



Which OPTIMIST fleet to enter - Intermediate & Green Fleet

Intermediate Fleet

The Hong Kong Optimist Association Intermediate fleet is a new concept introduced in 2020 which gives sailors who are not quite ready for the Main fleet an opportunity to compete against sailors of a similar standard.

(*Intermediate sailors will be scored below Main fleet sailors in the HKODA rankings.)

Intermediate fleet sailors will sail a shorter course and have a lower maximum wind limit as the intention is to provide a full race experience for developing sailors without the physical demands of the Main fleet or the frustration of being scored “Did Not Finish”.

****Your Coach will advise on whether to enter Main fleet or Intermediate Fleet races.***

Who should be in the Intermediate fleet?

- a. Developing sailors (any age) who have raced in the Main/Open fleet before and regularly either “timed out” or have consistently finished in the back 25% of the Main/Open fleet at other Optimist regattas.
- b. Perhaps consider the best Optimist sailors at your Club and think about whether you are able to finish within 10 minutes of them in all wind conditions in particular very light (<6kts) or heavy (>18kts).
- c. Emerging sailors who have sailed in the Green fleet at other regattas and are looking to transition to the Main Fleet.
- d. Younger sailors who may be more experienced but find the long days in the Main Fleet too demanding.

Who should think about entering the Green fleet?

The younger or more inexperienced sailors who are not quite ready for the Intermediate fleet, just yet. Green fleet provides a great fun introduction to attending a major regatta. The Green fleet will be using the World Sailing Introductory Rules of Sailing and limited on-water coaching to assist sailors build their confidence and boat handling skills and will combine racing with other fun activities.