



2004 ASEAN OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP

13 - 21 December 2004

Chaungtha Beach, Ayeyarwady Division
Union of Myanmar

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Venue

The ASEAN Open Optimist Championship will be held from 13 to 21 December 2004 at Chaungtha Beach, Myanmar. Chaungtha Beach (the venue) is 217 km or 135 miles west of the capital city of Yangon.

2. Organizing Authority

The Championship will be organized by the Myanmar Yachting Federation (MYF) in conjunction with the Yangon Sailing Club (YSC) and the Optimist Dinghy Association of Myanmar (ODAM) and will be fully supported by the Myanmar Olympic Committee (MOC).

3. Language

English will be the official language of the Championship.

4. Rules

4.1 The Championship will be sailed under the following rules:

- The 2001 - 2004 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- The current IODA Class Rules;
- The Notice of Race (NOR);
- The Sailing Instructions (SI);
- The Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI);
- Any subsequent changes/addendums made by the Race Committee or Jury with the approval of the Organizing Authority.

4.2 The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, ISAF Advertising Code.

5. International Jury

5.1 An International Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS 87.2 and M1. Decisions of the International Jury are final and are not subject to appeal.

5.2 On the water Judging or Direct Judging shall be used for the Team Racing.

6. Eligibility

6.1 Each ASEAN member country and invited countries may send one team of maximum of 7 sailors, born in 1989 or later.

6.2 The host country may enter 2 teams for Team Racing and up to 25 sailors for Fleet Racing and the Sponsor's Race.

6.3 It is mandatory to have at least one sailor of the opposite sex in all participating teams, if 5 or more sailors are representing a country as participants in the event.

7. Programme

12 December 2004	Arrival in Yangon (the capital city) & overnight
13 December 2004	<u>Official</u> Arrival Chaungtha, Registration and Measurement
14 December 2004	Late Arrival Chaungtha, Registration, Measurement, Sponsor Race and Opening Ceremony
15 December 2004	Fleet Racing
16 December 2004	Fleet Racing
17 December 2004	Team Racing and Fleet Racing
18 December 2004	Rest/Spare Day
19 December 2004	Fleet Racing
20 December 2004	Fleet Racing and Closing Ceremony
21 December 2004	<u>Official</u> Departure Chaungtha
22 December 2004	Departure Yangon

8. Registration

The Preliminary Entry deadline is **01 June 2004**.

The Final Entry deadline is **15 August 2004**.

9. Entry Fees

9.1 Entry fee for the **9 official** days (13 December to 21 December 2004) is US\$ 350.00 per competitor, team leader, country representative, coach or supporter.

9.2 A non-returnable deposit of US\$ 100.00 must be paid not later than the Final Entry deadline and the remainder of US\$ 250.00 upon arrival.

9.3 An additional fee of US\$ 100 will be charge for late entry. Late entries will only be accepted subject to availability of boats and accommodation.

9.4 Entry fee includes meals (as stated below), official function dinners, airport transfers, to-from transportation between Yangon & Chaungtha (venue).

13 December 2004 Lunch and Dinner

14 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

15 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

16 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

17 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

18 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

19 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

20 December 2004 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

21 December 2004 Breakfast only

- 9.5 Meals will also be available at the Official Transit Hotel in Yangon at a special discount rate on 12th, 13th, 21st and 22nd December 2004.

10. Charter Boats

- 10.1 The organizing Authority will provide brand new - fitted boats (inclusive of spars, foils but not sail) for charter. Charter boats will be available from 13 December 2004. The charter fee is US\$ 300 per boat.
- 10.2 A non-returnable deposit of US\$ 100 must be paid not later than the Final Entry deadline and the remainder of US\$ 200 upon arrival.
- 10.3 A damage deposit of US\$ 100 will be required on receipt of each boat, to be refunded when the boat is returned and if no damage has occurred.
- 10.4 Boats will be drawn on a first come first serve basis.
- 10.5 Competitors are allowed to substitute their own control lines and burgee.
- 10.6 Competitors need to carry their own sail, bailor, compass, burgee, sail ties and life-jacket.

11. Accommodation

- 11.1 The official accommodation during competition period is at Max Hotel, five to 10 minutes walk from the actual launch area, in Chaungtha Beach. A special room rate of US\$ 50.00 per night for Superior Villas (Twin Unit Bungalows) and US\$ 40.00 per night for Standard Rooms (Apartment Style Building), have been negotiated. Each room has two single beds and can accommodate up to 2 extra beds for the young competitors. Cost of one extra bed is US\$ 5.00. Since Superior Villas (Twin Unit Bungalows) are limited it will be on a first come first serve basis.
- 11.2 A special room rate of US\$ 50.00 per night “including breakfast” have been negotiated & arranged with Dusit Inya Lake Hotel which will act as the Transit Hotel in Yangon for the Championship. Each room has two single beds and can accommodate 1 extra bed for the young competitors. Three rooms have been reserved for each team for 12 December 2004 and 21 December 2004. On 12 December 2004 and 21 December 2004, lunch and dinner will be team’s own responsibility. However, special lunch/dinner rates will apply to all participants.
- 11.3 A non-returnable deposit of US\$ 20 per room night must be paid not later than the Final Entry deadline and the balance per room night upon arrival.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1 The Organizing Authority will arrange boats, free of charge, to be shared by Team Leaders and Coaches. No other individual support boats shall be used.

12.2 All support shall comply with rules established by the Organizing Authority.

13. Scoring

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System will apply for Fleet Racing.

13.2 The scoring system for Team Racing will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D.

14. Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded.

ASEAN

Open Division: 1st to 10th

Girls Division: 1st to 3rd

Team Racing: 1st to 3rd

NON-ASEAN

Girls Division: 1st to 3rd

Team Racing: 1st to 3rd

All competitors will receive a Certificate of Participation, Event T-shirt and Event Souvenir.

15. Measurement

15.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one of the following; hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom and sail during the Championship. These parts of equipment shall be measured by the Measurement Committee.

15.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted after approval has been given by the International Jury.

16. Liability

16.1 Competitors compete entirely at their own and risk and responsibility.

16.2 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 competitors before, during or after the Championship.

17. Insurance

Competitors are encouraged to carry a valid third-party liability insurance covering all risks in their respective countries.

18. Payment of Fees

All fees must be received, either by bank transfer, or bank draft. Personal cheques and credit cards will not be accepted. All bank commissions paid by the Organization Authority shall be charged back to the competitor during registration.

19. Chandlery and Repairs

Chandlery and repairs will be available, to be provided by SailBoats Enterprise, the official boat builder/supplier for the Championship.

20. Visa

On arrival visas will be issued to all participants. However, if possible and for the convenience of all parties concerned as well as for the participants, it is very much encouraged that business visas are applied at the respective Myanmar Embassies in advance. The Organizing Committee will issue invitation letters once the name list of the teams are known.

21. Sailing Conditions

Expected weather conditions within the racing area:

Average Temperature	: 25 - 33° C.
Average Water Temperature	: 26° C.
Prevailing Winds	: 5 - 14 knots.
Current	: slight
Sea Condition	: close shallow waves

22. Social Events

A program of social events will be arranged in order to promote friendship among competitors and official from all participating countries, to make sure their stay in Myanmar is enjoyable and a memorable one.

23. Other Information

23.1 Member countries are required to bring along their own National Flag and National Anthem (CD or Tape)

23.2 Member countries holding any Challenge Trophies are reminded to carry them to this championship.

23.3 Communications between the Organizing Authority and competitors is made via e-mail, fax or post.

23.4 The Organizing Authority can be reached at this contact:

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24. Background & General Information

Myanmar last hosted the 9th ASEAN Open Optimist Championship back in 1996 where a total of 8 countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Myanmar

from the ASEAN region, and Japan and Pakistan from the non-ASEAN region participated. There were a total of 50 sailors and more than 15 coaches from the representing countries since we had a coaching seminar immediately prior to the regatta. IODA sent a very experienced Danish Coach to conduct the seminar.

Myanmar intend to have the honor to be the host again for this year's event and very much hope that at least 12 countries from ASIA, Australia and New Zealand will be participating. The event will be held at Chaungtha Beach Resort about 220 kilometers west of the capital city of Yangon. The plan is for the teams to arrive in Yangon on 12 December, spend a night at the Transit Hotel in Yangon, and together travel by car to Chaungtha early morning the next day. Thai Airways, Silk Air, Myanma Airways Int'l and Indian Airlines have daily flights into Yangon. However, December is the peak tourist season in Myanmar, thus airline bookings and reservations should be done way ahead.

The Myanmar Yachting Federation meanwhile very much look forward to have the honor and privilege to serve you all as host for this year's championship. We give our commitment that we will do whatever we can to make this event a very memorable regatta.

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