



## THE 2024 OPTIMIST ASIAN & OCEANIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HONG KONG, CHINA December 29 – January 5

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The 2024 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship is organized by the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association along with the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

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**[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

**[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.1.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The current Conditions of the IODA will apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix D will apply for the Team Racing events. Races will be umpired. D1.1(e) is deleted.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. The personal flotation device shall conform to Class Rule 4.2. (a).
- 1.6 **[NP][DP]** A competitor or support person shall not act in a way likely to denigrate or offend others at the event or elsewhere.
- 1.7 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply.
- 1.8 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

### 2. **[NP][DP]**ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Competitor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.



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#### 3. **[NP][DP][SP] CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

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- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes rule 63.6.
- 3.2 The equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the Organising Authority, shall not be manipulated by the competitor or the coach in any way, except when so required by the Organising Authority.
- 3.3 Drones are prohibited in the racing area at all times during the championship except those operated by the Organising Authority.

#### 4. **ELIGIBILITY**

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- 4.1 The Championship is open to competitors sailing on boats of the Optimist class that fulfill the eligibility requirements stated below. On March 1, 2022 WS published the following recommendations in relation to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2024 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship, entries shall be open to all nationalities but not to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. However, this does not apply to bona fide residents that fulfil the requirements of Condition 10.2 of the IODA Continental Championships as of March 1, 2022. The Organising Authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus. Competitors shall enter through the national association member of IODA (hereinafter 'member') they represent.
- 4.2 Competitors shall have been born in 2009 or later.
- 4.3 Asian & Oceanian members of IODA may enter up to 10 competitors. IODA Members of Asian & Oceania are defined as those so listed on the IODA website [www.optiworld.org](http://www.optiworld.org).
- 4.5 The IODA member from Hong Kong as the host member, may enter up to 20 competitors, of which there shall be a minimum number of the opposite gender, as indicated in 4.8 below.
- 4.6 Competitors whose IODA member is European but who are residents of an overseas territory that is geographically in Asia or Oceania may be entered by the IODA member at



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- the discretion of the IODA Executive Committee. These competitors shall be considered to be Asian or Oceanian for the purpose of NoR 17 (PRIZES).
- 4.7 The IODA Executive Committee may decide to allow entries from non-Asian or non-Oceanian Members, depending on the number of registered Asian & Oceanian competitors by the first entry deadline and Conditions 7.1.(c) and 7.3 of the Conditions for the Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship. Available places may be allocated to non-Asian & non-Oceanian members on a first come basis and will be decided after the first entry deadline. Official requests must be made in writing to [regattasecretary@optiworld.org](mailto:regattasecretary@optiworld.org).
- 4.8 Each member of IODA entering 5 or more competitors shall register a minimum number of competitors of the opposite gender in accordance with the IODA Condition 9.3 for Continental Championships, as follows:

Total number of competitors	Minimum of the opposite gender
5 or 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 - 16	4
17 - 19	5
20	6
21 - 26	7
27 - 29	8
30	9

- 4.9 The defending Asian & Oceanian (closed) Champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of competitors allocated to his/her member. This competitor will not count for the gender quota requirement.
- 4.10 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader who shall be responsible for the team delegation, and a Coach. Depending on the number of competitors registered, up to a total of three adults may be permitted to attend with the sailors. A maximum of four adults, including the Team Leader, shall be allowed only for teams with 10 or more competitors.
- 4.11 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not



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represent another member country except in the case of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee. As per Condition 10.3 of the Optimist Continental Championships, when bona fide resident competitors are members of a team, they shall not be more than 50% of the competitors of their team.

- 4.12 As per World Sailing Regulations Appendix 3, item 19.6 (d) IODA events require competitors to have "World Sailing Eligibility" as defined in items 19.4 and 19.5.

### 5 ENTRY

- 5.1 Entries shall be made by completing the relevant online registration forms found at <http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> and by paying the **required fees** according to the following schedule:

5.1.1 The **First Entry Stage** and a payment for 50% of the total required fees shall be received by the Organising Committee not later than **October 1, 2024**.

5.1.2 **Second Entry Stage** and a payment for the balance of fees (50%) shall be received by the Organising Committee **October 30, 2024**.

5.1.3 The **Final Entry Stage** deadline is **November 15, 2024**. Failure to define the members of the team delegation with the required personal data in the online registration area by this date denotes non-compliance with the entry requirements for this championship, and therefore, by the rules of this Notice of Race, sailors shall no longer be considered competitors and may not be able to compete.

- 5.2 Required fees are described in paragraphs 6 (Entry Fees), 15 (Support Boats); and 16 (Charter Boats). See the payment instructions in 6.3, 15.5 and 16.7 below.

- 5.3 A surcharge of 20% will be charged on all late payments to the Organising Committee, including to the Charter Provider, if applicable, as well as to late payments on all early arrival fees.

**NOTE:** *Throughout this document, 'late payment' refers to the amount of money not paid before the relevant deadline, and the surcharge will be applied to the amount paid late, not to the total amount due before the deadline, or to the total amount corresponding to the relevant item. This includes early arrival fees.*

- 5.4 Competitors entering and withdrawing their entry not later than **November 10, 2024**, will be refunded 50% of the deposit (except for any bank costs incurred due to the refund).



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**Competitors withdrawing their entry after this date will not be refunded, including early arrival fees.** The same schedule applies for any payment made according to paragraphs 15 and 16 except for the charter boat fees, **which shall not be refunded.**

- 5.5 Competitors, team leaders, coaches and other adults (when they are members of the official delegation) shall complete the on-site registration at the Race Office. The on-site registration of each competitor shall not be completed until successful completion of measurement has been confirmed by the IODA Technical Committee (see item 9) to the Race Office.

#### 6 ENTRY FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be **USD 950 per competitor** and **USD 1,050 per adult**, maximum four adults according to paragraph 4.10.
- 6.2 Accommodation and meals are included in the entry fee for the duration of the Championship. (From the Official Arrival Day to the Official Departure Day inclusive).
- 6.3 Payment instructions, including banking information, can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>.
- 6.4 Fees shall be paid in **USD \$**.
- 6.5 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee shall be charged to the competitors.

#### 7 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship comprises two 'championships':
- 7.1.1 The OPTIMIST INDIVIDUAL ASIAN & OCEANIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (IAOC);
- 7.1.2 The OPTIMIST ASIAN & OCEANIAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP (TRAOC);
- 7.2 For the **IAOC**:
- 7.2.1 Entries may be divided into fleets to sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.3 For the **TRAOC**:
- 7.3.1 Each event is organised for a maximum of 16 teams from the Members of Asia and Oceania, represented by at least 4 competitors. Each team shall comprise of



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4 or 5 competitors of which 4 may sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the member. If there are more than 16 eligible teams and the host member does not qualify a team, it will replace the last qualified team.

7.3.2 The format of the TRAOC will be described in the Team Racing Sailing Instructions.

## 8 PROGRAM

### 8.1

December 29	Official Arrival Day. Registration and Measurement. Official accommodation available from 1400.
December 30	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Opening Ceremony
December 31	IAOC, Races.
January 1	IAOC, Races.
January 2	TRAOC, Races
January 3	IAOC, Races. Reserve for TRAOC
January 4	IAOC, Races. Reserve for TRAOC Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony.
January 5	Official Departure Day.

8.2 Ten races are scheduled with a maximum of three races per fleet per day.

## 9 [DP] MEASUREMENT

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Registration Book and each sail shall be accompanied by the corresponding Sail Measurement Certificate (CR 2.5.6 and 6.1.4)

9.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Technical Committee according to the Measurement Regulations and approved by the Technical Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.



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- 9.3 Repair or substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless prior approval is received in writing from the Technical Committee. Requests shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4 Repair or substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that the relevant form has been completed online in the 'Sailor Account' which is located on the official event microsite <http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org> or on the event APP, and the equipment has been presented for inspection as instructed.
- 9.5 If the repair or substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the written approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively.
- 9.6 Boats chartered through the Organising Authority shall carry the national letters of the country entering the chartered boat. This may mean a contravention of the Class Rules and is allowed by RRS G3.
- 9.7 Hulls chartered through the Organising Committee are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c) and hence from Class Rule 2.4.1.
- 9.8 Competitors are only allowed to compete in the championship in boats correctly registered in the country of the competitor or charter boats officially chartered for the championship through the Organising Committee.
- 9.9 Sails measured to the maximum limits during the measurement days may be inspected again.
- 9.10 Sails to be used during the Championship shall have been measured before inspection at the Championship. If a sail is presented unmeasured (or without the Sail Measurement Certificate) it will be measured at the Championship either by an Official Measurer appointed by the Organising Committee, or by an IODA Measurer. In the latter case the certificate shall be issued at a cost of **USD 50**, payable to IODA. Measurement of country letters and sail numbers is available for free.
- 9.11 GRP boats shall be equipped with Epoxy foils.
- 9.12 Once a boat has completed measurement, no item of equipment including the hull may be removed from the boat park or nautical venue without the permission of the Technical Committee. All items of equipment, once measured, shall not be cleaned using any substance other than water unless otherwise permitted by the Technical Committee.

### 10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions, along with other governing documents, will be available at:  
<http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>



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**11 VENUE**

11.1 The Championship will be held in **Hong Kong, China**. The racing area will be in the waters of **Clear Water Bay**.

11.2 **VENUE: Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club**

**Address:** 139 Tai Au Mun Road, Clearwater Bay, N.T., Hong Kong

**Website:** <https://www.cwbgolf.org/marina/>

**12 THE COURSE**

12.1 The course for the fleet racing will be an outer loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg.

12.2 For the team racing championship, the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Appendix P will apply for the IAOC.

13.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

13.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

**14 SCORING**

14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid championship.

14.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**15 [NP][DP] SUPPORT VESSELS**

15.1 Team support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Committee and used according to the following conditions:

15.1.1 Each vessel shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, shall have a tow rope minimum 15 metres length / 10 mm diameter, and shall have an anchor chain and tackle adequate for conditions and depth.





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- 15.1.2 Each vessel shall display white flags bearing the three-letter national code of the countries it supports. Flags shall be supplied by the Organising Committee. No other flags shall be displayed by support vessels.
- 15.1.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Organising Committee, from **December 29** each vessel shall meet the requirements of the maximum number of adults per team allowed on the water in support vessels as per 15.2 and 15.3 (hereinafter 'coaches') at any one time.
- 15.1.4 Fuel and other consumables shall be paid by teams using the boat. Fuel stations are located in the Marina beside the launching ramp. Cash and credit cards accepted.
- 15.1.5 During the team racing days, the support vessels will be at the disposal of the Organising Committee.
- 15.1.6 Coaches are encouraged to use a VHF radio. Radios will not be provided, and coaches should bring their own.
- 15.1.7 Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and be in compliance with the local law and may also be asked to sign a Disclaimer Form upon registration at the venue.
- 15.1.8 Engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill cord), also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine mobilizer: a suitable engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill cord) shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running.
- 15.1.9 Support vessels not chartered through the Organiser shall be registered with the Organiser and the following documents provided to the Organiser by the Final Entry Deadline of **November 10, 2024**:
- Government of Hong Kong Vessel Operating Licence
  - Certificate of Insurance
  - Driver's name, ID and Marine Licence (see 15.1.10 for exemptions for visiting drivers).
- 15.1.10 Each support vessel shall have a designated driver to comply with local law, unless an exemption is achieved by the Organiser closer to the event. Therefore, all visiting Coaches shall submit proof of a valid International Marine License or equivalent certification, together with a statement of their experience to the Organiser at [optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org](mailto:optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org) by OCTOBER 15, 2024, for consideration.



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- 15.2 The maximum number of coaches per team allowed on the water in support vessels at any one time shall be:
- Teams comprising 10 or fewer competitors: 1 Coach  
Teams comprising 11-20 competitors: 2 Coaches
- 15.3 Each support vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times (except during the team racing, when one coach per vessel might be allowed, if the Organising Committee so decides). The Organising Committee will allocate places in support vessels to coaches who have reserved, subject to the above limits and at its absolute discretion. If a team is entitled to and enters more than one coach, two of these coaches may be allocated to the same vessel.
- 15.4 Teams wishing to have places on chartered support vessels shall pay for each place a fee of 50% of the charter fee for the vessel. If the situation demands that more than two coaches share a boat, the cost of renting the boat for the regatta days will be divided by the number of coaches, in which case the difference (between the 50% required and the actual percentage) will be refunded at the end of the championship at the latest.
- 15.5 Team support vessels to be used during the Championship days (December 29 – January 4) are available from the Organising Committee at the **support vessel charter fee of USD 2,300 boat / USD 1,150 per coach.**
- 15.6 For each place on a support vessel, reservations shall be made by completing the relevant online entry form and by transferring a first payment of **USD 575** (50% of the total amount to be paid), which shall be received on or before **October 1, 2024**. The balance of fees of **USD 575** (50%) shall be received on or before **October 30, 2024**. Payment instructions can be found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race> Availability of places on support vessels is not guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made after **October 1, 2024**.
- 15.7 A damage deposit of **USD 150 per support vessel** will be charged at registration at the venue and refunded at the end of the championship provided the vessel is in good condition. Should the Organising Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the vessel again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the vessel. **Damage deposits shall be paid in USD cash.**



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15.8 A surcharge of 20% will be charged to late reservations and/or payments of support vessels.

**16 [NP][DP] CHARTER BOATS**

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16.1 Charter boats are not mandatory.

16.2 The charter boats will be provided by the Organising Committee. The method of allocation shall be defined by the IODA Executive Committee.

16.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line, and
- All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.

16.4 Competitors may use their own foils, spars, fittings and running rigging.

16.5 Charter boats will be delivered:

**WITH:** Tiller and Tiller extension, epoxy foils (dagger board and rudder), racing spars (Mast, Boom, Sprit), all fittings, blocks and running rigging ropes, mainsheet, block and becket (to attach the mainsheet to the boom), dagger board safety cord (Class Rule 3.3.4), painter rope, padded toe strap, 3 airbags, Optimist paddle, 2 bailers, beach trolley, boat top cover, and wind indicator.

**WITHOUT:** mast lock, or any fitting at the top of the mast to secure the lacing lines at the throat point.

16.6 Sails will not be provided.

16.6.1 The charter fee for 7 championship days (December 29 – January 5) will be **USD 550** per boat.

**16.7** Reservation of charter boats shall be made by completing the online Charter Boat Reservation Form and by transferring **USD 275** (50% of the total charter fee) on or before **October 1, 2024**. The balance of the charter fee **USD 275** (50%) shall be due on **October 30, 2024**. Payment instructions are found on the PAYMENT page of the online entry system at <http://2024asianoceanians.optiworld.org/en/default/races/race>. **Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.**

16.8 Fees shall be free of bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.



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- 16.9 Late registrations and payments will incur a surcharge of 20% of the charter fee. Charter boat availability will not be guaranteed for reservations and/or payments made later than **October 1, 2024**.
- 16.10 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of **USD 150** will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred. **Damage deposits shall be made in USD cash only.**

### 17 PRIZES

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- 17.1 For the **IAOC** prizes will be awarded at least to:
- 17.1.1 The three best placed competitors regardless of gender and continent of residence.
  - 17.1.2 The three best placed girl competitors regardless of their continent of residence.
  - 17.1.3 The 3 best placed competitors, without gender distinction, whose IODA member is from Asia. The first of these shall become the 2024 Asian Champion.
  - 17.1.4 The 3 best placed competitors without gender distinction whose IODA member is from Oceania. The first of these shall become the 2024 Oceanian Champion.
  - 17.1.5 The top girl competitor whose IODA Member is from Asia or Oceanian shall receive the IODA Perpetual Trophy, and she shall become the 2024 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Girl.
  - 17.1.6 The top boy competitor whose IODA Member is from Asia or Oceania shall receive the IODA Perpetual Trophy, and he shall become the 2024 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Boy.
  - 17.1.7 The top competitor overall, without gender distinction, whose IODA Member is from Asia or Oceania shall be awarded the IODA Perpetual Trophy and become the 2024 Overall Asian & Oceanian Champion.
- 17.2 For the **TRAOC**, prizes will be awarded to each member of at least the following teams:
- 17.2.1 The three best placed teams in the OVERALL in the Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Championship.
  - 17.2.2 The best placed team whose IODA member is from Asia, if different from the first in 17.2.1. They will become the 2024 Asian Team Racing Champions.
  - 17.2.3 The best placed team whose IODA Member is from Oceania, if different from the first in 17.2.1. They will be come the 2024 Oceanian Team Racing Champions.



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17.2.4 The best placed team whose IODA Member is from Asia or Oceania shall be awarded the IODA Perpetual Trophy and this team shall become the 2024 Asian & Oceanian Team Racing Champions.

### 18 RISK STATEMENT

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18.1.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and the responsible adult agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

### 19 INSURANCE

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19.1 The purchase of third-party liability insurance from IODA is mandatory. The purchase will be arranged through the IODA at a cost of **USD 12** per competitor and per coach payable to the IODA before the end of registration at the venue.

Details can be found at:  
[http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded\\_files/thirdParty.pdf\\_1948\\_en.pdf](http://www.optiworld.org/uploaded_files/thirdParty.pdf_1948_en.pdf)

**Note:** There is a EURO 150 deductible payable on any claim.

### 20 MEDIA RIGHTS

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20.1 By participating in this championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the IODA, and the sponsors of the championship, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the championship, and of all of his or her material related to the championship, without compensation.

### 21 FURTHER INFORMATION

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21.1 For further information please contact:



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Event Chairman	Peter Davies
Event Director	Tam Nguyen
Event Email	<a href="mailto:optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org">optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org</a>

- 21.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organising Committee and provide an email address.



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### ATTACHMENT 1: RACING AREA





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#### A. BEHAVIOUR

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Team members and officials shall observe the regulations of the host club and the house rules of the hotel and shall behave correctly at all times. Bad behaviour at any time, whether on shore or afloat; with or without any damage to the facilities, may be investigated by the Jury who may call a hearing and impose a scoring penalty when appropriate.

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RULES OF THE EVENT**

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#### B. ACCOMMODATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS

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B.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in the **Nina Hotel, Island South**. Email: [optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org](mailto:optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org) Website: <https://www.ninahotelgroup.com/en/nina-hotel-island-south>

Official accommodations will be available from **14:00 on December 29, 2024, until 12:00 on January 5, 2025**.

B.2 All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotel. Packed lunches will be available and collection details to be provided closer to the event. An after-race snack will be provided in the nautical venue boat park after racing. **The first official meal will be dinner on December 29, 2024, and the last official meal will be breakfast on January 5, 2025.**

B.3 A shuttle bus for the event participants shall be provided each morning and evening between the accommodation and the nautical venue. A schedule will be provided closer to the event.

B.4 A damage deposit of **USD 150** per room is payable to the hotel upon check-in. Refundable. Any extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by cash only or credit card. Any damage to the hotel from delegations will be the financial responsibility of the delegation to settle with the hotel.

B.5 Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please indicate any special request by filling in the relevant field in the online entry form during the registration process.

#### C. EARLY ARRIVALS

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C.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the Official Arrival Day from the early arrival date of **December 26**, shall complete the relevant fields of the online registration entry system. The





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rate for early arrival accommodation is **USD 80 per person including breakfast. All accommodation shall be shared with double/triple occupancy as per IODA Condition 15.1.** Lunch boxes will be available to purchase separately. There are many restaurants in the area.

C.2 The regatta facilities will be open from **December 27, 2024.**

**D. EARLY ARRIVAL SUPPORT VESSELS**

- D.1 It is possible to rent a support vessel to be used before the Official Arrival Day, from **December 27 at USD 350 per boat per day** excluding fuel. The vessel shall be shared between two teams. Reservation of such boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields in the Support Vessel Reservation Form on the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** which shall be received on or before **October 1, 2024**, to guarantee availability. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.
- D.2 Re-fueling will be done by the Club Staff each day and can be paid by credit card or cash.
- D.3 In addition to the support vessel charter fee a damage deposit of **USD 150 per boat** will be required upon receipt of each boat, payable **USD CASH ONLY**, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- D.4 Late reservation and payments of pre-Regatta support boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.

**E. EARLY ARRIVAL CHARTER BOATS**

- E.1 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day from **December 27 at USD 60 per boat per day.** Reservations of pre-Championship charter boats shall be made by filling in the relevant fields of the online entry system and **by transferring a sum equivalent to the total amount (100%)** on or before **October 1, 2024.** Charter boat fees shall not be refunded.
- E.2 In addition to the charter boat fee, a damage deposit of **USD 150** per boat will be required, payable in **CASH ONLY** upon receipt of each boat. The damage deposit will be refunded if no damage has occurred.
- E.3 Late reservations and payments of pre-Championship charter boats will incur a surcharge of 20%.



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**F. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT**

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- F.1 *Transportation to and from the Hong Kong Airport can be arranged for a fee by contacting the Organiser at [optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org](mailto:optiasianoc2024@hkoda.org). Reservations shall be made no later than the Final Entry deadline of November 10, 2024.*

**G. GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION**

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- G.1 *It is advisable to check <http://www.healthmap.org/en>, consult your travel agent, or the Consulate General of your country for the current health advisory regarding travel to Hong Kong.*
- G.2 *Any personal protection, such as face masks or neck 'buffs' may be worn at each person's discretion.*
- G.4 *It is the responsibility of all delegations, especially those travelling from international locations, to carefully review all Covid-19 risk mitigation laws in place for Hong Kong prior to arrival.*
- G.5 *Participants are strongly recommended to bring their own reusable water container.*

**H. SUPPORTERS**

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*Supporters shall make their own arrangements.*

**I. SOCIAL EVENTS**

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*To enhance the friendship between the competitors and to make their stay in Hong Kong more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire will suffice.*

**J. MISCELLANEOUS**

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- J.1 *Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm X 150 cm).*
- J.2 *The official currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong Dollar (HKD). Credit Cards are widely accepted.*



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**K. SAILING CONDITIONS**

Daytime air temperature	16 – 20 Celsius
Water Temperature	21 Celsius
Prevailing Wind Direction	ENE
Wind Speed	5 – 25 knots
Tide	Yes
Current	Yes

**L. VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Delegations should contact their travel agency or Consulate in their country to inquire about VISA requirements or travel restrictions. Most countries are eligible for 14-day Visas. Please check here: [Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region / Immigration Department \(immd.gov.hk\)](#) A letter of invitation can be prepared by contacting the Organiser at [optasianoc2024@hkoda.org](mailto:optasianoc2024@hkoda.org). Please make contact minimum 21 days in advance.

**M. SPECTATOR BOATS**

A spectator boat may be arranged for supporters throughout the event at a cost to be determined, per person per day. More information will be provided closer to the championship dates.

**N. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS**

Chandlery and repairs will be available at the shore venue.



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**O. SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

ITEM	COST USD \$		
<b>REQUIRED PAYMENTS</b>			<b>NOR</b>
Entry Fee - Competitors	USD 950	1 <sup>st</sup> Entry: October 1, 2024 - 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry: October 30, 2024 - 50%	5 & 6
Entry Fee - Adults	USD 1,050	1 <sup>st</sup> Entry: October 1, 2024 - 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry: October 30, 2024 - 50%	5 & 6
Support Vessel Fee	USD 2300 per boat/ USD 1,150 per coach	1 <sup>st</sup> Entry: October 1, 2024- 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry: October 30, 2024 - 50% Fuel not included.	15.5, 15.6
Damage Deposit - Support Vessel	USD 150 per boat	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	15.7, E.2
Charter Boat Fee	USD 550 per boat	1 <sup>st</sup> Entry: October 1, 2024 – 50% 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry: October 30, 2024 – 50%	16.7, 16.8
Damage Deposit - Charter Boat	USD 150 per boat	To be paid upon receipt of boat. Refundable. CASH ONLY	16.11, F.2
Sail Measurement	USD 50	Sails without certificate, payable to IODA. CASH ONLY.	9.10
Insurance	USD 12	Competitors and coaches. CASH ONLY.	19
Surcharge	20%	Late payments. Depends on item.	Various: see 5.3
<b>OPTIONAL PAYMENTS</b>			<b>Extra info sheet</b>
Accommodation Early Arrivals	USD 80 per person	100% due October 1, 2024. Breakfast included.	C.1
Damage Deposit Hotel	USD 150 per room	100% Due October 1, 2024. Refundable.	B.4
Support Vessel Early Arrivals	USD 350 per boat per day.	Fuel not included. 100% due October 1, 2024	D.1
Charter Boat Early Arrivals	USD 60 per boat per day	100% due October 1, 2024.	E.1
Transportation from and to the airport	TBD	To be arranged with the Organiser before	F
Surcharge	20%	Late payment	Various but see 5.3

Note: Credit cards cannot be used for payments of damage deposits. CASH ONLY.