

IODA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Doha, QATAR

October 24 - November 1 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

1. VENUE

The 2008 IODA Asian Championship will be held from October 24 to November 1 2008 in Doha, Qatar. The racing area will be at the Doha Bay and the shore venue will be the Doha Sailing Club. Attachment A shows the location of the Racing Area.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Championship is organized by the Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

3. LANGUAGE

English shall be the Official Language for the Championship.

4. RULES

4.1 The Championship shall be sailed under the following rules:

- a. The 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- b. The current Class Rules and Conditions of the IODA;
- c. The Notice of Race;
- d. The Sailing Instructions (SI) and their amendments;
- e. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) and their amendments.

4.2 The prescriptions of the Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation will not apply.

4.3 Advertising will be restricted to Category A, according to ISAF Regulation 20. All competitors may be required to display advertising of the event sponsors on each side of the hull in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i).

4.4 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

4.5 Boats shall "conspicuously display a red flag" according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). (Amends RRS 61.1(a)(2)) A boat required to display a flag shall do so until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. (Amends RRS 61.1(a), third sentence)

5. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury are final and not subject to appeal as provided in RRS 70.4.

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, and with the Conditions for IODA Continental Championships and IODA Asian Championships.

6.2 Entries are limited to 88 sailors. Subject to this limit each Asian member of IODA may enter a team of seven sailors born in 1993 or later, of which at least two sailors shall be of the opposite gender. (For teams of 5 or less sailors there is no requirement about gender) See

also 6.3 below. If by 1st September, 2008 the number of sailors entered with deposits is less than 88, the remaining places will be allocated by the IODA Executive Committee with priority being given to members from NZL, AUS and TAH. These places must be confirmed by registration and payment on or before 15th September, 2008.

- 6.3 The IODA member from Qatar, as host member, may enter 2 teams for the Team Racing event and up to 14 sailors for the Individual event, of which at least 4 shall be of the opposite gender.
- 6.4 The defending Asian (closed) champion may participate, if eligible, in addition to the number of sailors allocated to his member.
- 6.5 Each team shall be accompanied by a Team Leader and may be accompanied by up to two more adults.
- 6.6 Competitors shall be either national or bona fide residents of the country they represent, unless otherwise agreed by the IODA Executive Committee. A competitor who has represented one country at an IODA World or Continental Championship shall not represent another member country except in cases of alteration of residence, which cases shall be approved by the IODA Executive Committee.
- 6.7 Attention is drawn to ISAF Regulations relative to the ISAF World Youth Championship (change of nationality).

7. FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 The IODA Asian Sailing Championship shall comprise:
 - a. The Individual Asian Championship; and
 - b. The Asian Team Racing Championship.
- 7.2 *Individual Asian Championship (IAC):*
 - a. The entire fleet shall race in one group.
 - b. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 7.3 *Asian Team Racing Championship (ATRC):*
 - a. For the Asian Team Racing Championship, after the first 5 races sailed in the IAC the total points of the 4 sailors with the best cumulative results from each member will be added to give a total score for each member. The total points of the following 4 sailors of Qatar will be added to give a total score for its second team.
 - b. In the event of less than 5 races being complete before the team racing, the total scores will be based on the number of races that have been completed.
 - c. Up to sixteen teams may participate selected on the following basis:
 - i. Qatar may enter two teams (provided they have entered 8 or more sailors for the individual event);
 - ii. If there are fourteen or more IODA members (excluding Qatar) represented by at least four sailors, the fourteen members with the best placed teams (without considering Qatar's teams), according to the priority shown in 7.3.a, may enter one team.
 - iii. If there are less than fourteen members represented by at least four sailors, every member in that situation may enter a team.

- iv. If there are less than 16 teams, the team racing event will be done with the number of existing teams.
- d. In every case, the grid is drawn according to the cumulative results of each four sailors as described in 7.3.a.
- e. Teams will be comprised of 5 sailors of which 4 will sail in each race. Composition of teams is at the discretion of the qualifying country.
- f. If a qualifying country decides not to enter a team to compete, it shall inform the Race Committee.
- g. The format for the Asian Team Racing Championship will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

8. PROGRAM

Friday 24 th Oct	Official Arrival Day (OAD). Measurement and early arrival. Accommodation available after 12:00hrs.
Saturday 25 th Oct	Registration and Measurement. Team Leaders' meeting. Practice Race. Opening Ceremony.
Sunday 26 th Oct	Individual Championship Racing.
Monday 27 th Oct	Individual Championship Racing.
Tuesday 28 th Oct	Team Racing Championship.
Wednesday 29 th Oct	Spare day.
Thursday 30 th Oct	Individual Championship Racing.
Friday 31 st Oct	Individual Championship Racing. Prize Giving / Closing Ceremony.
Saturday 1 st Nov	Official Departure Day (ODD).

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The series will consist of up to 12 races, of which 5 shall be completed to constitute a championship.
- 9.2 Each boat's total score for the IAC will be the sum of her scores for all races except that when 12 races have been completed, her two worst scores shall be excluded or if only 4 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, her single worst score shall be excluded.
- 9.3 The scoring system for the Team Racing Championship shall be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions. RRS Appendix D will apply.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy device is of an inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.
- 10.2 Each boat shall have on board a paddle securely attached to the hull by a lanyard or elastic cord (CR 4.3.c). The blade surface of such paddle shall not be less than 0.025 square meters. Each competitor shall carry a whistle securely attached to the personal buoyancy device (CR 4.2.a). Competitors not complying with this instruction will be attributed a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Team support boats will be hired through the Organizing Committee.
- 11.2 Team support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Committee and used according to the following conditions:
- a. Each boat shall display a/the flag/s bearing the three letter national code of the supported team/s, which will be supplied by the Organizing Committee.
 - b. From October 24th boats shall be shared by coaches of at least two different countries as decided by the Organizing Committee. No more than one person from each team shall be on the water in the boat at the same time.
 - c. All support boats shall comply with the rules established by the Organizing Committee.
 - d. Fuel and other consumables will be included in the support boat charter fee.
- 11.3 Team support boats to be used during the championship days (from October 24th to 31st) may be hired from the organizers at USD 150 per boat per day including insurance. Reservations of such support boats must be made by filling in the corresponding field on the Preliminary Entry Form which has to be returned to the Organizing Committee before September 1st 2008 (or before September 15th for places allocated later than September 1st) The charter fee will be charged at registration upon arrival.
- 11.4 A damage deposit of USD 100 (in cash) will be charged at registration in the Regatta Office and refunded at the end of the championship provided the boat is in good conditions. Should the Organizing Committee decide to deduct from the damage deposit, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the coaches are permitted to use the boat again. Any remaining deposit will be refunded at the end of the Championship. Damage deductions will be shared by the teams using the boat.
- 11.5 It is possible to rent a boat to be used during pre-Regatta days (from October 10th to 23rd) at USD 150 per boat per day excluding fuel. Payments are to be made on or before September 1st 2008 (or before September 15th for places allocated later than September 1st) to guarantee rate. Allocation of early arrival support boats will be made in order of arrival.

12. SPECTATOR BOATS

The organisers will supply spectators' boats for team leaders, parents and other supporters. Tickets will be available at the Regatta Office at registration. Costs will be announced later.

13. MEASUREMENT

- 13.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, daggerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Regatta. These parts of the equipment will be scrutineered and may be measured by the Measurement Sub-Committee according to the Measurement Regulations, and approved by this sub Committee to be complying with the Class Rules.
- 13.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted providing that:
- a. The damaged equipment has been checked by the Measurement Committee;
 - b. The substituting equipment is presented for scrutinizing to the Measurement Committee after the end of the day's racing.
 - c. Such substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

- 13.3 Boats officially chartered for the Regatta through the Organizing Committee may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. The national letters to be carried shall be those of the country entering the chartered boat, and the number shall consist of the number of digits equal to the most recently issued sail number in that country.
- 13.4 Hulls officially chartered through the organisers shall be supplied with a Registration Book but are exempt from complying with Class Rule 2.4.3 (b) and (c).
- 13.5 Sails measuring to the maximum limits while scrutineered during the measurement days may be scrutineered again on the spare day.
- 13.6 Sails to be used during the event shall have been measured prior to the event.

14. LIABILITY

- 14.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 14.2 The Organizing Authority and any other party involved in the organization of the Championship accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss or claim, whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.
- 14.3 All competitors and support staff will be required to execute liability waiver.

15. INSURANCE

Each participant should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 300.000 per event or the equivalent.

16. ENTRY FEES

- 16.1 Entry fee including accommodation, meals and transportation to and from the venue between the Official Arrival Day (October 24th) and the Official Departure Day (November 1st) will be USD 500 per sailor and per adult (maximum three).
- 16.2 Fees are to be paid according to the following schedule:
- a. 50% of the fees must be received by Bank Draft or Wire Transfer on or before September 1st and on or before September 15th for places allocated later than September 1st.
 - b. The balance of fees will be charged at registration. Payments shall be made in cash in USD.
 - c. A surcharge of USD 100 will be charged to all late entries.
- 16.3 Payment instructions:
- a. Please make payments to

Beneficiary:	QATAR SAILING & ROWING FEDERATION
Beneficiary address:	P. O. BOX 23515; DOHA - QATAR
Bank Name	QATAR NATIONAL BANK AL ISLAMI
Bank account No.:	0787 - 013883 - 001
Bank and branch code:	QOC BRANCH
SWIFT/BIC Code:	QNBAQAQA
Bank address:	P.O. BOX 1000; DOHA - QATAR

- b. Fees must be paid in USD.
- c. Fees must be free from bank commissions. Any bank fee will be charged to the competitors.
- d. Proof of transference must be sent by fax or e-mail to the Organisers in order to counter check the payments.

17. ENTRIES

- 17.1 Entries shall be made with the official forms. Links to them at the bottom of this Notice.
- 17.2 For reasons of planning (accommodation and boats available for chartering) the Preliminary Entry Form, the Support Boat Reservation Form and the Charter Boat Reservation Form shall be returned to the Organizing Committee not later than September 1st, or September 15th for countries that have been allocated places after September 1st according to clause 6.2.

18. ACCOMMODATION

- 18.1 Competitors and team officials will be housed in a 4 star hotel near the shore venue. Official accommodation will be available from 14:00 on October 24th until 11:00 on November 1st 2008.
- 18.2 Breakfast and dinner will be served at the hotel. The first official meal will be dinner on October 24th 2008 and the last official meal will be breakfast on November 1st 2008.
- 18.3 A damage deposit of USD 100 per room may be charged by the hotel and will be refunded if no damage has occurred. The damage deposit and other extra charges will be paid directly to the hotel and may be paid by Visa or Mastercard.
- 18.4 Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send special requests filling in the corresponding field in the Second Entry Form.
- 18.5 A transportation service will be provided to and from the shore venue at no extra cost.

19. EARLY ARRIVALS

- 19.1 Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date should contact the Organizing Committee in order to book accommodation. The daily fee per person per day will be approximately USD 75 (bed & breakfast).
- 19.2 Early arrivals have to be booked by September 1st to guarantee rate.
- 19.3 Club facilities will be open from October 10th 2008.

20. CHARTER BOATS

- 20.1 Charter boats, including spars and foils, are mandatory.
- 20.2 Winner charter boats will be supplied by the organisers. They will be allocated on a random basis to individual sailors by the Organizing Committee under the supervision of the IODA Executive Committee.
- 20.3 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that:
- a. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - b. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - c. hulls, daggerboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - d. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - e. all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.
- 20.4 Competitors may use their own fittings and running rigging.
- 20.5 Charter boats will include:
- a. One measured hull, including properly executed registration book, all required class affixed hardware, 3 buoyancy units, ratchet block and single block;
 - b. One set of epoxy one design racing foils with aluminium tiller and tiller extension;

- c. One set of Black Gold racing spars;
 - d. One mainsheet with becket block and safety shackle and one painter of the proper length;
 - e. Set of padded toe straps;
 - f. Trolley for launching.
- 20.6 No sails will be provided. No bailers or paddles will be provided.
- 20.7 The cost for 8 championship days (October 24th to 31st) will be USD 300. The first payment of 50% of the charter fee must be received on or before September 1st. The balance of fees shall be received on or before arrival.
- 20.8 Charter boats will also be available before the Official Arrival Day, from October 10th to 23rd 2008, at USD 40 per boat per day. Reservations of these pre-Regatta charter boats shall be made before 1st September 2008 accompanied by a first payment of 50% of the pre-regatta charter fee. The remaining 50% will be charged on delivery.
- 20.9 In addition to the charter fee a damage deposit of USD 100 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded if no damage has occurred.

21. TRANSPORTATION

- 21.1 Transportation from Doha International Airport, 5 km from the hotel and shore venue, will be provided free of charge on official arrival and departure days. Please confirm your arrival schedule in advance.
- 21.2 The cost for any other day will be announced later.

22. SUPPORTERS

Supporters shall make reservations by themselves.

23. SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the friendship between the participants and to make their stay in Qatar more enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised. Casual attire.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

- 24.1 Each team is kindly requested to bring its own National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and the National Anthem recorded on tape or CD.
- 24.2 There are no medical precautions that need to be taken entering Qatar.

25. SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime temperature	Approx. 35 - 27 °C
Sea temperature	21.2 °C
Prevailing winds	North West
Average wind speed	3 - 12 Knots
Tides and current	Negligible

26. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Delegations shall contact a Qatar Embassy or Consulate in their country to get the latest visa requirements. Should a participant require a visa, the Organising Committee offers the possibility of getting it for them provided that the participant e-mails a scanned copy of the passport to the Organising Committee at least 2 weeks prior to their arrival. The participant will then be e-mailed the required three-month visa.

27. CHANDLERY AND REPAIRS

Chandlery and repairs will be available.

28. PRIZES

28.1 Prizes for the fleet racing event will be awarded at least to:

- a. The three best-placed male sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- b. The three best-placed female sailors regardless of their continent of residence;
- c. The three best-placed male sailors whose IODA member is Asian;
- d. The three best-placed female sailors whose IODA member is Asian.

28.2 Prizes for the team racing event will be awarded at least to:

- a. The best-placed team in the Team Racing Asian Championship;
- b. The best-placed Asian team if different from the one in 28.2 (a).

28.3 More prizes may be awarded at the criteria of the organisers.

29. CONTACT

29.1 For further information or queries, please contact:

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Event Website: www.qatarsailing.org

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29.2 Each participating country shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organizing Committee and provide an e-mail address.

Links to the forms:

[Preliminary Entry Form](#)

[Final Entry Form](#)

[Early Arrival Form](#)

[Charter Boat Form](#)

APPENDIX 1: RACING AREA

