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Plover Cove Sailing Club X Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association Festival Cup

16th December 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

The Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association (HKSSA) is the organizing authority for the regatta. Plover Cove Sailing Club (PCSC) organization is the co-organizer and sponsor of the regatta. The regatta will be held on the 16th December 2024.

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) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race (NoR);
- 1.3 PCSC X HKSSA Festive Cup 2024 Sailing Instructions
- 1.4 The International Topper Class Rules;
- 1.5 The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Class rules;
- 1.6 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. The personal flotation device 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 Tai Mei Tuk, Tolo Harbour or between HKSSA and Yeung Chau, Hong Kong.

3. ENTRY FEE

The early-bird entry fee per boat is HK\$450 per single person boat, after the date is HK\$550. Students of the HKSSA Sailing Squad are waived of the entry fee.

4. ENTRIES

Subject to the number of entries received, the eligible classes are as follows:

- OPTIMIST CLASS
- TOPPER CLASS
- PICO CLASS
- ILCA 4 Class

Entries should be made by returning a completed entry form to the HKSSA Race Management Email on or before 29th Nov 2024.

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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Subject to the number of entries received, the eligible classes are as follows:

5.1 Optimist Class, 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) be aged 8 – 11 years at the time of racing.

5.2 Topper Class, sailors in the Topper Class shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 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 11 - 16 years at the time of racing.

5.3 Pico Class, sailors in the Pico Class shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 2 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 11 – 16 years at the time of racing.

5.4 ILCA 4 Class, sailors in the ILCA 4 Class shall:

- a) hold HKSF Level 3 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) preferred but not compulsory with racing experience in any ILCA Class Race
- c) be aged 11 - 16 years at the time of racing.

Application Deadline: Late entries (after 13 Dec) 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 the entry fee (\$650).

6. 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.

7. PROGRAMME & SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing

| SCHEDULE | TIME |
|----------------------|--|
| Registration | 0900-0930 |
| Briefing | 1000 |
| First Warning signal | 1055 |
| Prize Giving | Upon completion of all races. Exact time of Prize Giving will be posted on Official Notice Board (ONB) |

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 HKSSA

8. COURSE

Geometric courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. 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.

10. SCORING SYSTEM

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

10.2 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.

11. SUPPORT VESSELS & PERSONNEL [NP][DP]

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

11.2 [NP][DP] Coaches and other personnel on support vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat and comply with local legislation. Drivers of support vessels shall attach the "kill cord" of the support vessel to their person while engine is on.

11.3 [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.

11.4 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.

11.5 Support boats shall display identification of the club they represent.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

| Optimist | Topper | Pico | ILCA |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Champion | Champion | Champion | Champion |
| 2nd Place | 2nd Place | 2nd Place | 2nd Place |
| 3rd Place | 3rd Place | 3rd Place | 3rd Place |

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority

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.

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.

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.

SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

All boats stored at the Hong Kong Schools Sailing Association throughout the regatta must sign on before launching and sign off the water when on return to shore from racing.

In the event a boat retires during the regatta and returns to shore, sailors must advise the Race Committee accordingly, as soon as possible.

CHARTER BOATS

The following boats are available for a weekend charter on a first-come-first-served basis:

| CLASS | HKSSA Members | Non-members |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Optimist | HK\$400 | HK\$550 |
| Topper | | |
| ILCA | HK\$600 | HK\$800 |
| PICO | Not available | |

OTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries can be made to the HKSSA Race Management Team.

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TEL: HKSSA 93001838