



Organized by **Leisure and Cultural Services Department**
Wong Shek Single-handed Dinghies Race 2024
(WSG245721SAL)

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1. **Objectives:** To promote the public's interest in sailing, and provide opportunity to learn from other participants.
2. **Dates:** Heat (1): 6 December 2024 (Friday)
(2): 7 December 2024 (Saturday)
(3): 8 December 2024 (Sunday)
Final: 21 & 22 December 2024 (Saturday & Sunday)
3. **Time:** 8:30am to 5:00pm
4. **Racing Area:** The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre / Long Harbour (Tai Tan Hoi)
5. **Course:** Round Mark Course
6. **Age :** Aged 14 or above (Applicant's age is calculated against the date of Heat. Applicants aged below 18 should submit the completed Parents/guardians or persons authorised by their parents/ guardians Declaration.)
7. **Class, Quota & Entry Requirement:**

Class (Sails type/ Size)	Quota for each Heat	Entry Requirement
Topper (5.2 m ²)	Total 36 places (Basic entry: 12 for male/female division)	Holder of Hong Kong Sailing Federation Level 3 Sailing Certificate or above; or Holder of Leisure and Cultural Services Department Sailing Improving Techniques Competency Record or above; or Completed Leisure and Cultural Services Department Sailing Racing Clinic.
Men: Laser XD (Standard 7.06 m ²)	Total 12 places (Basic entry: 4 for male/female division)	Holder of Leisure and Cultural Services Department Laser XD Helmsman Competency Record, with 18 logged sailing hours as Laser XD Helmsman (Excluding training hours).
Women: Laser XD (Radial 5.76 m ²)		

Note :

- (1) Persons aged below 15, aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities can enjoy concessionary rate upon production of valid proof.
- (2) For better resource utilization, the organiser reserves the right to adjust the quota for each division with reference to the enrolment response. The remaining quota will be adjusted based on the ratio of male/female.
- (3) Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enroll in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the "Declaration" function under "My Profile" in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents' or guardians' SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.
- (4) Applicants should select respective required qualification in SmartPLAY, and choose / upload relevant required qualification document. They must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the event day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications and the required number of sailing hours are acquired before ballot.

8. **Entry Fee:** \$20/person (Participants aged below 15 or aged 60 or above, full-time students and persons with disabilities are eligible for the concessionary rates upon presenting supporting documents.)

9. **Prizes:**

According to the number of entrants, the following prizes of respective divisions will be presented.

Entrants for each Division	2-3 entries	4-5 entries	6-10 entries	11-15 entries	16 entries or above
Prizes	Champion	Champion, 1 st runner-up	Champion, 1 st runner-up, 2 nd runner-up	Champion, 1 st runner-up, 2 nd runner-up and 3 rd runner-up	Champion, 1 st runner-up, 2 nd runner-up, 3 rd runner-up & 2 nos. of merit prizes

Awards will be given to the overall champion, first, second and third runners-up in the Topper class and Laser XD class respectively. For the Laser XD class, the results will be determined by the corrected time calculated based on the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Number for various boat types.

10. **Ballot and Payment Arrangements :**

	Date	Notes
Submission Period :	From 8/10/2024 to 14/10/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each applicant is required to submit only one ballot application form for enrolment in the competitions to be held on <u>December 2024</u> and able to select one class/division/group of each competition.
Date of Ballot and Announcement of Results :	From 27/10/2024 to 29/10/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applicants will receive an electronic notification generated by the system of successful application and payment or confirmation. Members of the public may also have access to the ballot results through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage, smart self-service stations or notice boards at organising DLSOs and leisure venues, but will not be notified separately by post.

<p>Payment/ Confirmation Period for Successful Application :</p>	<p>From 30/10/2024 to 3/11/2024 (<i>smart self-service stations until 11:00 pm every night</i>) (Electronic Platform until 11:59 pm on 3 November)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successful applicants must settle the fees by electronic means or complete the confirmation procedures within the specified payment or confirmation period in a month through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart selfservice stations; ○ For those who use the SmartPLAY webpage, fees can be settled by online payment methods including credit cards, PPS, FPS, Apple Pay or Google Pay. For those who use My SmartPLAY App, electronic payments may be made by credit cards, FPS, Apple Pay or Google Pay. For those who use the smart selfservice stations, fees can be settled by Octopus Card or FPS; ○ Successful applicants may also bring originals or copies of their identity documents along with reference number of the activity successfully applied to settle the fees in cash or by Octopus Card or complete the confirmation procedures at the DLSOs or recreation and sports venues with the SmartPLAY system set up;
<p>Date of Announcement for Remaining Quota :</p>	<p>4/11/2024</p>	<p>➤ If there are places available after the payment or confirmation period in a month, the number of such places will be announced through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations on a specified date of the month.</p>
<p>Date of Phase I of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota :</p>	<p>From 5/11/2024 to 11/11/2024 (8:30 am on the first day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Such places will be open for enrolment in Phase I on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on <u>5 November 2024</u> of a specified period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations. ○ Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the “Declaration” function under “My Profile” in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents’ or guardians’ SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.
<p>Date of Phase II of Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota :</p>	<p>From 20/11/2024 to 28/11/2024 (8:30 am on the first day)</p>	<p>➤ If places are available after the payment due date for the Phase I of Open Enrolment, the organiser will flexibly adjust the quotas for each division. Such places will be open for enrolment in Phase II on a first-come-first-served basis from 8:30 am on <u>20 November 2024</u> of a specified period through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage and smart self-service stations.</p>

Notes on Enrolment :

- a) Applicants must submit ballot e-application forms through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations within the specified period in a month.
- b) Applicants enrolling in competitions must be themselves the registered SmartPLAY users. Applications made by groups, organisations or schools will not be accepted.
- c) Each applicant/team may submit only one ballot application for enrolment in competitions organised by District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs), Water Sports Centres or Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre in a given month and able to select one class/division/group of each competition. In the event of duplicate application submissions, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of applicants/teams, the applications in question will be rejected by the system. Each ballot application form can be used to apply for up to 10 competitions, of which a maximum of three will be allocated to the applicant.
- d) No waiting lists will be held for any ballot. Applicants are required to make a fresh application for the remaining places, if any, upon ballot on a first-come-first-served basis during the open enrolment period.
- e) As far as the application forms submitted are concerned, in the event of duplicate submissions, submission of incomplete information, non-compliance with competition requirements or ineligibility on the part of any of the participating members, the applications in question will be rejected by the system.
- f) As far as the competitions held by the Water Sports Centres are concerned, applicants can enter a ballot only after valid certificates or qualification proof are uploaded in their submission of ballot e-application forms. In addition, they must produce the originals of valid qualification proof and logbooks for verification by the LCSD staff on the competition day as proof that the relevant certificates or qualifications and the required number of sailing hours are acquired before ballot. Failure to meet such requirements will disqualify the applicants from the competitions, and no refund for the fees paid will be made.
- g) Alterations to all the details provided by an applicant will not be allowed after the submission deadline of application forms. The e-application forms must be completed in full and all of the details therein must be true and correct. Alternations to all the details provided, participating event(s) and personal particulars will not be allowed once the applications have been confirmed, except for the circumstances of altering contact numbers and addresses, in which any updates must be made via SmartPLAY as soon as possible.
- h) Applicants under 18 must submit a declaration of consent for participation in recreation and sports programmes before being allowed to enrol in competitions. Such a declaration must be made by their parents or guardians aged 18 or above who are themselves SmartPLAY users, with the use of the “Declaration” function under “My Profile” in SmartPLAY. The applicants may alternatively enter the passwords of their parents’ or guardians’ SmartPLAY accounts in submission of applications.
- i) Applicants providing false information will be disqualified from the events, with all the results declared void. Enrolment fees paid will not be refunded.
- j) If less than 2 applicants are enrolled in a division after the Phase I Open Enrolment for Remaining Quota (i.e. after 11 November 2024), that division will be cancelled.
- k) Hong Kong residents should produce their Hong Kong Identity Cards (Birth Certificates / Documents of Identity for Visa Purposes also acceptable for children aged below 11).

- l) Unless under special circumstance, replacement of competitor will not be entertained after the deadline of submission. Participants cannot refund and change to another person after they have enrolled. Each competitor could only participate in one division. Competitors participate in more than one division will be disqualified.
- m) Withdrawal or Release of Quota on or after 6 p.m. on 27 / 11 / 2024 will not be opened for enrolment.
- n) “On-the-spot enrollment” for water sports programs is not applicable to this event.
- o) The race committee may require competitors to use mast float.

11. **Rules:** The events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 including Appendix A and B and any recently revised rules. Hong Kong Sailing Federation Prescriptions, Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) of this race will also apply.

12. **Regulations**

12.1 Regulations of Heats

- 12.1.1 Trapezoid Course or Gate Mark Course will be arranged by race committee subjected to the wind velocity and the prevailing conditions.
- 12.1.2 A maximum of 3 races will be arranged in every Heat.
- 12.1.3 All results will be counted as the final results of every Heat.
- 12.1.4 The scoring will be Low Point Scoring System in accordance with Appendix A4 of The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (RRS).

12.2 Requirement to Final

- 12.2.1 Quotas in Final will be adjusted based on the ratio of men and women participants in every Heat.

Class	Quotas in Final
Topper	Total 36-38 places (Including men and women)
Laser XD	Total 15-18 places (Including men and women)

- 12.2.2 Competitors unable to attend any competition should inform the Centre at least one day in advance. If a qualifier forgoes his/her place for the Final, the vacated place will be taken up by the next competitor according to the overall results of that day’s Heat.

13. **Sailing Instructions:** The organiser will upload the SIs to the website of the LCSD’s water sports centres before the race. If any competitor has difficulty accessing the Sailing Instructions 3 days before the race, please contact the Centre staff at 2328 2311 during office hours.
(path: Centre Activities > Races>Sailing Instructions:
http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/activities/acti_race/acti_race_instructions.html)

14. **Wind speed requirement:** Subject to the wind velocity and the prevailing conditions, the organiser may continue, shorten or abandon the race. It will not be grounded for redress.

15. **Race Cancellation:** If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory is in force at or after 7:00 am on the race day, the races will be cancelled. Compensatory race will be arranged on **15 December 2024 (Sunday)** for the Heats, but the Final shall not be rescheduled. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1, the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal, the Strong Monsoon Signal or the Thunderstorm Warning is issued at or after 7:00 am on the race day, competitors are required to report to the Centre. The centre staff will decide whether the races should proceed as scheduled, adopt the alternative courses or be cancelled in the light of the prevailing weather conditions. In case of safety and public health issue, the LCSD reserves the right to cancel the races without prior notice to the competitors.
16. **Reporting Time:**
1. Competitors are required to sign the health declaration after 7:00 a.m. on the event day, then check-in via SmartPLAY by arriving the Centre between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the race day, and should produce the original of the identity document used for enrolment and the original proof of relevant qualifications for verification.
 2. Participants aged below 18 should return with a duly signed Parents / Guardian or Person Authorised by Participants Parents' Declaration on the event day. Failure to provide proof of relevant qualifications will render the competitors concerned disqualified.
 3. Craft and relevant equipment will be allocated by the Organiser by ballot during the reporting time for the Heats and the final.
17. **Protest:** Apart from hailing "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity on the water, protest must be logged in writing to the Jury within the specific protest time limit. The final decision of the organizer shall prevail.
18. **Equipment Arrangement:** Participants must use boats and sails provided by the organiser, participants cannot change or add equipment except approval of the organiser.
19. **Insurance:** Competitors should be insured on their own expenses.
20. **Meal:** Competitors should bring their own food and drinks.
21. **Notice of Race:** Leisure and Cultural Services Department website ---Water Sports Centre> Centre Activities > Races > Notice of Race
(http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/activities/acti_race/acti_race_notice.html)
22. **Enquiries :** 2328 2311
23. **Address :** The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre, Wong Shek Pier, Sai Kung, Hong Kong
24. If there is any conflict between languages, the Chinese text will take precedence.
25. If there is any amendment to this Notice of Race, the final decision of the organiser shall prevail.

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