

TAI MEI TUK OPTIMIST RANKING REGATTA 2026

大美督樂天帆船排名賽2026

2&3 May, 2026
at Main Dam, Plover Cove Reservoir, Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po

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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 and 61.1(a).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix P (this supercedes NoR 1.1)
- 1.2 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, is changed as follows: P2.2 will apply to second and all subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1, personal floatation devices, applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2 Changes To Sailing Instructions

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0915hrs 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 official notice board (ONB) located at the race office located at HKSSA Centre Activity Room
- 3.2 Coaches and Competitors briefings will take place in the HKSSA Centre Activity Room as per the schedule in SI 6.1.

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

- 6.1 The schedule will be: (This supercedes the schedule in NoR 6)

SCHEDULE	TIME
Registration and measurement	2&3 May - 08:30-09:00
Coaches Briefing - Intermediate & Main Fleet	2&3 May - 09:15
Competitors Briefing - Green Fleet	2&3 May - 09:30
First Warning signal	Intermediate & Main Fleet: 2 May - 10:55 (target 3 races) 3 May - 10:25 (target 3 races)

	Green Fleet 2&3 May: Racing to commence after briefing. Target 5 races/day (subject to the discretion of the Green Fleet race committee).
Prize Giving	Upon completion of racing on 3 May. The time of Prize Giving will be posted on Official Notice Board (ONB)

- 6.2 The regatta is planned for a maximum of 6 races for the Main and Intermediate fleets, and 10 races for the Green fleet. For the Intermediate and Main Fleets, one extra race per day may be sailed. The Race Officer's decision on the number of races held each day is final and will be based on weather and safety considerations.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on the last race day. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1530hrs, 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 Replacement of Crew or Equipment and Equipment Inspection [NP][DP]

- 7.1 Boats shall comply with their class rules and be available for inspection.
- 7.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 7.3 [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 by writing at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

8 Class Flags & Ribbons

- 8.1. The class flags and ribbons for competing classes are as listed hereunder.

Class	Class Flags	Ribbon
Main Fleet	Yellow Optimist Flag	Yellow
Intermediate Fleet	Blue Optimist Flag	Blue
Green Fleet	Green Optimist Flag	Green

- 8.2 Ribbons will be provided by the organising authority and shall be collected by sailor when registered on the event date.
- 8.3 [NP][DP] Each boat shall fly the ribbon specified in SI 8.1 from the top of their sprit. Replacement ribbons will be available from the race office.

9 Racing Areas [NP]

- 9.1 Racing will take place in any of the Plover Cove and Tolo Harbour areas. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.
- 9.2 The selected racing area(s) will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the scheduled first warning signal of the day.

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.
- 12.3 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 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.

14 The Finish

The finishing line is between staff 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.

15 Time Limits & Target Times

Fleet	Target Time	Finishing Window
Main Fleet	50 mins	15 mins
Intermediate Fleet	40 mins	15 mins
Green Fleet	30 mins	20 mins

- 15.1 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their fleet sails the course.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 [NP] For the Intermediate and Green Fleets, 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 For the Main and Intermediate Fleets, 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 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the fleet 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 Advisory Hearing - Green Fleet only
When there is an incident that might result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, the jury or race committee may request an advisory hearing and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race committee that she accepts an exoneration penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire. The adviser need not be a member of the jury.
- 16.4 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing. Hearings will be held at 1/F of HKSSA Centre, Studio Room.
- 16.7 A request for redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 16.8 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 61.2(b)(1) and 61.2(b)(2).
- 16.9 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P (as modified by SI 1.2) will be posted.

17 Scoring

Two races are required to constitute a series.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [NP] Sailors shall sign out/sign on each race day at sign out/sign in desk at the race office HKSSA Activity Room. The 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.
- 18.2 [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.
- 18.3 Sailors who require assistance shall 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.
- 18.4 [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 Support Vessels & Personnel

- 19.1 Support boats shall be registered at the race office. Support boat drivers shall have a valid boat license and third-party liability insurance
- 19.2 [NP][DP] Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat and comply with local legislation.
- 19.3 [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.

19.4 [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.

19.5 Drivers of support vessels shall attach the “kill cord” of the support vessel to their person while driving.

19.5.1 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.

19.5.2 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.

19.5.3 [DP] When the protest committee acts in accordance with SI 19.5.2 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.

20 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.

21 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.

22 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.

Other Information

Hong Kong Schools Sailing Associations

Plover Cove Sailing Club

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Attachment A - RACING AREA

Attachment B - RACING COURSES

HKSSA CENTER



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Attachment A - Racing Area





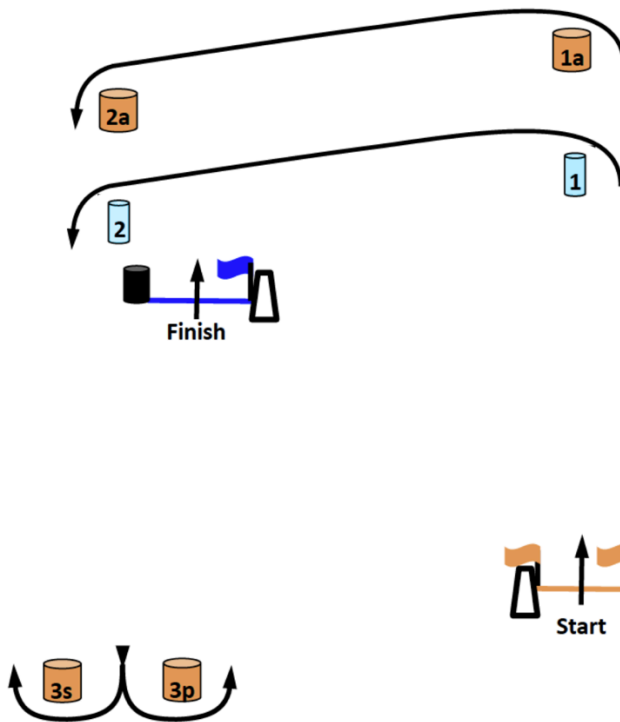
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Sailing Instructions Attachment B - Courses

Attachment B1 - Main & Intermediate Fleet Course

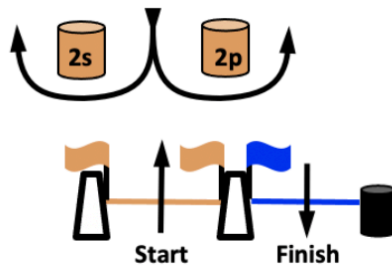
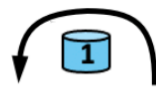
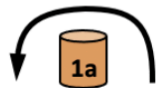
Worlds Courses	
Course no.	Mark Rounding Order
1A	Start - 1a - 2a - 3s/3p - Finish
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - Finish



Notes for Optimist Worlds Courses

- **Marks 1a and 2a** are orange inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port
- **Marks 1 and 2** are light blue inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.
- **Gate marks 3s/3p** are 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** are a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a race committee vessel, a white inflatable buoy or a red robotic mark at the port end.
- The **finishing marks** are 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.
- The finishing line may be at any distance upwind from gate marks 3s/3p.

Windward/Leeward Courses	
Course no.	Mark Rounding Order
L2A	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
L3A	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



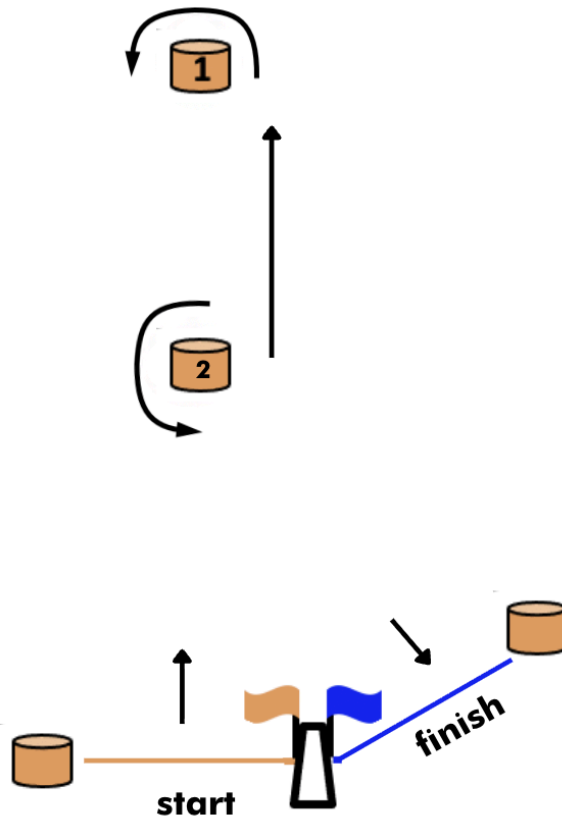
Notes for Windward / Leeward Courses

- **Mark 1a** is an orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
- **Mark 1** is a light blue inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
- **Gate marks 2s/2p** are 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** are a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a race committee vessel, a white inflatable buoy or a red robotic mark at the port end.

- The **finishing marks** are 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 B2 - Green Fleet Courses

Course no.	Mark Rounding Order
G1	Start - 1- 2 - Finish
G2	Start - 1- 2 - 1 - 2- Finish
G3	Start - 1- 2 - 1 - 2- 1 - 2 - Finish



Notes for Green Fleet Courses:

- **Marks 1 and 2** are orange inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.
- The **starting and finishing marks** are a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable buoy at the port end.