

Feeder System Scheme 24-25

2025 Tai Mei Tuk

# OPTIMIST FUN REGATTA

大美督樂天帆船同樂盃 2025



WELCOME ALL SAILORS AGED ABOVE 8  
FUN REGATTA WITH PARTICIPATION PRIZES  
歡迎任何8歲以上人仕參加  
所有比賽均設參與獎

## 30 MARCH 2025

HONG KONG SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION

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30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

## 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 and 61.1(a).

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the SIs denotes a standard penalty which will be imposed by the race committee or the technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b) and A5.

### 1 Rules

1.1 See Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

1.2 Where there is conflict with the NoR, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will prevail except that neither shall change nor alter any class rules. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

1.3 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1, personal floatation devices, applies at all times whilst afloat.

1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

### 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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at the race office located at HKSSA G/f.

### 4 Code Of Conduct

[DP] [NP] 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 on HKSSA seaside stairs.

5.2 [DP][NP] Flag D with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less than **60 minutes** after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave their assigned parking location until this signal is made.

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **60 minutes**' in the Race Signals AP.

## 6 Schedule

The schedule (in HK time) will be:

SCHEDULE	TIME (DATE: 30 MARCH 2025)
Registration and measurement	0830-0900
Briefing for volunteers	0830
Briefing for coaches	0845
First Warning signal	1055
Prize Giving	Upon completion of racing. The time of Prize Giving will be posted on Official Notice Board (ONB)

6.1 The number of races will be subject to weather conditions and at the discretion of the Race Officer, with a maximum of **4 races** to be sailed.

6.2 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.

6.3 The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. Boats shall not leave the racing area until the Race Committee has signalled that there will be no further races on the day.

6.4 No warning signal will be made after **1500hrs**.

These changes NOR 6

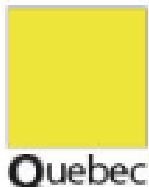
## 7 Equipment And Inspection [NP][DP]

7.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and be available for inspection. Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

7.2 Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the race committee.

## 8 Class Flag

“Q” (Yellow)



## 9 Racing Areas [NP]

Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## 10 COURSES

Attachment B shows 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.

## 11 Marks

Marks are described as in Attachment B.

## 12 The Start

12.1 The starting line is 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.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

## 13 The Finish

13.1 The finishing line is 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 Time Limits & Target Times

Target Time	Finishing Window
30 mins	15 mins

14.1 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. 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.

14.2 [NP] When one or more boats have sailed the course and finished the race committee may apply an alternative finishing procedure. A race committee vessel may notify a boat still racing that she has finished and will be scored a finishing place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area if further races are scheduled. The boat will be scored in the finishing place as recorded by the race committee vessel. This changes RRS 28.1.

## 15 Hearing Requests

- 15.1 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office within 60 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.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing. Hearings will be held at [location].
- 15.5 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 63.7(b).

## 16 Scoring

- 16.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [NP] Competitors shall sign out/sign on each race day at sign out/sign in desk at the race office HKSSA G/F. Penalty for failure to sign out before racing or failure to sign in after racing before protest time limit is 2 penalty points for each breach for each race sailed on that day without a hearing.
- 17.2 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Boats shall not leave the racing area unsupervised.

## **18 Support Vessels & Personnel**

- 18.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance
- 18.2 [NP][DP] Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat and comply with local legislation.
- 18.3 [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.
- 18.4 [NP][DP] Coaches and support personnel shall stay at least 100m below the starting line and thereafter shall stay outside areas where boats are racing (at least 100 metres) from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.5 Drivers of support vessels shall attach the “kill cord” of the support vessel to their person while driving.
- 18.5.1 First breach: When the race committee, from its own observation or from information received from any source, believes that a support person has broken this rule for the first time, it shall issue a written warning to that person and post that warning on the ONB.
- 18.5.2 Second and subsequent breaches: When the race committee believes that a support person has broken this rule for a second or subsequent time, the race committee shall report this to the protest committee requesting action under RRS 62.1.
- 18.5.3 [DP] When the protest committee acts in accordance with SI 18.5.2 and RRS 62.1 and decides after a valid hearing find that a support person has repeatedly broken a rule, it shall penalise a boat that is a party to that hearing. The penalty for the repeated breach of the rule by the support person shall be a scoring penalty of not less than 50% calculated as per RRS 44.3(c). The protest committee may also act in accordance with RRS 69.

## **19 Media & Image Right Waiver**

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 organizing authority and the sponsor(s) and affiliated companies.

## **20 Disclaimers Of Liability**

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

## **21 Trash Disposal [NP]DP]**

All competitors are reminded of RRS 47. All trash must be taken back onshore after racing or placed on official/support vessels subject to the agreement of those in charge of those vessels.

## **22 Insurances**

See NoR 13.

## **23 Prizes**

AS per NoR 11.

## **Other Information**

Hong Kong Schools Sailing Associations

E mail: [info@hkssa.org](mailto:info@hkssa.org)

Contact: 93001838

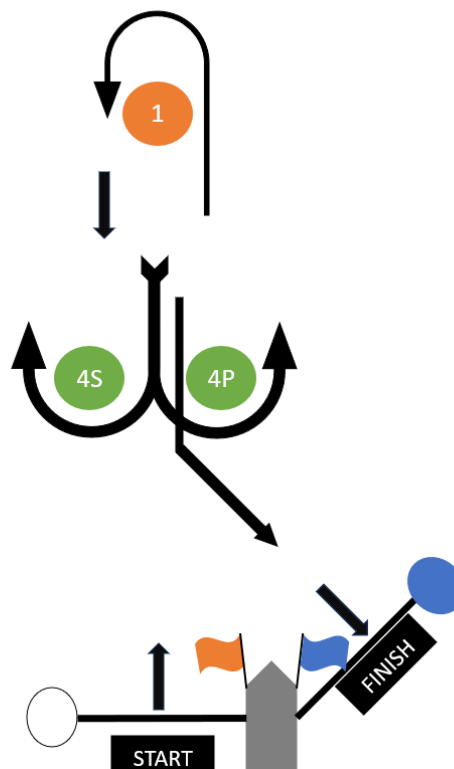
## Attachment A - RACING AREA





## Attachment B - Courses

Course no.	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish



### Notes for Windward / Leeward Courses

- **Mark 1** will be an orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
- **Gate marks 4s/4p** will be green 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 a white inflatable buoy 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 blue inflatable buoy. The cover may be printed with sponsor's advertising.