

HKODA OPEN AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Main & Intermediate Fleets – 17, 18 & 19 October 2026

Green Fleet – 18 & 19 October 2026

The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club (CWBGCC), Hong Kong

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NOTICE OF RACE

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 will apply and are available at www.sailing.org.hk.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply but changed as follows: P2.2 will apply to second and all subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix G3, *Chartered or Loaned Boats*, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, *Arbitration*, will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be published in advance on the online official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lpbKBLocb2>
- 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Optimist class and will have Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets. See the HKODA 'Fleet Outline - Main vs Intermediate' and Green Fleet FAQ/Information documents at <https://www.hkoda.org/about/documents>
- 4.2 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of HKODA and may only be varied during the event by the race committee.
- 4.3 **Green Fleet:**
 - 4.3.1 The Green Fleet is an introductory fleet 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 along the way as the main drivers of all decisions. The Green Fleet entry will be capped at 30 boats but may be extended at the discretion of the race committee.
 - 4.3.2 Sailors in the Green Fleet shall:
 - a) hold a 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) not have previously raced outside of the Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered.
 - 4.3.3 Sailors who do not meet these criteria should race in the Intermediate or Main Fleet, however, if they lack the confidence to do so, they should e-mail secretary@hkoda.org with their request
- 4.4 **Intermediate and Main Fleets:**
 - 4.4.1 Sailors in the Intermediate and Main Fleets must be members of the HKODA or an equivalent National Optimist Organisation.

- 4.4.2 Sailors shall have been born in 2011 or later.
- 4.4.3 To be considered an entry in the Intermediate or Main Fleet event, a boat shall also submit a Measurement Form by 1800 hrs on Friday 16 October 2026 (see NoR 9.2).
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending the required fee to HKODA by 1800 hrs on 19 September 2026. If payment is made after this date, the late entry fee will apply.
<https://forms.gle/eaFvsZFyD79UGmnAA>
- 4.6 Competitors may cancel their entry and receive a refund by emailing secretary@hkoda.org by 1800 hrs on 10 October 2026. The entry fee will not be refunded after this date .
- 4.7 Late entries received after 18:00 hrs on 19 September 2026 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the HKODA and will be subject to the late entry fee. No entry will be accepted after 18:00 hrs on 10 October 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for Main and Intermediate Fleets is HK\$800. The entry fee for Green Fleet is HK\$650.
- 5.2 The late entry fee for Main and Intermediate fleets is \$1050 and \$850 for Green fleet.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. FORMAT

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

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The schedule will be:

By 1800 hrs on Friday 16 October	Online Measurement Form Submission for Main & Intermediate Fleets (available at https://forms.gle/eaFvsZFyD79UGmnAA)
Saturday 17 October 0800 – 0830 hrs	Event swag collection by Club Reps from the Event Office at CWBGCC. Sailors to register / sign out and in each day.
Saturday 17 October Sunday 18 October Monday 19 October	Intermediate & Main Fleets Briefing at 0900 hrs. First Warning Signal @ 1055 hrs. First Warning Signal @ 1025 hrs. First Warning Signal @ 1025 hrs. Target 3 races/day.
Sunday 18 October Monday 19 October	Green Fleet Green Fleet briefing @ 0930 hrs. Racing to commence after briefing. Target 5 races/day (subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Green Fleet race committee).

- 8.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for the Intermediate and Main Fleets.
- 8.3 A competitor briefing for Main and Intermediate Fleets will be held at 0900 hrs on Saturday 17th October at the top of the slipway.
- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

9. MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP][DP]

- 9.1 Only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the event. Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the race committee.
- 9.2 Competitors in the Intermediate and Main Fleets shall submit the online Measurement Form (available at <https://forms.gle/eaFvsZFyD79UGmnAA> by 1800 hrs on Friday 16 October.
- 9.3 Boats may be measured and equipment inspected at any time during the event.

10. VENUE

The venue is The Marina at CWBGCC and racing will take place in any of the Clear Water Bay and Steep Island areas.

11. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Optimist Worlds or windward/leeward courses as described in the SIs.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [NP][DP]

- 13.1 Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation.
- 13.2 [NP][DP] All support vessel personnel shall wear life jackets while afloat and the driver shall attach the boat's kill cord while driving.
- 13.3 [NP][DP] All support vessels shall carry on board and operate while afloat 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.
- 13.4 [NP][DP] All sailors are required to have a suitable support person vessel to assist with their safety while on the water. To this end, all support persons acting on the water in a coaching role shall register with the organising authority by 1800 hrs on Saturday 10 October 2026 with details of their supported sailors using the online form at <https://forms.gle/MfPvhEq3AEUGPyis5>
- 13.5 In addition, the person in charge of any support person vessel which intends to berth in the CWBGCC Marina shall send a copy of their vessel operating license, insurance certificate and CWBGCC indemnity release by email to marina@cwbgolf.org prior to the event. The relevant indemnity form is available upon request from the CWBGCC Marina.
- 13.6 For sailors without a support person vessel, a boat may be arranged for \$360 per day per supported sailor or upon request to secretary@hkoda.org before Saturday 19 September 2026

14. BERTHING [NP][DP]

[NP][DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 HKODA Open Championship 2026 (Main Fleet):

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Boy Overall

1st, 2nd & 3rd Girl Overall

All competitors are eligible to compete for the HKODA Open Championship.

15.2 HKODA National Championship 2026 (Main Fleet):

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

Competitors must be a HKID card holder (or if under 11 years old, must be a HK resident) and a HKODA member to compete for the HKODA National Championship.

15.3 HKODA Open Championship 2026 (Intermediate Fleet):

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Overall

15.4 Prizes will also be awarded to the top three '10 and under' sailors and the top three '12 and under' sailors in the Main and Intermediate Fleets (combined).**15.5 HKODA Open Championship 2026 (Green Fleet):**

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

15.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, co-organizers, sponsors and volunteers 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. INSURANCE

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. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of charter boats are available with priority being given to visiting sailors. These are available at a discounted rate of HK\$600/day including insurance. Those sailors who plan to charter an optimist for the 2026 Nationals must be registered with a charter boat request made to HKODA by e-mail at secretary@hkoda.org before Tuesday 31st August 1800 hrs.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lpbKBLocb2> or contact the HKODA by e-mail at secretary@hkoda.org.