



2025 MGM Macao International Regatta Lotus Cup & Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cup

January 9th to 12th 2025 • Macao, China

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organization

The 2025 MGM Macao International Regatta is jointly organized by the Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government, MGM, and Ursa Major Sailing Event Management.

2. Rules

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. The IRC Rules 2024, Parts A, B & C (IRC-C), except that IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.
3. RRS 90.3(e) will apply.
4. No national prescriptions will apply.
5. Notation:
The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR means that shall not be grounded for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
7. If there is a conflict between NOR and SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

3. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the regatta.

4. Communication

1. Event official information will be published on official website www.macaoregatta.com, or via wechat group.
2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcast to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

5. Advertising

1. Competitors' advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Skippers shall submit a copy of advertising design to the race committee 30 days prior to the first race in which they intend to display for examine and approval.
2. [DP][NP] Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. The advertising shall be stucked or displayed as required by the organizing authority. No OA advertising shall be removed during the event.

6. Eligibility and Entry

1. Divisions:
 - a) The event consists of following 2 respective divisions:
 - 1) Lotus Cup Division (IRC) – open entry to international and domestic teams.
 - 2) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cup Regatta Division (IRC) – open entry to Guangdong- Hong Kong – Macao Greater Bay Area and National teams.
 - b) Applied teams shall choose a division to enter, and submit the valid IRC certificate prior to the event.
 - c) [NP] Due to limited entry number of each division, the race committee may adjust a boat's division at its own discretion. The race committee will confirm a boat's entry and division. Race committee's decision is final and is not grounded for appeal.
2. Boats intend to enter shall submit Entry Form, Crew List, regatta experience of skipper and minimum 3 crews, skipper's valid license, boat license and insurance, and pay entry fees before entry deadline. Race committee will check all documents before confirming entry eligibility. A boat's valid IRC certificate shall be submitted no later than Jan.6th, 2025.
3. [DP] Crew Limitation
 - IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except the onboard crew number shall comply with the number of boat registration license.
4. The regatta entry deadline is Nov.1st, 2024(Friday).
5. Boats still intend to enter after entry deadline, with the confirmation from the organizing authority, shall submit entry documents before Nov.15th, 2024(Friday) and pay the late entry fee.
6. [NP] Organizing authority may adjust entry deadline based on entry numbers.
7. Fees:
 - Entry fee: HKD 12,000 / RMB 11,000 / USD 1,540
 - Late Entry fee: HKD 15,000 / RMB 14,000 / USD 1,930
 - Entry fee is not refundable if a boat complete entry procedure and is confirmed entry eligibility.
8. Bank Details:
 - Banker: Bank of China Macau Branch
 - A/C Name: Ursa Major Sailing Event Management (Macau) Co., LTD.
 - A/C Number (HKD): 185000007472952
 - A/C Number (RMB/USD): 185000252469256
 - SWIFT Code: BKCHMOMX

9. Registered Crew Passes will be assigned to each Skipper and Crew at registration, which are for the use of the registered Skipper or Crew ONLY. Replacement passes must be purchased from the Race Office.
10. Participating teams shall take charge of their own boats immigration and custom clearance to and leave Macao including relevant costs. The organizing authority will provide assistance.

7. Accommodation

1. Free accommodation will be provided to teams from 8th to 12th, January 2025 (a total of 5 nights):
 - Maximum 4 twin-rooms per team based on entry list.
2. Actual free room numbers in accordance with 7.1 will be based on actual registered crew list.

8. Schedule

1. The scheduled program for 2025 Lotus Cup and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cup is as follows, with 8 races planned to be sailed over 4 days.

January 7th 2025 (Tuesday)

1200hrs – 1800hrs Boat Immigration & Custom Clearance into Macao

January 8th 2025 (Wednesday)

0900hrs – 1700hrs Registration

0930hrs – 1430hrs Practice

1630hrs – 1700hrs Skippers' Briefing

January 9th 2025 (Thursday)

0900hrs – 1030hrs Sailing Fleet Parade Macao Waterway

1130hrs – 1600hrs Race Day 1

January 10th 2025 (Friday)

1030hrs – 1600hrs Race Day 2

January 11th 2025 (Saturday)

1030hrs – 1600hrs Race Day 3

January 12th 2025 (Sunday)

0900hrs – 1030hrs Sailing Fleet Parade Macao Waterway

1130hrs – 1500hrs Race Day 4

1800hrs – 1840hrs Closing Ceremony & Overall Prize Giving

January 13th 2025 (Monday)

0800hrs – 1200hrs Boat Immigration & Custom Clearance out Macao

2. Detailed race plan and sailing courses of each division will be stated in Sailing Instructions.
3. On last race day, no warning signal will be displayed after 1430hrs.

9. Measurement

1. Each boat shall provide a valid IRC certificate.
2. Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta for breach of rules.

10. Venues

The race area will be at the waters of Hac Sa Beach (See Appendix).

11.The Courses

The courses to be sailed will be selected from a list of appropriate courses to be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and will be decided depending on prevailing weather conditions.

12.Penalty System

1. For all divisions, RRS 44.1 has changed such that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
2. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13.Scoring

1. The Low Points system of RRS Appendix A shall apply to all races. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series warranting overall prizes.

2. Discards:

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.Berthing

[DP][NP] Keel Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths while they are in the Fisherman's Wharf Marina.

15.Haul-out Restrictions

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16.Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

[DP]Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

17.Prizes

1. 2025 Lotus Cup and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Cup prizes will be awarded to the boats in the first three positions in the overall series scores for each division respectively.
2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18.Risk Statement

1. RRS 3 states : "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race committee, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
2. Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government, MGM, Ursa Major Sailing Event Management (Macao) Co., LTD. and related regatta organizing parties will not accept any liability for vessel and material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. The team or boat owner shall take the full responsibility.
 3. All participating crew and their supporting persons shall sign Disclaimer provided by the organizing authority.

19. Insurance

1. Each participating boat shall be insured valid insurance with third party liability with a minimum cover of HKD 5,000,000 (Five Million) effective for designated racing venue and dates during the event.
2. Each crew and passenger onboard shall be insured with valid personal insurance certificate covering travel, accident and medic. The Organizing Authority is not responsible to verifying the status or validity of certificates.

20. Further Information

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Appendix: Race Area

