2015 HONG KONG OPEN WINDSURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS 10th November to 16th November 2015 Stanley Main Beach, Hong Kong

NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong (WAHK).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016) (RRS).
- 1.2. The Class Rules of the participating class will apply See the official notice board located at Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre (SMBWSC).
- 1.3. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.4. Hong Kong Sailing Federation Prescriptions will apply See the official notice board located at SMBWSC.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. ISAF Regulation 20 - Advertising Code shall apply.

3. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

3.1. The participating classes and divisions shall be:

RS:X Class

Men Division	
Women Division	
Youth Boys Division	U19 (born in or after 1997)
Youth Girls Division	U19 (born in or after 1997)
Techno 293 Class	
Youth Boys Division	U17 (born in or after 1999)
Youth Girls Division	U17 (born in or after 1999)
Junior Boys Division	U15 (born in or after 2001)
Junior Girls Division	U15 (born in or after 2001)

Raceboard 7.8 Class

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Men Division	
Women Division	
Youth Division	U20 (born in or after 1996)
Master Division	A40 (born in or before 1974)
Minim Boys Division	U13 (born in or after 2003)
Minim Girls Division	U13 (born in or after 2003)

Raceboard 05 Class

Open Division	
Open Division	

- 3.2. All classes and divisions are eligible for both international series and national series, except the following are eligible for national series only:
 - 3.2.1. Raceboard 7.8 Class Minim Boys Division.
 - 3.2.2. Raceboard 7.8 Class Minim Girls Division.
 - 3.2.3. Raceboard 05 Class Open Division.
- 3.3. A minimum of three competitors is required to constitute a division.
- 3.4. If failure to constitute a division, different divisions from the same class may be merged together at the discretion of the race committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All entries shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19 Eligibility Code.
- 4.2. Competitors shall be members of a National Class Association (NCA) which is a paid up member of the relevant International Class Association (ICA), or of the International Windsurfing Association (IWA).
- 4.3. International series shall open to competitors from all nations.
- 4.4. National series shall open to ordinarily residents in Hong Kong.
- 4.5. Oversea entries shall send the entry form with the evidence of telegraphic transfer (if applicable) by email to the office of WAHK at wahk@windsurfing.org.hk.
- 4.6. Local entries shall send the entry form with the crossed cheque (if applicable) payable to 'Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong' by mail to its office at Room 1001, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
- 4.7. The following shall be presented upon registration:
 - 4.7.1. Proof of Age and Identity.
 - 4.7.2. Parental or Legal Guardian Assent Form (born in or after 1998).
 - 4.7.3. Emergency Contact and Health Information Form.
 - 4.7.4. Equipment Inspection Form signed by the Equipment Inspectors.
- 4.8. Each participating board is recommended to insure with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The required entry fee is HKD \$600 or USD \$80. Entry fee paid by <u>2 October</u> 2015 shall receive a discount of HKD \$100 or USD \$15.
- 5.2. Entry fee paid at registration shall be paid in cash by local currency.

6. RACE FORMAT

- 6.1. International series shall race a maximum three races per day in a maximum ten races for each division over four racing days.
- 6.2. National series shall race a maximum three races per day in a maximum five races for each division over two racing days.
- 6.3. A minimum of three races for each division is required to validate the championships.

7. RACE SCHEDULE

7.1. Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships (International Series)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
9 Nov 2015 (Mon)		Arrival
10 Nov 2015 (Tue)	09:00 - 17:00	Registration and Measurement
11 Nov 2015 (\M1\	09:00 - 12:00	Registration and Measurement
11 Nov 2015 (Wed)	12:30	Opening Ceremony
	15:00	Practice Race
	17:30	Coaches Meeting
12 Nov 2015 (Thu)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	16:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
13 Nov 2015 (Fri)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	16:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
14 Nov 2015 (Sat)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	16:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
15 Nov 2015 (Sun)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	14:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
16 Nov 2015 (Mon)	19:00	Prize Presentation Ceremony

7.2 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships (National Series)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
14 Nov 2015 (Sat)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	09:00 - 09:30	Registration
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	16:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
15 Nov 2015 (Sun)	08:45 - 09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:00	First Possible Warning Signal
	14:00	Last Possible Warning Signal
16 Nov 2015 (Mon)	19:00	Prize Presentation Ceremony

8. EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. An equipment inspection form shall be completed and signed by the Equipment Inspectors before submitting to the race office for registration. The form shall be returned to the Equipment Inspectors by the end of registration.
- 8.2. Equipment inspections may be made at any time during the event.
- 8.3. For security reason, access to equipment in the storage areas during hours of darkness may be restricted.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration.

10. COURSES

10.1. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1. An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. There shall be no appeal from their decisions in accordance with RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A and Appendix B8 will apply.
- 12.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix B8.
- 12.3. When from four to eight races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS Appendix B8.
- 12.4. When nine or more races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS Appendix B8.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. Support boats shall be registered at the race office located at SMBWSC.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. If personal buoyancy is prescribed, every competitor and support boat crewmember shall wear a personal flotation device.
- 14.2. Personal buoyancy is mandatory for all competitors who born in or after 1999.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three competitors of each properly constituted division, one prize for every three competitors.

16. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

16.1 Competitors are requested to attend the event's social functions; however, the organising committee may refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion. Prizes may be forfeited for non attendance at the prize presentation ceremony.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk with reference to RRS 4 - Decision to Race. The organising authority or any of their officials or representatives or the sponsors or their officials or representatives 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.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

18.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and lives, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said event as defined in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in which he or she participates without compensation.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Registration will take place at the race office at SMBWSC.
- 19.2 For further information please contact Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong.

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	Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.	