

Feeder System Scheme 24-25

2025 Tai Mei Tuk Optimist Fun

Regatta 30th MARCH 2025

Organized by



**Sailing Federation
of Hong Kong, China**
中國香港帆船運動總會

Co-organized by



Subvented by



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Notice of Race

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

The Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) is the organizing authority for the regatta. Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) and Plover Cove Sailing Club (PCSC) organization are co-organizer and sponsor of the regatta. Subvented by Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Government Funded Programs.

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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

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2024-2025.
- b. This Notice of Race (NoR);
- c. 2025 Tai Mei Tuk Optimist fun Regatta Sailing Instructions;
- d. The International Optimist Class Rules;
- e. [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation device shall be adequate for the conditions.

2. Venue

- a. The regatta venue will be the Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) at Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong.
- b. Racing will take place Plover Cove, Tolo Harbour or between HKSSA and Yeung Chau, Hong Kong.

3. Entry Fee

The early-bird entry fee per boat is HK\$250 per single person boat, after the date is HK\$375.

Entries should be made by returning a completed entry form to the HKSSA Race Management Email on or before **23rd MARCH 2025**.

Late entries may be accepted by the time of the first start on the race date at the sign-on counter and will be subject to an additional charge of 50% of the entry fee.

4. **Eligibility And Entry**

- a. Sailors in the Optimist Class shall: a) hold HKSF Level 4 Junior Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b. All sailors must read and agree 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.
- c. A Class or Division will consist of a minimum of 3 boat

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. **Programme & Schedule Of Races**

Dates of racing

SCHEDULE	TIME
Registration	0830
Briefing	0900
First Warning signal	1000
Prize Giving	Upon completion of all races. Exact time of Prize Giving will be posted on Official Notice Board (ONB)

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 93001838 Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association

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 email to all eligible competitors three day before the regatta.

9. **Scoring System**

- a. The low point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A shall be used.
- b. 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]

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

For Optimist class, prizes will be awarded to:

- 1,2,3 Overall
- 1,2,3 Male
- 1,2,3 Female
- 1,2,3 Under 12 (born 2013 or later)

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

The rental cost for a sailboat is \$300, 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