary)   | HONG KONG OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION                      |
| Account Holder (Beneficiary) Address:                                      | Jumbo Court 14B, 3 Welfare Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong |
| <b>Account Number</b>  | 485-140776-001   |
| Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) Code: | HSBCHKHHHKH  |

**6.3.1 Fees shall be paid in USD \$.**

6.3.2 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.

**7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 7.1 The Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship comprises two ‘championships’:
  - 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL ASIAN & OCEANIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAOC);
  - 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST ASIAN & OCEANIAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP (TRAOC);
- 7.2 For the IAOC
  - 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
  - 7.2.2 The qualifying series will take place on the first 2 days of racing. However, if 5 races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, then the qualifying series will continue until the end of the IAOC racing day in which a fifth qualifying race is completed.
  - 7.2.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 7.3 For the TRAOC
  - 7.3.1 The event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from members represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of 4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. If there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.
  - 7.3.2 For the selection of the teams as well as for the seeding, the Race Committee will calculate ‘Total scores’ per group of 4 competitors per member, as explained below:  
After the first 5 races sailed in the IAOC (or the number of races sailed until October 3 inclusive, if fewer than 5) the total points of the 4 competitors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for each member. The total points of the following 4 competitors with the best cumulative results will be added to give a total score for the second team of the member and so on.
  - 7.3.3 No member is allowed to enter more than two teams, except Hong Kong, which as host member is allowed a maximum of three teams.



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- 7.3.4 The seeding will be based on the total scores mentioned in 7.3.2. The format of the championship will be described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3.5 The position in the grid of each team will be based on each team’s total points, which will be the result of adding the points (on the first 5 races or the number of races until October 3 if fewer than 5) of the actual best 4 members of the team. Teams with lower total points will be seeded in higher positions.
- 7.3.6 The total points of the competitors, as mentioned in 7.3.2, will be based on the ranking available at 21.00 on October 3 **regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.**
- 7.3.7 The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and shall be capable of being concealed and being displayed at arm’s length. To indicate a protest, the flag shall be deployed from a concealed position to a position where it is easily visible to the protested boat and Umpires.
- 7.3.8 For matches between the two teams of the host member, competitors of one or both teams will be required to use coloured ribbons provided by the Organising Committee to identify the different teams. The colours of the ribbons for each team shall be:
  - First Team: No Ribbon
  - Second Team: Yellow Ribbon
  - Third Team: Blue Ribbon

**8. PROGRAM**

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| September 29 | Early Arrival and Measurement.  |
| September 30 | Official Arrival Day.<br>Registration and Measurement.<br>Official accommodation available from 1400. |
| October 1    | Registration and Measurement.<br>Team Leaders’ meeting.<br>Opening Ceremony RHKYC, Kellett Island     |
| October 2    | IAOC, Races.  |
| October 3    | IAOC, Races.  |
| October 4    | TRAOC, Races.   |
| October 5    | IAOC, Races.  |
| October 6    | IAOC, Races.<br>Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony, RHKYC,<br>Middle Island                            |
| October 7    | Official Departure Day.   |

8.2 10 races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per day.

**9. MEASUREMENT**

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4).



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- 9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Technical Committee according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by the Technical Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been filled in at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been checked by the Technical Committee and the substituting equipment has been scrutineered by the Technical Committee.
- 9.5 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. Repairs or replacements required afloat may be approved after the race provided that either the Race Committee or the Technical Committee are notified before the next race. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 9.6 In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, boats chartered through the Organising Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried by these boats shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from CR 2.4.1.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measuring to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate), it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate will be issued at a cost of USD \$50, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, the hull may not be removed from the boat park without the permission of the Technical Committee. At the venue, no item of equipment may be cleaned using detergent unless permitted by the race committee.

**10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions, along with other governing documents will be available at <http://2017asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> .

**11. VENUE**

The Championship will be held at: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island, Deep Water Bay.  
The racing area will be in the waters of Stanley Bay. (Please see Attachment 1)  
Contact: Mrs. Christine Lau



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Contact email: [info@optimistasianoceanian2017.com](mailto:info@optimistasianoceanian2017.com)

### **12. THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.
- 12.2 For the team racing championships the course will be a starboard “S” course.

### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply for the IAOC.
- 13.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 13.3 Races of the team racing championship will be umpired.

### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **15. SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]**

- 15.1 Team support boats shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:
  - 15.1.1 Each boat shall be a minimum of 4.5m in length.
  - 15.1.2 Each boat shall display white flags bearing the three letter national code of the countries it supports, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support boats.
  - 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from September 30 each boat shall be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the Organising Committee. No more than one person from each member shall be on the water in the boat at the same time (except during the team races, when one coach per boat might be allowed, if the organisers so decide).
  - 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by the teams using the boat. There will be a fixed price for the event paid in advance at registration of **USD \$600 per coach boat / USD \$300 per coach shared.**
  - 15.1.5 During the Team Racing days, the support boats will be at the disposal of the Organizing Committee.
  - 15.1.6 Coaches and other personnel on support boats shall wear a life jacket (in accordance with Hong Kong Law) and will be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue. Drivers shall attach the ‘kill cord’ of the support boat to their person as a safety requirement.
  - 15.1.7 All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organising Committee.
  - 15.1.8 Coaches are encouraged to bring a VHF radio.



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- 15.1.9 All support boats will be provided with a valid Hong Kong PVOL (Licence) coxswain/person. It is compulsory by Hong Kong Law to have a valid local PVOL. Note: an international licence is not valid.
- 15.2 Team support boats to be used during the Regatta days (Sept 30 – October 6 inclusive) are available from the Organising Committee at the support boat charter fee of USD \$1600 per boat (USD \$800 per coach). Payment instructions can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2017asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>
- 15.3 For each place on a support boat, reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form accompanied by a payment of 50% of the total amount and transferring a **first payment of USD \$400** (50% of the total amount to be paid), which shall be received on or before **June 1, 2017**. The **balance of fees USD \$400** (50%) shall be received on or before **July 1, 2017**. Please see 6.3 for payment instructions. Availability of places on support boats is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **June 1, 2017**.
- 15.4 A **damage deposit of USD \$500 per coach** will be charged at registration and refunded at the end of the Championship provided the boat is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.
- 15.5 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support boats.

## 16. CHARTER BOATS [NP][DP]

- 16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.
- 16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Authority, manufactured by Far East FRP Boat Co. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual competitors by the Organising Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
  - Hulls, dagger boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
  - Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
  - All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.
- 16.5 Charter boats will be complete with blocks, airbag, racing spars, racing foils, mainsheet, padded toe straps, trolley, bowlines, bailers and paddles. Sails will not be provided.
- 16.6 The charter fee for 7 Championship Regatta days (Sept 30 – Oct 6 inclusive) will be USD \$400 per boat.
- 16.7 Reservation of charter boats shall be made by submitting the Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring a **first payment of USD \$200 covering 50%** of the charter fees, which shall be received on or before **June 1, 2017**. The remaining **USD \$200 (50%)** shall be received on or before **July 1, 2017**. Payment instructions are contained on the PAYMENT page of the online registration system at <http://2017asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>



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16.8 Late reservations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20%. Charter boats availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **June 1, 2017**. In addition to the charter fee, a damage deposit of USD \$200 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

### 17. PRIZES

- 17.1 For the IAOC, prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The three best-placed sailors regardless of gender and continent of residence;
  - 17.1.2 The three best-placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
  - 17.1.3 The three best-placed sailors without gender distinction whose IODA member is from Asia; the first of whom will become the Asian Champion of the corresponding year;
  - 17.1.4 The three best-placed sailors without gender distinction whose IODA member is from Oceania; the first of whom will become the Oceanian Champion of the corresponding year.
- 17.2 For the Team Racing Championships (TRAOC), prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
- 17.2.1 The three best placed teams OVERALL in the Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Championship;
  - 17.2.2 The best-placed team whose IODA member is from Asia, if different from the first in 17.2.1: they will become the Asian Team Racing Champions;
  - 17.2.3 The best placed team whose IODA member is from Oceania, if different from the first in 17.2.1: they will become the Oceanian Team Racing Champions.
- 17.3 The Organizing Committee may decide to award extra prizes.

### 18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the series entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that:
- 18.1 a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - 18.1 b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 18.1 c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
  - 18.1 d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;
  - 18.1 e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - 18.1 f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.



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18.1 g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for this venue or event, and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

**19. INSURANCE**

The purchase of third-party liability event insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **USD \$12** per competitor and per coach, payable to the organisers upon arrival, before registration is completed. Details regarding this insurance can be found at:

[http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded\\_files/thirdParty.pdf\\_1948\\_en.pdf](http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/thirdParty.pdf_1948_en.pdf)

Note: the deductible on any claim is Euro €150.

**20. MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA and the sponsors of the championship the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

21.1 For further information and queries, please contact:

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| Event Secretary | Ms. Christine Lau                       |
| Phone:          | +852 9302-2625                          |
| E-mail:         | info@optimistasianoceanian2017.com      |
| Website:        | http://2017asianoceanians.optiworld.org |

21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an e-mail address.

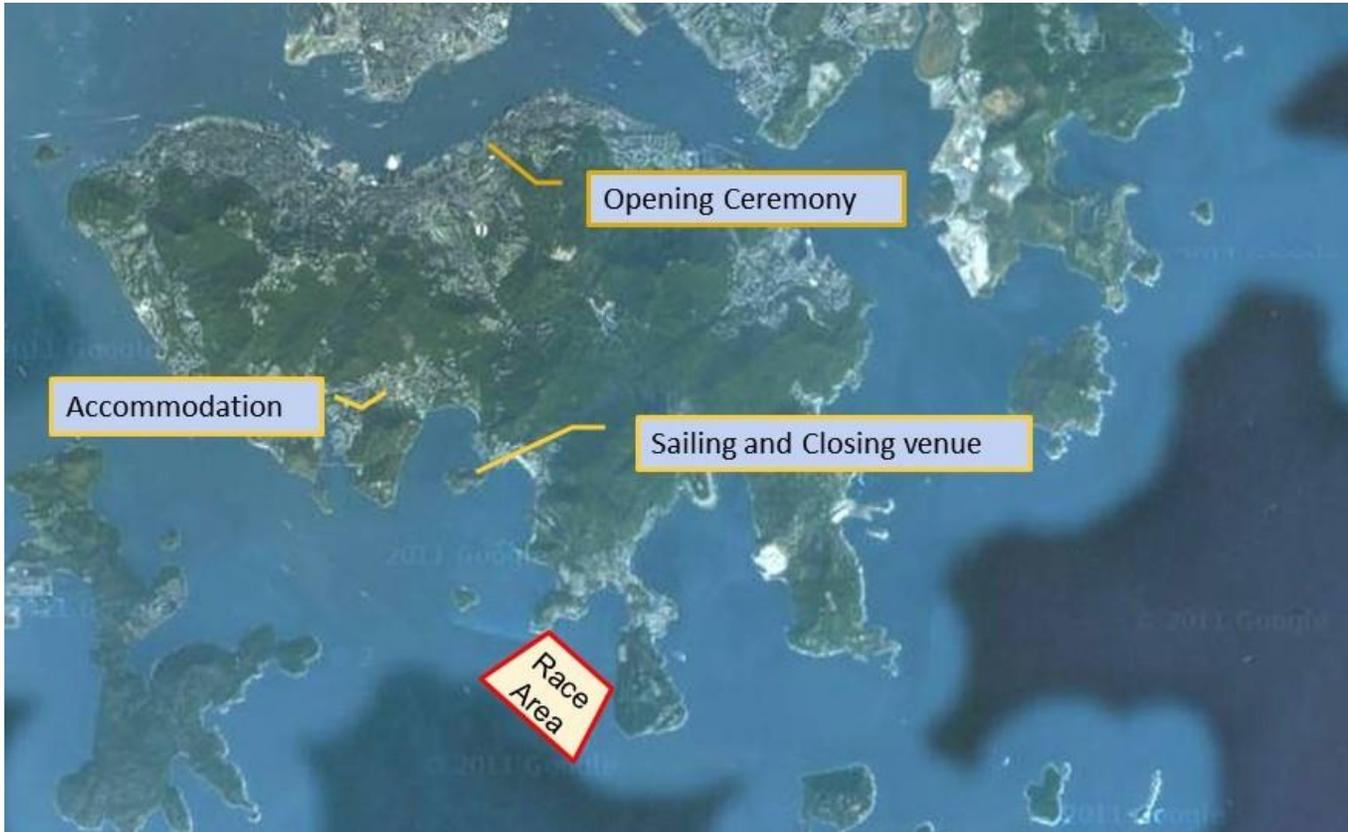


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**ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### A. BEHAVIOUR

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Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat, with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT

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### B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

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- B.1. Competitors and team officials will be housed in the **L'Hotel Island South**, 55 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong Phone: (852) 3968 8888 Contact: Accommodation/Transportation Coordinators: Mrs. Betty Hui and Michelle Ho Email: [accommodation@optimistasianoceanian2017.com](mailto:accommodation@optimistasianoceanian2017.com) Official accommodations will be available from 1400 on September 30 until 1200 on October 7, 2017.
- B.2. All three meals will be provided. The breakfast will be served in the hotel. Packed lunches will be delivered to the nautical venue. Dinner will be served at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Middle Island. The first official meal will be dinner on September 30, 2017 and the last official meal will be breakfast on October 7, 2017.
- B.3. A damage deposit of USD \$130 per room may be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit and other extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid in cash or by credit card.
- B.4. Shuttle buses will be provided in the early morning and in the evening. A schedule will be provided. The hotel is located 4 km from the sailing venue and is easily reachable by public transportation.
- B.5. Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid cash or by credit card.
- B.6. Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send any special request filling in the relevant field in the Second Entry Form.

### C. EARLY ARRIVALS

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- C.1. Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the Organising Authority in order to book accommodation. Please contact Mrs. Betty Hui or Michelle Ho at [accommodation@optimistasianoceanian2017.com](mailto:accommodation@optimistasianoceanian2017.com) . The daily fee will be USD \$90 per person per day (full board).
- C.2. Regatta facilities will be open from September 29, 2017.

### D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT BOATS

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- D.1. It is possible to rent a support boat to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from September 27, 2017 at USD \$200 per boat per day excluding fuel. The boat can be shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by contacting the Organising Committee at



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[info@optimistasianoceanian2017.com](mailto:info@optimistasianoceanian2017.com) on or before June 1, 2017 to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.

- D.2. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD \$500 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- D.3. Late reservations and payments of pre-Regatta charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%

### E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS

- E.1. Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from September 27 at USD \$50 per boat per day. Reservations of pre-championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Charter Boat Reservation Form and transferring 100% of the fees, which shall be received on or before June 1, 2017.
- E.2. In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD \$200 per boat will be required upon receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- E.3. Late reservations and payments of pre-championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

### F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

- F.1. Transportation to and from Hong Kong International Airport will be provided by the Organising Committee. Each team will be provided with a minibus (16 – 20 seats) for arrival and departure at a cost of USD \$260 per team /both ways. An extra charge of USD \$25 one way will be applied if pick up or drop off is between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. On arrival teams will be greeted by an HKODA representative. Transport may be arranged by contacting the Accommodation Coordinator Michelle Ho at [liason@optimistasianoceanian2017.com](mailto:liason@optimistasianoceanian2017.com). Arrangements can also be made to accommodate supporters if details given in advance subject to availability. Please note that long sail tubes will not be accepted on Taxi or Subway (forbidden by MTR Law). Details for transport arrangements must be provided by July 1, 2017.

### G. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make their own reservations.

### H. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Hong Kong more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.

### I. MISCELLANEOUS

- I.1. Each team is kindly requested to bring TWO of their National Flag (100cm x 150cm) along with their National Anthem on a USB.
- I.2. The organisers are not aware of any health precautions requested to enter Hong Kong. However, we advise delegations to consult their travel agents or health authorities for any existing regulation for travellers visiting Hong Kong.



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**J. SAILING CONDITIONS**

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| Daytime temperature | 24 - 28 Celsius |
| Water temperature   | 23 - 26 Celsius |
| Wind speed          | 10 - 20 Knots   |

**K. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

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Delegations should contact the Hong Kong Embassy or Consulate in their country to inquire about Visa requirements.

**L. SPECTATOR BOATS**

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A spectator boat will be arranged for parents and guests throughout the event at a cost of USD\$ 35 per person per day.

**M. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS**

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Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.



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**N. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

| <b>ITEM</b>                    | <b>COST</b>                                | <b>OBS.</b>   |                              |
|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Required payments</b>       |  |   | <b>NoR</b>                   |
| Entry fee competitors          | USD 750                                    | 1st Entry: June 1 – 50%<br>2nd Entry: July 1 – 50%  | 5 & 6                        |
| Entry fee adults               | USD 750                                    | 1st Entry: June 1 – 50%<br>2nd Entry: July 1 – 50%  | 5 & 6                        |
| Support boat fee               | USD 1600 per boat<br>(USD 800 per coach)   | 1st Entry: June 1 – 50%<br>2nd Entry: July 1 – 50%  | 15.2, 15.3                   |
| Support boat damage deposit    | USD 500 per coach                          | To be paid upon receipt of boat.<br>Refundable.   | 15.4, D.2                    |
| Charter boat fee               | USD 400 per boat                           | 1st Entry: June 1 – 50%<br>2nd Entry: July 1 - 50%  | 16.6, 16.7                   |
| Charter boat Damage deposit    | USD 200 per boat                           | To be paid upon receipt of boat.<br>Refundable.   | 16.8, E.2                    |
| Sail measurement               | USD 50                                     | Sails without certificate, payable to IODA.   | 9.10                         |
| Insurance                      | USD 12                                     | Competitors and coaches   | 19                           |
| Surcharge                      | 20%  | Late payments. Depends on item.   | Various, but see NOTE in 5.2 |
| <b>Optional Payments</b>       |  |   | <b>extra info sheet</b>      |
| Accommodation early arrivals   | USD 90 per person per day full board       | To be arranged with the Organising Committee.   | C.1                          |
| Support boat early arrivals    | USD 200 per boat per day/fuel not included | .100% due and payable June 1, 2017. To be arranged with the Organising Committee.         | D.1                          |
| Charter boat early arrivals    | USD 50 per boat per day                    | 100% due and payable June 1, 2017   | E.1                          |
| Transportation to/from airport | USD 260 per team both ways                 | Contact Organising Committee for arrival /departure reservations. Payable by July 1, 2017 | F                            |
| Surcharge                      | 20%  | Late payments.  | Various, but see NOTE in 5.2 |