

Tai Mei Tuk Windy Valley Regatta 2015  
Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

## Sailing Instructions

1) Rules:

All racing rules will be governed by:

- 1.1 the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 including Appendix A and the prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation;
  - 1.1.1 Rules for the windsurfing races also include the rules in Appendix B of RRS;
- 1.2 the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the Annex.
- 1.3 If there is any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions, the English version shall prevail.

2) Entries:

- 2.1 Entrants shall meet the entry requirements of the Organising Committee (OC);
- 2.2 Entry fees shall be paid as required; and
- 2.3 Change of competitors (including helmsman and crew) shall not be entertained.

3) Notice of Race:

- 3.1 The Notice of Race will be posted on the race notice board in the Centre.
- 3.2 Competitors should pay attention to all the notices posted on the notice board.

4) Racing Equipment:

- 4.1 Sails, dinghies, windsurfing boards and other equipment for races of the Sailing and Windsurfing Divisions will be provided by the OC and allocated by ballot. Competitors who change the equipment or use additional equipment without permission of the OC will be disqualified. The ballot will take place when competitors register at the reporting counter. Competitors may use their own harnesses, and competitors of the Windsurfing Division may use their own harness lines as well (harness lines provided by the OC must be removed in this case).
- 4.2 The OC reserves the right to claim for compensation from the users

for any damage to its equipment.

- 4.3 The Racing Committee (RC) may inspect and measure the competitors' sails, dinghies, windsurfing boards and other equipment for the races any time during the regatta. Competitors found to be in breach of the rules may be disqualified.

5) Sign-in and Sign-out:

5.1 Sign-in: Competitors are required to register and sign in at the OC reporting counter **at 8:30 a.m. on the race day** (please bring along the original identity document, receipt and proof of relevant qualifications for verification). Competitors who fail to produce the above documents are not allowed to sign in and shall be disqualified.

5.2 Sign-out: Competitors shall sign out at the reporting counter **within the specified time after the end of the races** to confirm that they have finished the races for the whole day according to the racing rules. Those who fail to comply with the sign-in/sign-out requirements shall be disqualified.

6) Pre-race Meeting:

All competitors shall attend the pre-race briefing held by the OC on the race day for the announcement of race arrangements.

7) Groups and Flags:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Flag (International Maritime Signal Flag)</u>
Group A:	Pico/Laser XD	“T” (red, white and blue)
Group B:	Laser 2000/420/ Magno/Wanderer	“E” (blue and red)
Group C:	Motion/Beach	“J” (blue, white and blue)
Group D:	Techno 293 OD/Phantom 320	“F” (a red rhombus on a white background)

8) Sail Numbers:

All competitors shall display sail numbers clearly on the sails. The sail numbers shall not be changed.

9) Schedule of Races:

Starting from 8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Closing time for registration
9:40 a.m.	Pre-race briefing
10:30 a.m.	Scheduled starting time of the races

## 10) Changes to the SIs:

Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the race notice board in the Centre at least half an hour before the races of the affected group start. Flag “L” will be displayed ashore.

## 11) Signals:

### 11.1 Signals Made Ashore:

- 11.1.1 Signals ashore will be displayed by flags.
- 11.1.2 The display of Flag “AP” with two sounds means a race is postponed. None of the competitors shall leave the shore. Competitors may proceed directly to the starting area when the flag is removed with one sound.
- 11.1.3 The display of Flag “D” means there is a rescue operation or strong wind. Competitors still afloat shall be at their own risk.

### 11.2 Signals Made Afloat:

- 11.2.1 The display of Flag “AP” over “H” on the Race Committee Boat (RCB) with two sounds means a race not started is postponed. Further instructions will be given ashore according to point 11.1 of these SIs.
- 11.2.2 The display of Flag “N” over “H” on the RCB with three sounds means a race not started or in progress is abandoned. All competitors should return to the shore at once. Further instructions will be given ashore according to point 11.1 of these SIs.

## 12) Course:

The course, as shown in the Annex, is tentative and subject to change by the RC on the race day according to the prevailing weather conditions. The actual course will be posted on the race notice board and explained at the pre-race briefing.

### 13) The Start:

13.1 The race will be started by using rule 26 of RRS and the following signals:

Warning signal (5 minutes before the start) - Class flag displayed

Preparatory signal (4 minutes before the start) - Flag "P" or "I" displayed

One-minute signal (1 minute before the start) - Flag "P" or "I" removed

Starting signal - Class flag removed

13.2 The display of each of the above visual signals shall be accompanied by a sound signal.

13.3 The Starting Line:

The starting line will be a straight line between the mast of the RCB displaying an orange flag and the port-end starting mark. Competitors not starting within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

13.4 The "I" Flag Rule (rule 30.1 of RRS):

If a boat/board is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before the starting signal, the boat/board concerned must thereafter sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before or after starting.

### 14) Recalls:

14.1 Individual Recall:

Flag "X" will be displayed with one sound. The flag will be displayed until all offending boats/boards have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line, but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The RCB will not call the boat/board number(s).

14.2 General Recall:

The First Substitute will be displayed with two sounds to recall all boats/boards in the affected group. The warning signal (i.e. the one given 5 minutes before the start) for a new start for the recalled classes will be made 1 minute after the First Substitute is removed.

### 15) The Finishing Line:

The finishing line will be a straight line between the mast of the RCB or

another Official Boat displaying a blue flag and a designated finishing mark.

16) Shortening the Course:

An Official Boat may be placed near any mark of the course to shorten it and form a new finishing line. Flag “S” and class flag(es) will be displayed with two sounds. The shortened course will be signalled by intermittent sounds when the first boat/board of the class(es) approaches. To finish the shortened course, boats/boards must sail in the direction of the original course and cross the new finishing line. This is in accordance with rule 32.2 of RRS.

17) Time Limits and Target Times:

Boats/boards failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat/board in their class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

18) Alternative Penalty:

18.1 Rules 44.1, 44.2 (720°-turn penalty) and 31 (360°-turn penalty) of RRS shall apply to the Sailing Division.

18.2 The 360°-turn penalty as specified in rules 44.1 and 44.2 of RRS Appendix B4 shall apply to the Windsurfing Division.

19) Protest:

19.1 If, during the course of a race, a boat/board involved in an incident in the racing area intends to protest, such boat/board should hail “protest” immediately to inform the boat/board being protested. Under other circumstances, the protesting boat/board shall inform the protested boat/board at the first reasonable opportunity and the RCB of its intention to protest upon finishing the race.

19.2 The protesting boat/board shall inform the RCB at the finishing line and provide the sail number of the protestee immediately after finishing the race concerned.

19.3 Protest Time Limit:

A written protest shall be delivered to the RC **within the official time limit** after the last boat/board has finished the race.

19.4 Time for Hearings:

19.4.1 The Protest Committee shall conduct a hearing as soon as

practicable after receipt of a written protest.

19.4.2 Notices of protest will be posted within half an hour after the protest time limit to inform the protestor, protestee and witnesses of the time and place of the hearing.

19.5 The decision of the jury shall be final. No appeal will be allowed against its decision.

20) Scoring:

20.1 Ranking of competitors will be determined according to the finishing time of the competitors who complete all the seamanship tasks assigned by the OC within the official time limit. Competitors failing to complete all the seamanship tasks will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

20.2 For the Sailing Division, the finishing time of competitors shall be adjusted by the PY Number for their boats. The ones finishing in the shortest corrected time shall be the overall champions of the Sailing Division. Other competitors shall also be ranked based on their corrected time.

20.3 There will be no overall champion for the Windsurfing Division.

21) Safety of Competitors:

21.1 Competitors should wear a suitable buoyancy aid while in water. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

21.2 Retirement:

Any competitor retiring from a race before finishing shall inform the safety boat(s) or the RCB as soon as possible.

22) Responsibility:

22.1 It is the sole responsibility of competitors to decide whether to start or to continue racing.

22.2 The organising authority and any organisations, officials or representatives appointed by it understand that they accept no direct or indirect responsibility for any personal injury or loss of or damage to property caused wilfully or negligently by a third party.

23) Cancellation:

If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning issued by the Hong Kong Observatory is in force at 7 a.m. on the race day, the races shall be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.

Competitors may call 2665 3591 from 8:30 a.m. onwards on that day for further information.

24) Insurance:

Competitors should take out an insurance at their own expense.

25) Food and Drink:

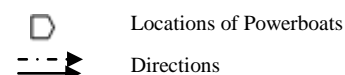
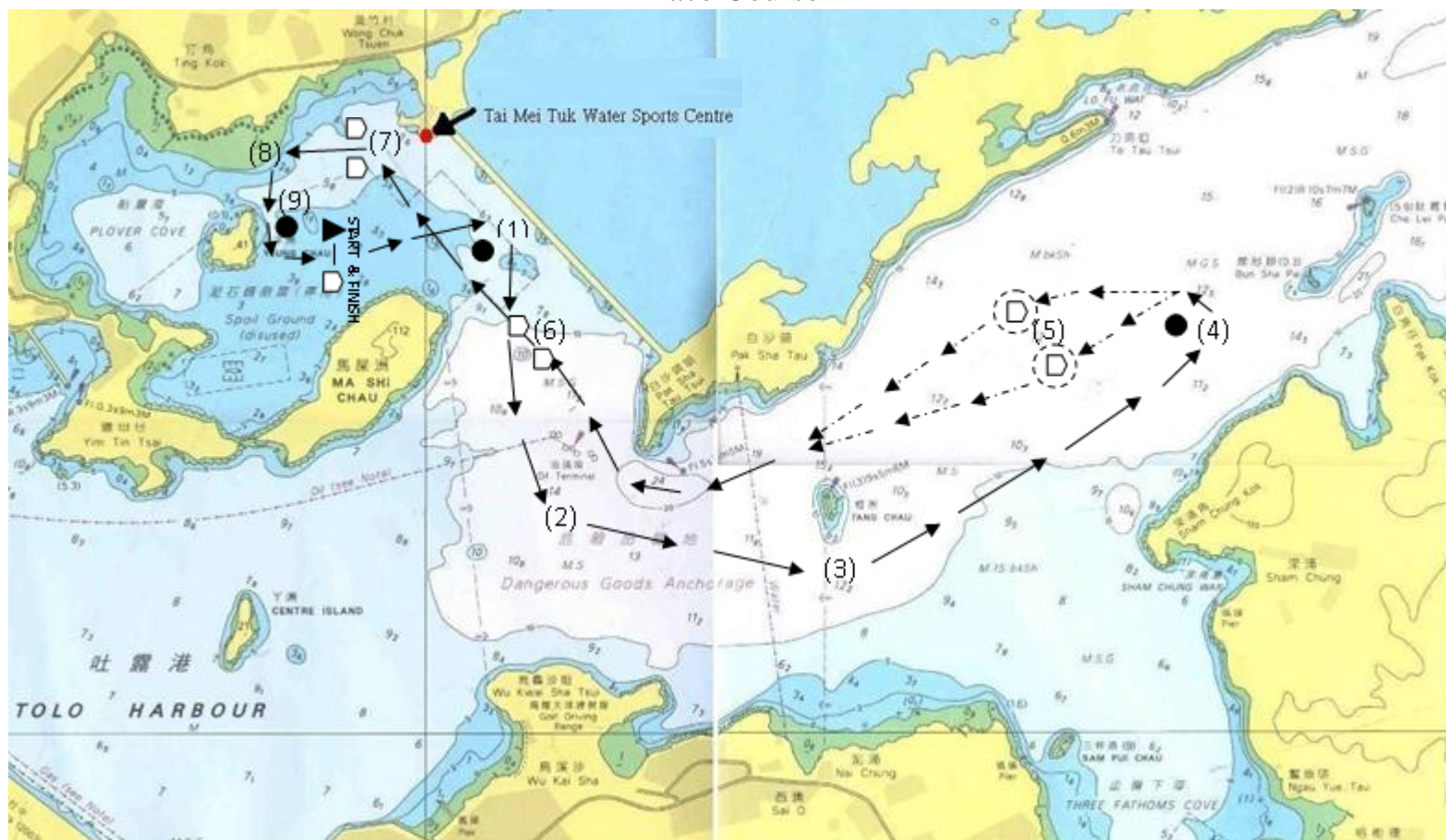
Competitors should bring their own food and drink as none will be provided by the OC.

26) Tidal Information (Tai Po Kau):

Date	Time	Height(m)	Time	Height(m)	Time	Height(m)	Time	Height(m)
18/1	0218	0.7	0910	1.4	1257	1.1	2016	2.3

27) In case of any deficiency in these SIs, the LCSD reserves the right to make any amendments to them without prior notice to the competitors.

## Tai Mei Tuk Windy Valley Regatta 2015 Race Course



### **The course and seamanship tasks:**

**Mark 1:** Sail past the buoy on the starboard side → **Mark 2:** Sail past the buoy on the port side → **Mark 3:** Sail past the buoy on the port side → **Mark 4:** Round the buoy on the port side → **Mark 5:** Sail a circle in an anticlockwise direction around either of the moored powerboats → **Mark 6:** Come alongside either of the moored powerboats and take a number card (to be handed in to the officials at Mark 8) → **Mark 7:** Pass through the gate between two moored powerboats (Remark 1) → **Mark 8:** Hand in the number card to the officials on Lung Mei Beach. Competitors of the Sailing Division are required to tie a specific knot assigned by ballot (Remark 2) → **Mark 9:** Sail past the buoy on the port side → **Finish**

### **Remark 1**

Pass through the gate between two moored powerboats on the windward side in the manner specified below, land on Lung Mei Beach and hand in the number card to the officials on the beach.

### **Sailing Division:**

-Single-handed dinghy: Sail with the C ring detached from the stern.



-Double-handed dinghy: Sail with the main sail lowered and its head detached from the mast. Use only the jib.

Windsurfing Division:

-Remove the mast from the board, place the sail on the board and pass through the gate by paddling with both hands.

Remark 2

After landing on Lung Mei Beach and handing in the number card to the officials, competitors of the Sailing Division shall tie a specific knot assigned by ballot. Upon completion of the task, they shall quickly restore the rigging and sail to Mark 9. They shall then continue racing until they cross the finishing line.

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