



GREEN FLEET – Where racing begins

The Laser Pico and Optimist Green Fleet's are for less experienced sailors where the **emphasis is on learning rather than winning**. **Green Fleet** includes opportunities for **mastering boat handling skills**, assists sailors' to **build their confidence and promotes sportsmanlike conduct**, all while **providing a great fun introduction to attending a major regatta**. The Green fleet is a fundamental stepping stone for sailors to learn, improve and most of all having fun along the way!

The HKRW Green Fleet mission is to teach sailors how to race. Sailors will be introduced to core skills necessary to eventually graduate to the next level of Optimist Intermediate and Optimist Main fleet racing. The young sailors will practice basic racing skills by using fun activities and challenges to teach them how to race a sailboat.

The days will begin with an information session and will include practice race / racing and a daily wrap up with the Green Fleet Coaching team.

All sailors in the HKRW Green Fleet event receive Participation Awards.

My First Regatta:

Regattas are a great opportunity for sailors to expand their skills, while sharing great new experiences with their peers and encouraging family participation.

To get the most out of these regatta, advanced ***planning and commitment from both sailors and parents will be required.***

Parents are ultimately responsible for their sailor's entry and registration for the regatta and the arrangement of a boat charter.

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE on organizing your sailor for this event. The earlier you prepare, the smoother and easier the event will be for all concerned. **Enter early!**

*If you have any questions regarding your sailor's **abilities** to enter the regatta – Check with your coach.

What about my boat and gear?

GREEN SAILORS that use a 'club' boat: Boats, sails, and blades will be assigned to you for each regatta usually by your club coach. ***If you do not have a boat, Charter boats are available.***

It is essential to register early with your team coordinator in order to get this equipment for the regatta.

You must inform the Team Coach that you are going to register for the event and confirm the use of the equipment; otherwise there will be no equipment for your sailor to sail with.

Do I need to charter a boat if my own club does not provide one?

If you or your team needs to **charter a boat**, please contact: info@hongkongraceweek.com

Parents:

Get involved!

Our advice is that each young sailor has a parent with them to assist with rigging and launching.

HKRW prides itself on parent participation. Not only do our supporting parents help their own team members, but also any other sailor who needs assistance in rigging and launching.

Parents should arrive early with their sailor and at the end of the sailing day (usually around 3pm) be ready to help sailors and boats back onto land.

We also need parents that will help ensure each child has water on their boat and extra water and their snacks loaded onto their coach boat each morning of the regatta.

Parents are also encouraged to **volunteer** for a variety of other tasks to help with the Green Fleet racing. ***It's an opportunity to learn with your sailor and watch them race. And many tasks require no previous experience.*** [Volunteer](#)

Entry Criteria: Does my child qualify?

Laser Pico Green Fleet:

- a) **Hold HKSF Level 2 Dinghy Certificate or equivalent** i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) Be aged 12 – 16 years at the time of racing; and
- c) Have sailed for less than 2 seasons.

Optimist Green Fleet:

Sailors in the Optimist Green Fleet shall:

- a) **Hold HKSF Optimist Junior Sail 3 Certificate or equivalent** i.e. be sufficiently experienced to participate irrespective of the wind and sea conditions that may be encountered;
- b) Be aged 12 years or under at the time of racing;
- c) Have sailed for less than 2 seasons;
- d) Not have previously raced outside of Optimist Green Fleet except at events where no such racing was offered; and
- e) Not have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a HKODA or other Optimist Green Fleet event.

Optimist sailors who do not meet these criteria should race in the ***Optimist Intermediate*** or ***Main Fleet***.

More guide-lines [HERE](#)

Any other questions please contact us at: info@hongkongraceweek.com