

TAI MEI TUK OPTIMIST RANKING REGATTA 2026

大美督樂天帆船排名賽2026

2nd- 3rd May, 2026
at Main Dam, Plover Cove Reservoir, Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po

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Notice of Race (NoR)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

The Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) and Plover Cove Sailing Club (PCSC) is the organizing authority for the regatta, supported by the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) and Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association (HKODA) .

TAI MEI TUK OPTIMIST RANKING REGATTA 2026 held on the **2nd & 3rd May 2026**.

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).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D
- 1.2. This Notice of Race (NoR);
- 1.3. Tai Mei Tuk Optimist Ranking Regatta 2026 Sailing Instructions;
- 1.4. The International Optimist Class Rules;
- 1.5. [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation devices shall be adequate for the conditions.

2. Venue

- 2.1. The regatta venue will be the Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) at Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong.
- 2.2. Racing will take place Plover Cove, Tolo Harbour or between HKSSA and Yeung Chau, Hong Kong. The organizing authority reserves the right to move the race area if dictated by the weather conditions.

3. Eligibility And Entry

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats in the following classes:
 - i) Optimist Main Fleet;
 - ii) Optimist Intermediate Fleet;
 - iii) Optimist Green Fleet;

3.2. Optimist Green Fleet:

3.2.1. Sailors in the Optimist Green Fleet shall:

a) hold HKSF Level 4 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered; b) be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing; c) have sailed for less than 2 seasons; d) not have previously raced outside of Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and e) not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.

3.2.2. Optimist sailors who do not meet these criteria should join the Optimist Intermediate or Main Fleet.

3.3. Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets:

3.2.1. Sailors shall be aged under 14.

3.2.2. Guidance notes on the Optimist Intermediate Fleet (Fleet Outline - Main vs. Intermediate) are available at www.hkoda.org/about/which-fleet.

3.4. [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Optimist Green, Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of the organising authority. The race committee may reallocate sailors between the Optimist Green, Intermediate and Main Fleets during the event at their discretion.

3.5. All sailors must read and agree to the regatta declaration as part of the entry form. For sailors under 18 years of age during the event, the regatta declaration shall be completed by a Parent/Guardian.

3.6. A Class or Division will consist of a minimum of 3 boats

3.7. Entries should be made via online registration page in www.pcschk.com by 24 April 2026, late entries will be accepted until 27 April 2026 upon payment of the additional late entry fee.

4. Entry Fee

The entry fee per sailor is HK\$450, the late entry fee per sailor is HK\$550.

5. Format Of Racing

The event 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.

6. Schedule Of Races

Date	Event	Time
2nd May, 2026 Saturday	Registration	09:00-09:30
	Briefing	09:30
	Racing- First Warning signal	10:55
3rd May, 2026 Sunday	Registration	09:15
	Racing - First Warning signal	10:25
	Prize Giving	Upon completion of all races. Exact 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 5 numbers of races to be sailed. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. Boats should not leave the racing area until the Race Committee has advised them that there will be no further races on the day.

6.2. Any race for which the warning signal has not been made by 1530 hours on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

6.3. A boat that retires from a race is required to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by hailing to the Committee Boat, calling the "Race Control" by phone +852-9300-1838 HKSSA

7. Course

Geometric courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Sailing Instructions

Upon receiving completers' entries by e-mail, a copy of the Sailing Instructions shall be emailed to all eligible competitors three days before the regatta.

9. Scoring System

9.1. The low point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A shall be used.

9.2. Discards shall be as follows:

-If 3 or less races are completed there will be no discard.

-If 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

10. Support Vessels & Personnel [NP][NP]

10.1. Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance.

10.2. All support persons shall wear a suitable PFD while afloat and the driver shall attach a **KILL CORD** not exceeding 1.5 meters or 60 inches in length (when fully extended) while the engine is on.

10.3. [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 shall assist the race committee if requested to do so.

11. Prizes

11.1 For Optimist class, prizes will be awarded to:

- Green Fleet 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
- Intermediate Fleet 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
- Main Fleet 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

11.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12. Disclaimer 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.

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a racing cover considered by their Parent or Guardian as adequate for the risks involved. Insurance policies may be inspected at registration and any competitor not found to have such insurance may be barred from this regatta.

14. 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.

15. CHARTER BOATS

A limited charter boat is available provided by HKSSA, first come first serve, The rental cost for a sailboat is \$550/2 days, which encompasses all essential sailing equipment and Personal flotation devices.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries can be made to the HKSSA Race Management Team. Email: info@hkssa.org