

HKODA SPRING SELECTION REGATTA 2024

Feeder System Scheme – Optimist Selection Trials

16 & 17 March 2024

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) 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 SIs, refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction - Notation.

The notation '[SP]' in the SIs denotes a standard penalty which will be applied by the race committee/protest committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

1. RULES

See Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0GhIGg4gCa/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 Coach briefings will take place in the event tent at HHYC as per the schedule in SI 6.
- 3.3 The event office is located in the event tent at HHYC.
- 3.4 [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. CODE OF CONDUCT

[NP][DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the Garden Bar at HHYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [NP][DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will be not be made less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The event schedule will be:

Saturday 16 March	0800 - 0830hrs	Club Reps check in & collect safety tags & ribbons at Event Office at HHYC
	0900hrs	Coaches' Briefing in Event Tent @ HHYC
	1125hrs	First Warning Signal Main Fleet - Target 3 races Intermediate Fleet - Target 3 races
Sunday 17 March	0830hrs	Coaches' Briefing in Event Tent @ HHYC
	1025hrs	First Warning Signal Main Fleet - Target 3 races Intermediate Fleet - Target 3 races

6.2 A maximum of 6 races are scheduled for the Main Fleet and 6 races for the Intermediate Fleet.

6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that the change is made according to SI 2.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1600hrs, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after this time. This exception will not apply to a race that is abandoned or postponed.

7. CLASS FLAGS & RIBBONS

7.1 Class flags and ribbon colours will be:

	Class Flag	Ribbon
Main Fleet	Yellow Optimist flag	Yellow
Intermediate Fleet	Blue Optimist flag	Blue

7.2 Ribbons will be provided by the organising authority and shall be collected by the Club Reps from the event tent from 0800 - 0830hrs on Saturday 16 March 2024.

7.3 [NP][DP] Each boat shall fly their ribbon from the top of their sprit. Replacement ribbons will be available from the event office.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Port Shelter.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks when they are both committee vessels or between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaches of class rules and SIs marked [SP] will be Standard Penalties [SP] which may be less than disqualification. The standard penalty will apply to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident and without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 14.2 [NP][DP] A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall submit a Penalty Report at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0GhIGg4gCa> within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Race target times and finishing windows are:

Fleet	Target Time	Finishing Window
Main Fleet	50 min	15 min
Intermediate Fleet	40 min	15 min

- 15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 15.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes.
- 15.4 [NP] For the Main Fleet, boats failing to finish within the finishing window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 15.5 [NP] For the Intermediate Fleet, boats failing to finish within the finishing window may be finished on the course. The race committee will determine the method of finishing and the finish position awarded to those boats. This changes RRS 28.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 To inform the race committee of the boats being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 16.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted via the Hearing Request form found at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0GhIGg4gCa> within the protest time limit. Paper hearing request forms will also be available at the event office.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room at the race office.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P (as modified by NoR 1.3) will be posted.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Scoring will be as per NoR 12.
- 17.2 The scoring abbreviations for a finish position awarded will be FPA. This changes RRS A10 Scoring Abbreviations.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a Scoring Inquiry form available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0GhIGg4gCa>.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall follow the Sign-Out and Sign-In Procedure in Attachment B.
- 18.2 [SP] Failure to follow the Sign-Out/Sign-In procedures will result in a 20% penalty of that boat's score in the last race of the day but she shall not be scored points greater than Did Not Finish.
- 18.3 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.4 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave a paddle or one arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist a competitor who in its opinion requires assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 18.5 [NP][DP] No boat, whether racing or not, shall leave the vicinity of the racing area unless given permission to do so by the race officer.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 19.2 [NP][DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee via an Equipment Substitution form found at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/0GhIGg4gCa> at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 [SP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NoR and SIs.
- 20.2 [NP][DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. SUPPORT BOATS & PERSONNEL

- 21.1 See NoR 13.
- 21.2 [NP][DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay more than 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all boats in both fleets have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3 [NP][DP] When the race committee signals a support boat to move further from the course area, the support boat shall do so immediately.
- 21.4 If a support boat or person does not comply with SIs 21.1 - 21.3, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of the support boat.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP][DP]

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Trash shall not be discarded into the water.

23. PRIZES

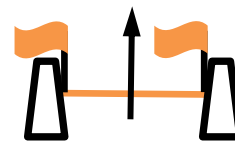
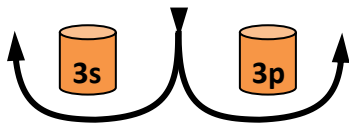
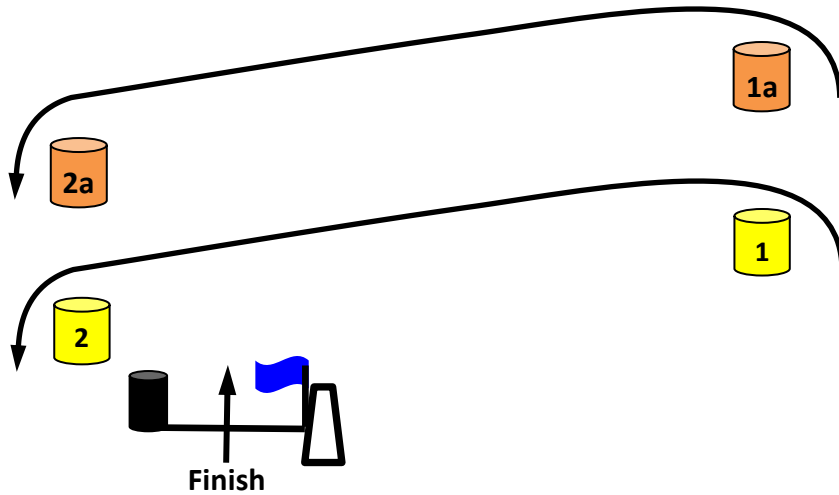
See NoR 15.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

ATTACHMENT A – COURSES

Optimist Worlds Courses	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
MAIN 1	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – Finish
INT 1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish



Start

Notes for Optimist Worlds Courses

Marks 1a and 2a will be orange inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

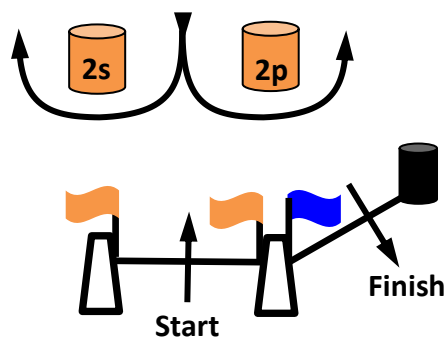
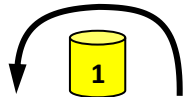
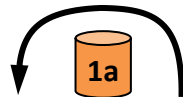
Gate marks 3s/3p will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable buoy with a white cover or a race committee vessel at the port end.

The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black inflatable buoy at the port end.

The finishing line may be at any distance upwind from gate marks 3s/3p.

Windward/Leeward Courses	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
MAIN L2	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
MAIN L3	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
INT L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
INT L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Notes for Windward/Leeward Courses

Mark 1a will be an orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.

Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.

Gate marks 2s/2p will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable buoy with a white cover or a race committee vessel at the port end.

The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black inflatable buoy or a race committee vessel at the port end.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGN-OUT AND SIGN-IN INSTRUCTIONS

- B1. Each competitor will be allocated a personal safety tag which shall be collected by the Club Reps from the event office between 0800-0830hrs on Saturday 16 March 2024. The RFID chip in the safety tag corresponds with the competitor's personal details in the event entry system. Therefore the safety tag is strictly personal and may not be exchanged with other sailors. Competitors shall retain their personal tag for the duration of the event and return it to the event office after the end of racing on Sunday 17 March 2024.
- B2. Competitors shall wear their safety tag at all times whilst on the water.
- B3. Each competitor shall sign-out with the beach-master each day before leaving the dock.
- B4. After returning ashore, each competitor shall sign-in immediately with the beach-master before parking his/her boat in the designated area.
- B5. Competitors who leave the race area early shall sign-in immediately at the event office after arriving ashore.
- B6. Competitors who lose their safety tag must buy a new one at the event office. The cost for a new safety tag will be HKD100.
- B7. For sailors launching from Little Palm Beach or Shelter Cove, sign out/ in may be carried out by Team Leaders on behalf of the sailors