

HOBIE ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

HONG KONG

Saturday 10th to Sunday 11th October 2015

To Tei Wan, Tai Tam Bay, Hong Kong

The Organizing Authority is The Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF)

Co-organized by The Hong Kong Hobie Club (HKHC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

1.1 The Event will be governed by

- the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (the prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation will not apply)
- the rules of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA)
- the Notice of Race
- the Vistra Hobie Asian Championships 2015 Sailing Instructions

Succeeding items in this list will take precedence.

1.2 All sailors shall wear a personal flotation device whilst afloat.

1.3 The Organizing Authority recommends that all sailors carry a sharp knife which is accessible at all times whilst sailing.

2 Advertising

2.1 Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 Entry and Eligibility

3.1 The Event is open to Hobie 16 (youth and open).

3.2 There must be 3 or more entries to be classified as a championship class.

3.3 To enter, complete the online entry form at www.hobieclub.org.hk by Friday 2 October 2015. Payment of the entry fee can be made by:

- direct debit from HKHC membership account, or;
- bank transfer to Hang Seng Bank Limited, Causeway Bay Branch, 28 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong for the credit of 'HONG KONG HOBIE CLUB LTD', account number 024-281-075457-001. Please email the transfer receipt to Club Secretary once done, or;
- sending the HKHC Secretary (by post to GPO Box 11697, Hong Kong) a HK Dollar cheque payable to 'The Hong Kong Hobie Club Ltd'.

3.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3.5 An entry will only be regarded as accepted when the boat's details appear on the Master Score Card, which will be published on the Official Notice Board on the Clubhouse at To Tei Wan.

- 3.6 All teams are required to comply with the Class Weight Rules. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to weigh a team, if it believes it to be under the minimum weight limit.
- 3.7 Helms and crews shall register and weigh in with the Organizing Authority at the Welcome/Registration Party on Thursday 8 October 2015 between 1900 – 2100 at TBC (address TBC) or if prior arrangements with the HKHC Secretary have been made, on Saturday 10 October 2015 at To Tei Wan beach between 0900 - 0945.
- 3.8 Failure to complete all the registration requirements by 0945 hrs on Saturday 10 October 2015 will invalidate the entry.
- 3.9 Crew change - requests for crew change must be made in writing on the Request for a Change of Crew form and submitted to the Race Office.
- 3.10 All boats must have adequate insurance to cover racing risks whilst in Hong Kong (not less than HK\$1,000,000 for third party risk). Proof of insurance and coverage must be shown at registration.

4 Entry Fee

- 4.1 The entry fee is HK\$800 per boat for entries received and paid by Thursday 10 September 2015. For entries received or paid after 10 September 2015, the entry fee will be HK\$1000.
- 4.2 The entry fee will cover the cost of boat entry and all social events for the helm and crew. Guest tickets for socials will be available from the Club Secretary.

5 Charter Boats

Some quality Hobie 16s will be available for charter. Please contact Tong Shing for details (tongshing@bluefin.com.hk) as soon as possible.

6 Programme of Events

The Vistra Hobie Asian Championships 2015 will consist of a maximum of 8 geometric races. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

Thursday 8 October

1900 – 2100 hrs	Welcome/Registration Party @ TBC (Address: TBC)
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Saturday 10 October

0900 – 0945 hrs	Late registration at To Tei Wan beach
1000 hrs	Competitors' Briefing at To Tei Wan
1130 hrs	First warning signal
1630 hrs	No warning signal after this time
1900 hrs	Party at To Tei Wan Beach

Sunday 11 October

1030 hrs	First warning signal
1500 hrs	No warning signal after this time
1800 hrs	Prize Giving Party at To Tei Wan Beach

7 Venue

- 7.1 The regatta base will be located at the Hong Kong Hobie Club, To Tei Wan beach, Tai Tam.
- 7.2 The racing area will be in Tai Tam Bay or in the vicinity of west Beaufort and Po Toi Islands.

8 Weather Conditions

Temperatures are expected to be 20° - 28° C, with wind speeds from 6 to 20 knots. Water temperature will be about 20° C.

9 Courses to be Sailed

Geometric courses to be sailed will be a mix of windward/leeward and triangular courses.

10 Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be published on the HKHC's website (www.hobieclub.org.hk) one week before the regatta.
- 10.2 Sailing Instructions will also be available at registration.

11 Penalty System

RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 Scoring System

- 12.1 The low-point scoring system as per RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 12.2 Discards will be as follows:
 - If 4 or less races are completed there will be no discard.
 - If 5 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

13 Protest Committee

A Protest Committee will be appointed.

14 Radio and Mobile Phone Communications

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile phone communication, which is not available to all boats, while racing.

15 Prizes

- 15.1 The winner of the class will be declared the Hobie Asian Champion for 2015 with prizes.
- 15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

16 Disclaimer

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the Vistra Hobie Asian Championships 2015 entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the event sponsors and their representatives, officers, members and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 16.2 The term "Skipper" shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as the "helm". The skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the Event and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew before, during and after each race and compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

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