



NOTICE OF RACE
19th QATAR INTERNATIONAL REGATTA
(SAIL THE GULF- 2011)
15th – 19th February 2011



1. VENUE

The 19th Qatar International Regatta (Sail the Gulf -2011) will be held from 15th – 19th February 2011 at Doha Sailing Club, Ras Abu Aboud, Doha – Qatar.

2. ORGANIZATION

The Championship is organized by Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation in cooperation with Doha Sailing Club.

3. LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language for the Championship.

4. RULES

- 4.1 The Championship will be governed by the Rules as defined in:
- The 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) & Equipment Rules.
 - The Notice of Race (NOR).
 - Current Class Rules of all classes competing.
 - Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 No National Authority prescription will apply.
- 4.3 The event is designated as category C. Event sponsors names and hull numbers may be required to be displayed on hulls.

5. COMPETING CLASSES

Following classes will be competing in the Championship:

CLASSES OF BOATS - SAILING			
1	Optimist	2	Optimist Team Racing
3	Laser 4.7	4	Laser Radial
5	Laser Standard	6	Hobie -16
7	470	8.	29ers
9.	420		

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Competitors for Optimist must be born in 1996 or after.
- 6.2 Competitors for Laser 4.7 class must be born in 1994 or after.
- 6.3 Proof of age is to be produced at registration.

7. ENTRIES

Entries shall be made using official entry forms and according to following schedule:

- 7.1 For reasons of planning (accommodation and boats availability for charter) the Preliminary Entry Form and Charter Boat request must be received by 1st January 2011.
- 7.2 Final Entry Form must be received by Organizing Committee no later than 1st February 2011.
- 7.3 Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

7.4 There is no restriction on number of entries.

8. ENTRY FEES

US\$.100/- per head both for Officials and sailors will be payable as Entry Fee at the time of Registration. Entry Fee will cover Opening / Closing dinners and the cost of Social Events during the Championship.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available on the QSRF Website. Sailing Instructions will also be issued to each team and competitor on completion of Registration.

10. PROGRAM

15 th February	Tuesday	0900 - 1600	Official Arrival Day (Registration & Measurement)
		1300 - 1600	Optimist Team Racing
		Evening	Opening Ceremony
16 th February	Wednesday	0900	Team Leaders Meeting
		1100	Race 1, 2, 3
17 th February	Thursday	1100	Race 4, 5 & 6
18 th February	Friday	1300	Race 7, 8 & 9
19 th February	Saturday	1100	Race 10, 11 & 12
	Evening		Closing Ceremony & Dinner

10.1 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on 19th February 2011.

10.2 A minimum of 4 races will be sailed to constitute the championship. If 5 to 9 races are sailed one discard will be allowed. If 10 to 12 races are sailed 2 discards will be allowed.

11. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

12. RACING AREA

Racing Area will be Doha Bay approximately 30 minutes sailing time from the launching area.

13. COURSES TO BE SAILED

Courses will be Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SAFETY

14.1 All Sailing boats must have a towing rope on board of at least 8 meters in length.

14.2 In addition to International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Class Rules 4.2(a) and (b), 4.3(a) and (b) each Optimist boat shall have onboard a secured paddle with a surface of not less than 0.25 square meters and each competitor shall carry a whistle attached to his / her clothing or body.

14.3 Competitors not complying with this instruction will get added to their score a penalty of 5 points for each race of the day on which they have failed to observe this instruction.

15. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall bring their own personal buoyancy which must be capable of being fastened at all time while afloat. Wet / dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

16. MEASUREMENT

- 16.1 Each boat where applicable shall hold a valid measurement certification.
- 16.2 Substitution of the damaged equipment may be permitted provided the damaged equipment has been checked by Measurement Committee and the substituting equipment is presented to Measurement Committee. Such substitution will be subject to the approval of International Jury.

17. INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 17.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 17.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with Racing Rule 70.5.

18. TEAM SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 Support boats shall be marked with their National Flags
- 18.3 Limited support boats can be made available on charter provided advance request is received by the Organizing Committee. The charter fee of support boats is Qr. 500/- per day (US\$ 1 = Qr. 3.65).

19. VISA

- 19.1 **Visitors must be in possession of a passport with atleast six months validity at the time of entry into Qatar.** Alongwith the Entry Forms, clear copies of passport showing name, Passport number, Expiry Date, Date & Place of Birth, Issuing Place and Address must be forwarded so that request of Visa could be processed.
- 19.2 The Organizing Committee will apply for an entry visa into Qatar. The Copy of Visa will be sent through email. This may be carried along and can be used wherever it is required.
- 19.3 Visa is required by all visitors except nationals of GCC.

20. CHARTER FEES

A reduced charter fee has been decided as under:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Charter Fee</u>	<u>Damage Deposit (Refundable)</u>
Optimist	\$. 100	\$. 100
Laser (all Types)	\$. 150	\$. 150
420	\$. 200	\$. 200
470	\$. 200	\$. 200
Hobie 16	\$.300	\$. 300
29er	\$.300	\$. 300

Boats will be provided with spars & foils. Competitors must bring their own **SAILS**. Own boats are also allowed to be brought in the event.

21. ACCOMMODATION

Enclosed contact address of some reasonable Hotels. Kindly contact directly for more information and booking.

Marriott - Doha

Located on the seafront, adjacent to the venue 5-min walk or 2-min drive from the venue.
P.O. Box 1911, Doha – Qatar

Tel.: + 974 429 8808 Fax: + 974 429 8804
E-mail: minelli.dekretser@marriott-hotels.com
www.marriott.com

Gulf Paradise Hotel

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.
P.O. Box 12954, Doha – Qatar
Tel.: + 974 4322212 Fax: + 974 4310121
E-mail: gulfparadisehotel@qatar.net.qa
Millennium Hotel

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 15-min drive from the venue.

P.O. Box 24249, Doha – Qatar
Tel.: + 974 447 9990, Fax: + 974 447 8881
E-mail: nader.chahine@mill-doha.com

Le Park

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4255555, Fax: + 974 4255500
E-mail: info@leparkhotel.net, www.leparkhotel.net

Holiday Villa

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 05 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4408 4888, Fax: + 974 4408 4013
E-mail: info@holidayvilladoha.com, www.holidayvilladoha.com

Gloria Hotels

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 5 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4236666, Fax: + 974 4236223
E-mail: info@gloriahotel-doha.com, www.gloriahotel-doha.com

Grand Regency

Located in the middle of the Township Doha, 20 min drive from the venue.
Tel.: + 974 4343328, Fax: + 974 4343506
E-mail: ayoub@grand-regency.com, www.grand-regency.com

22. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Closing ceremony with dinner has been scheduled. Other Social events will be planned as Championship Social Programme and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at site.

23. TRANSPORTATION

Local transportation will be provided by the Organizing Committee during the entire duration including pick up & drop off to the Airport.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

Each Team is requested to bring its own:

- National Flag (100cm x 150cm)

- National Anthem recorded on Tape or CD

25. SAILING CONDITIONS

Expected weather condition with in the Racing Area

Average Day Time Temperature - 18.3° C

Average Sea Surface Temperature - 18.5° C

Average prevailing wind strength - 8-9 kts

26. PRIZES

- 25.1 Medals will be awarded to top 3 positions in each class / category.
- 25.2 Certificates of Participation will be given to each participant (sailors & officials).

27. CONTACT

The official address of the Organizing Committee is as under:

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28. LIABILITY

- 28.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- 28.2 The Organizing Committee and all others involved in the Organization of the Championship accept no liability for any injury, damage, loss or claim whether personal or material, incurred by or inflicted to participants before, during or after the Championship.