



Organized by **Leisure and Cultural Services Department**
Wong Shek Single-handed Dinghies Race 2025 – Final
(20-21 December 2025)

Sailing Instructions

1) Rules:

All racing rules will be governed by

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 (including Appendix A and any recently revised rules), Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The Notice of Race (NoR), Sailing Instructions (SIs) and appendices of Wong Shek Single-handed Dinghies Race 2025 issued by the Organizing Committee (OC) of The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English version will take precedence.

2) Entry Requirement:

Entrants are the competitors with the highest ranking from the Wong Shek Single-handed Dinghies Race 2025 (Heat).

3) Notice of Race:

The NoR will be posted on the race notice board in the Centre. Competitors should pay attention to all the notices posted on the race notice board.



4) Racing Equipment:

- 4.1 Sailing dinghies and other equipment for the races will be provided by the OC and allocated by ballot. (The ballot of boat numbers will be taken place on each race day but the ballot of sail numbers will only be taken place on the first race day). Competitors shall not change or bring their own equipment without the approval of the OC, (except the wind direction indicator, telltales, ladle and sponge); otherwise, they shall be disqualified. The ballot will take place when competitors register at the reporting counter on each race day.
- 4.2 A boat shall not eject or release a substance, such as a polymer, or have specially textured surfaces that could improve the character of the flow of water inside the boundary layer.
- 4.3 No works such as polishing hull surfaces shall be carried out with any tools to sailing dinghies and equipment provided by the OC, which result in damage. Competitors found to be in breach of the rules shall be disqualified.
- 4.4 The OC may inspect and measure the competitors' sailing dinghies and other equipment for the races at any time during the competition. Competitors found to be in breach of the rules shall be disqualified.
- 4.5 Standard sails are used for the Laser XD Men class and Radial sails are used for the Laser XD Women.

5) Sign-on and Sign-off:

- 5.1 Competitors are required to register and sign-on at the OC reporting counter starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Please produce their original copy of identity documents, check-in record in SmartPLAY and relevant valid qualification/certificates & trip/race record for the Centre staff checking when registration. Competitors who fail to produce the above documents shall be disqualified.
- 5.2 Competitors shall sign-off at the OC reporting counter within the specified time after the end of the races each day to confirm that they have finished the races for the whole day according to the RRS. Those who fail to comply with the sign-on/sign-off requirements shall be disqualified.

6) Class and Flags:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag Logo</u>
Topper	
Laser XD	

6.2	Class	Flag
	Topper Men	Topper Class Logo Flag (Flag: White; Logo: Black)
	Topper Women	Topper Class Logo Flag (Flag: Red; Logo: Black)
	Laser XD Standard Men (PY No.1104)	Laser XD Class Logo Flag (Flag: White; Logo: Red)
	Laser XD Radial Women (PY No.1154)	Laser XD Class Logo Flag (Flag: Blue; Logo: White)

N.B.: PY Nos. in RYA 2025 are used for the races.

7) Sail Numbers:

All competitors shall display sail numbers clearly on the sails. The sail numbers shall not be changed.

8) Schedule of Races:

Starting from 8:30 a.m.	Sign-on
9:15 a.m.	Pre-race briefing
10:30 a.m.	The scheduled time for the first race to start
No race shall start after 3:30 p.m.	

There shall be a maximum of six races over the two racing days, but the actual number of races shall be decided by the OC.

9) Changes to the SIs:

Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the race notice board in the Centre at least half an hour before the Start of the race of the affected group. International Maritime Signal Flag “L” will be displayed ashore.

10) Signals:

10.1 Signals Made Ashore:

10.1.1 Signals ashore will be displayed by flags.

10.1.2 The display of International Maritime Signal Flag “AP” with two sounds means a race is postponed. None of the competitors shall leave the shore. Competitors may proceed directly to the starting area when the flag is removed with one sound.

10.1.3 The display of International Maritime Signal Flag “D” means there is a rescue operation or strong wind. Competitors still afloat shall be at their own risk.

10.2 Signals Made Afloat:

10.2.1 The display of International Maritime Signal Flag “AP” over “H” on the Race Committee Boat with two sounds means a race not started is postponed. Further instructions will be given ashore according to rule 10.1 of the SIs.

10.2.2 The display of International Maritime Signal Flag “N” over “H” on the Race Committee Boat with three sounds means a race in progress is abandoned. All competitors should return to the shore at once. Further instructions will be given ashore according to rule 10.1 of the SIs.

10.2.3 Course Flag: The courses are subject to change according to the prevailing conditions on each race day. Flag ‘O2’ or ‘O3’ or ‘I2’ or ‘I3’ or ‘LA2’ or ‘LA3’ will be displayed (see Appendix 2).









11) Courses:

11.1 The courses will be Trapezoid Course (‘O2’, ‘O3’, ‘I2’ and ‘I3’) or Windward-Leeward Course (‘LA2’ and ‘LA3’) (see Appendix 2).

11.2 Details will be posted on the race notice board and explained at the pre-race briefing.

12) The Start:

12.1 Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. (This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.)

Minute(s) before starting signal	Visual signal displayed	Visual signal removed	Sound signal	Meaning
5	Class Flag  or 		One	Warning signal
4	Class Flag  or  ; P, I, U, or black flag		One	Preparatory signal
1	Class Flag  or 	P, I, U, or black flag	One long	One minute
0		Class Flag  or 	One	Starting signal

- 12.2 The display of each of the above visual signals shall be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 12.3 The Starting Line
The starting line will be a straight line between the mast of the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the port-end starting mark. Competitors not starting within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

13) Recalls:

- 13.1 Individual Recall:
The International Maritime Signal Flag “X” will be displayed with one sound. The flag will be displayed until all offending boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line, but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee Boat will not call the boat number(s).
- 13.2 General Recall:
The First Substitute Flag will be displayed with two sounds to recall all boats. The warning signal (i.e. the one given 5 minutes before the start) for a new start for the recalled class will be made 1 minute after the First Substitute Flag is removed.

14) The Finishing Line:

The finishing line will be a straight line between a **blue flag** of the Race Committee Boat or another Official Boat displaying a **blue flag** and a designated finishing mark.

15) Shortening Course:

A Race Committee Boat may be placed near any mark of a course to shorten it and form a new finishing line. The International Maritime Signal Flag “S” and Topper Class Logo Flag or Laser XD Class Logo Flag will be displayed with two sounds. The shortened course will be signaled by intermittent sounds when the first boat approaches. To finish the shortened course, boats must sail in the direction of the original course and cross the new finishing line.

16) Time Limits:

- 16.1 The time limits for each race in each class are 50 minutes. If the first boat cannot finish within the time limit, the OC may shorten the course or abandon the race.
- 16.2 In each race, boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

17) Alternative Penalty:

- 17.1 RRS 31 (360°-turn penalty) remains to the race.
- 17.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the “Two-Turns Penalty” is replaced by the “One-Turn Penalty”.

18) Protest:

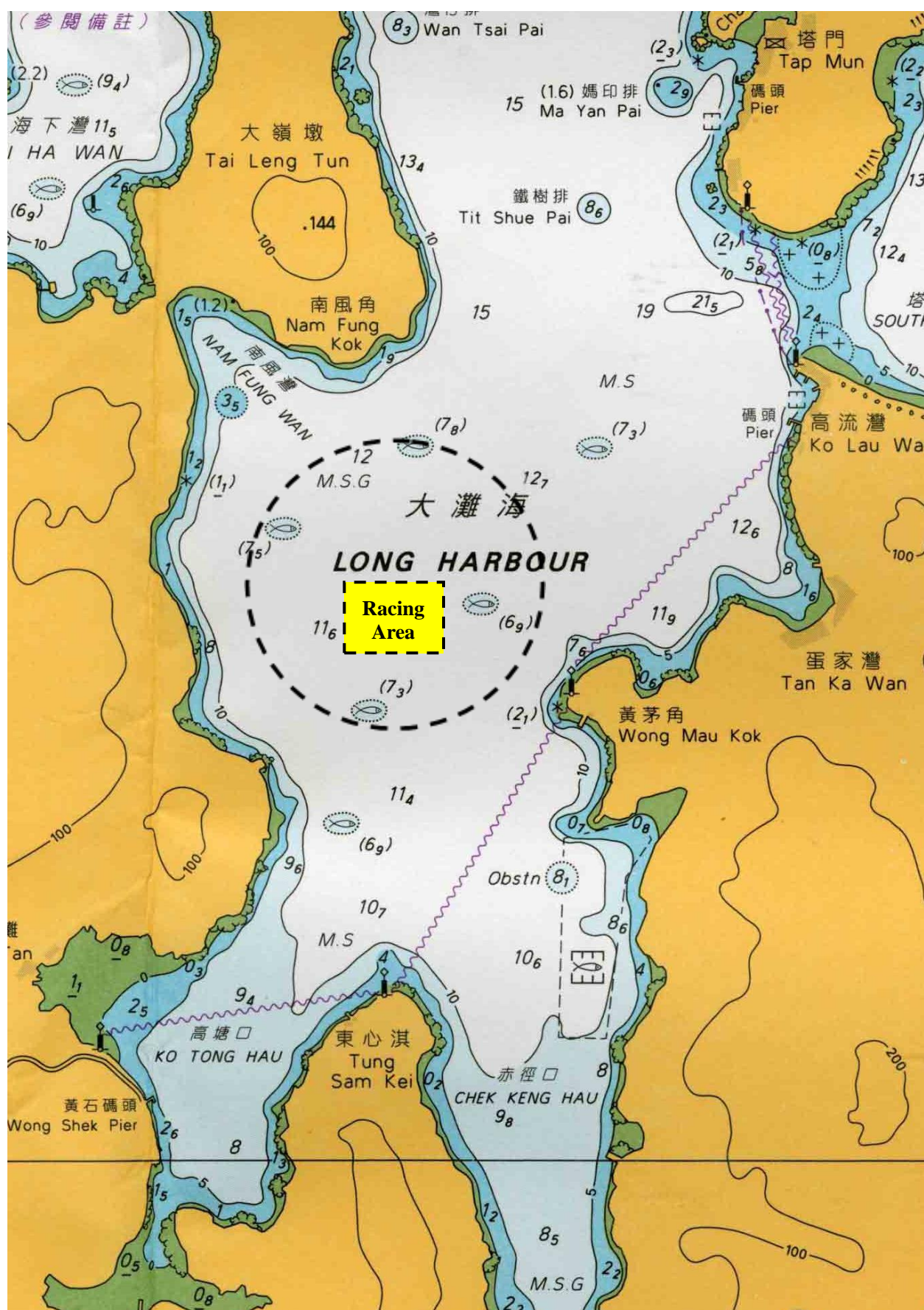
- 18.1 If, during the course of a race, a boat involved in an incident intends to protest, such boat should hail “protest” immediately to inform the boat being protested. Under other circumstances, the protesting boat shall inform the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity and the Race Committee Boat of her intention to protest upon finishing the race.
- 18.2 The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee Boat and provide the sail number of the protestee immediately after finishing the race concerned.
- 18.3 Protest Time Limit:
A written protest shall be delivered to the OC within the official time limit after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 18.4 Time for Hearings:
- 18.4.1 The Protest Committee shall conduct a hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of a written protest
- 18.4.2 Notices of protest will be posted within half an hour after the protest time limit to inform the protestor, protestee and witnesses of the time and place of the hearing.
- 18.5 The decision of the jury shall be final. No appeal will be allowed against its decision.

19) Scoring:

- 19.1 The Low Point System as specified in RRS Appendix A - A4 shall apply.
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| First place | ----- | 1 point |
| Second place | ----- | 2 points |
| Third place | ----- | 3 points |
| Fourth place | ----- | 4 points and each place thereafter |
- Appendix A5.2 of RRS shall apply to the race. Other competitors including those who retired, were on the course side of the starting line, were disqualified, did not start, did not finish, absent or did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of entrants.

- 19.2 A competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores and the rule 90.3(b) shall apply in excluding her worst score. The competitor with the lowest final score shall be the winner. If no more than four races are held, the scores of all races will be counted towards the final score.
- 19.3 Ties:
If two competitors have equal scores, the one who finished ahead of the other on more occasions in the scored races shall be the winner. If the tie is still not broken, the one who finished the last race ahead of the other shall be the winner.
- 19.4 Scores of the Overall champion, first, second and third runners-up will be calculated by the actual finish ranking in the Topper class. Also, the finishing time of competitors shall be adjusted by the PY Number for their boats in the Laser XD class. The one finishing in the shortest corrected time shall be the winner. Other competitors shall also be ranked and scored based on their corrected time.
- 19.5 Awards will be given to the overall champion, first, second and third runners-up in the Topper class. Scores will be calculated according to the actual finishing position.
- 19.6 Awards will be given to the overall champion, first, second and third runners-up in the Laser XD class. The elapsed time of a boat will be adjusted based on the PY Number for the boat type. The competitor finishing in the shortest corrected time shall be the overall champion. Other competitors shall also be ranked based on their corrected time.
- 20) Safety of Competitors:**
- 20.1 Competitors should wear heel-toe-covered rubber shoes and a suitable buoyancy aid while in water. Otherwise, they shall be disqualified.
- 20.2 Retirement:
Any competitor retiring from a race before finishing shall inform the safety boat(s), Official boats or the Race Committee Boat as soon as possible.
- 21) Responsibility:**
- 21.1 It is the sole responsibility of competitors to decide whether to start or to continue racing.
- 21.2 The OC understand that they accept no direct or indirect responsibility for any personal injury or loss of or damage to property caused wilfully or negligently by a third party.
- 22) Inclement Weather Arrangements:**
- 22.1 When the typhoon signal No.3 or above or black rainstorm warning is issued at 7:00am on the first race day, the races on that day will be cancelled. The races of the next day will be held as scheduled.
- 22.2 If the typhoon signal No.3 or above or black rainstorm warning is issued at 7:00am on the second race day, the races on that day shall be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.
- 23) Prizes:**
- Prizes for the Champion, First runner-up, Second runner-up, Third runner-up, and two numbers of merit prizes will be awarded to the Topper Men Class.
- Prizes for the Champion, First runner-up, Second runner-up, Third runner-up, and two numbers of merit prizes will be awarded to the Topper Women Class.
- Prizes for the Champion, First runner-up and Second runner-up will be awarded to the Laser XD Men Class.
- Prizes for the Champion, First runner-up and Second runner-up will be awarded to the Laser XD Women Class.
- Awards will be given to the overall champion, first, second and third runners-up in the Topper class and Laser XD class respectively.
- 24) Insurance:**
- Competitors should be insured on their own expenses.
- 25) Meal:**
- Competitors should bring their own food and drinks as none will be provided by OC.

Racing Area



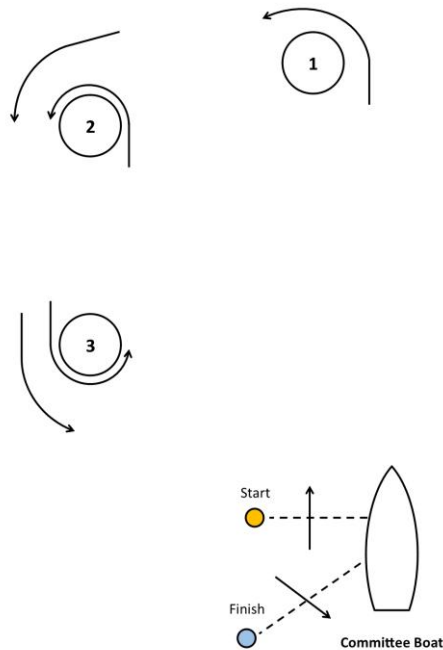
Course O2 & O3: Trapezoid Course (Outer-loop)

O2: Start → 1→2→3→2→3→ Finish

O3: Start → 1→2→3→2→3→2→3→ Finish

All marks shall be rounded to port

Wind ↓



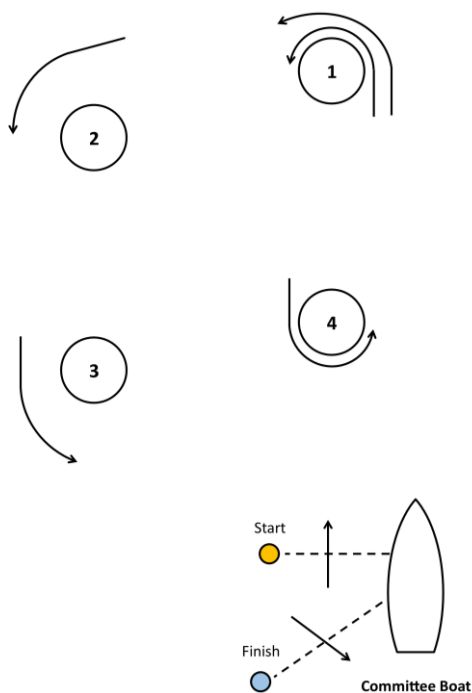
Course I2 & I3: Trapezoid Course (Inner-loop)

I2: Start → 1 →4→1→2→3→ Finish

I3: Start → 1 →4→1→4→1→2→3→ Finish

All marks shall be rounded to port

Wind ↓



Course LA2 & LA3 : Windward - Leeward Course

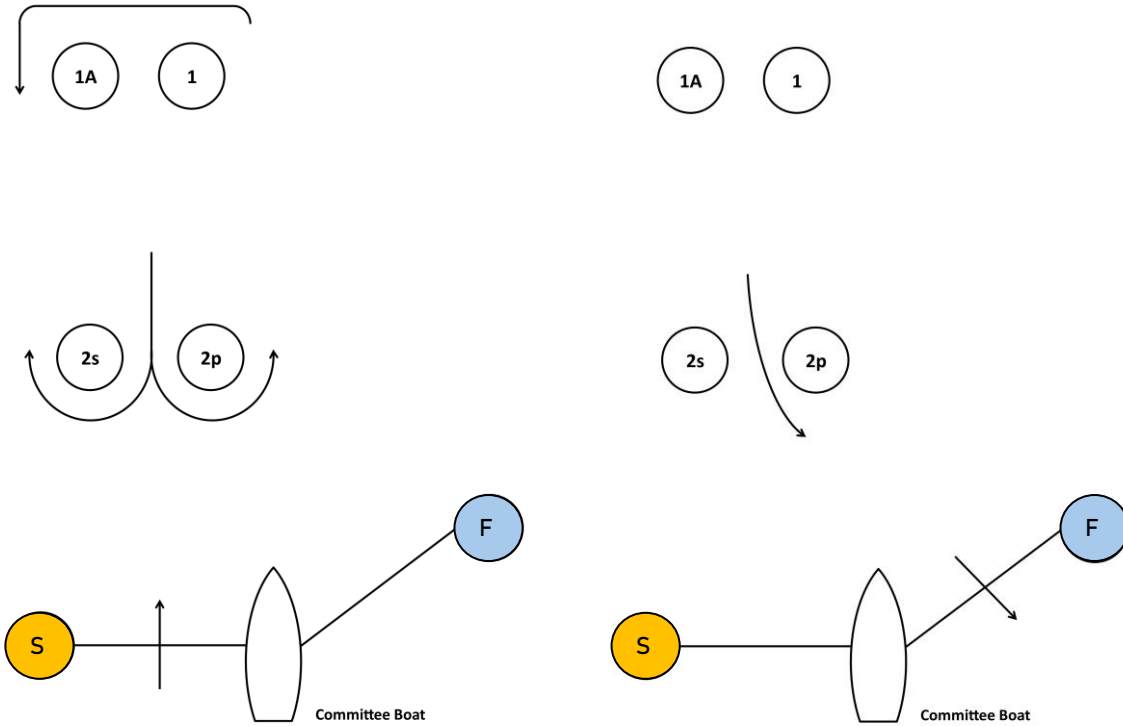
LA2: START (S) → 1&1A → 2s/ 2p → 1&1A → 2s/ 2p → FINISH (F)

LA3: START (S) → 1&1A → 2s/ 2p → 1&1A → 2s/ 2p → 1&1A → 2s/ 2p → FINISH (F)

Remark: Must pass through the GATE at 2s/ 2p

All marks shall be rounded to port

Wind ↓



Tidal Information (Ko Lau Wan)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Height (Metres)</u>
20/12/2025 (Saturday)	0346	0.59
	1038	1.44
	1338	1.27
	1857	2.38
21/12/2025 (Sunday)	0420	0.55
	1113	1.43
	1414	1.27
	1930	2.41