

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that 54th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (“HKSF”) will take place at Annex Meeting Room 1 & 2, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Kellett Island, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 6:30 pm.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 December 2023.
2. To receive the President’s Report. Please refer to Appendix A.
3. To receive, consider and approve the Report of the Council and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.
4. To elect Officers in place of those retiring and to fill vacancy (if any). Please refer to Appendix B.
5. To elect Individual Council Members in place of those retiring and to fill vacancy (if any). Please refer to Appendix B.
6. To elect Member Club Representatives. Please refer to Appendix B.
7. To elect Member Association Representatives. Please refer to Appendix B.
8. To elect the auditor and authorize the Council to fix the auditor’s remuneration for the financial year ending 31 March 2025. Please refer to Appendix C.

By order of the Council



Clot Zhao Huiling
Secretary General

Dated 8 November 2024

(Appendices attached)

NOTES

1. A member who is entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, is entitled to appoint a proxy, who must be an Ordinary or Full or Life Member of HKSF, to attend and vote on his/her behalf. For appointing a proxy, please complete and sign the attached *Appointment of Proxy Form* and deliver it to HKSF Secretariat:

(a) by hand, courier or post at Room 1009, Olympic House, So Kon Po, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong; or

(b) by email at generalmeeting@sailing.org.hk

so that the completed and signed *Appointment of Proxy Form* will reach HKSF Secretariat **not later than 6:30pm on 16 December 2024**.

2. Pursuant to Article 34B of Part B of HKSF Articles of Association (“AOA”), if a Member Club or a Member Association is a body corporate, it may by resolution of its directors or governing body authorize a person to act as its representative to attend and vote at the AGM.

3. Pursuant to Article 6(c) of Part B of the AOA, a member shall not be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of membership while his subscription is in arrears.

APPENDIX A – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2024 is a remarkable year for the achievements and awards won by Hong Kong sailors, coaches and inclusive sailing pioneer. This is truly an honour to recount their success in this report.

Awards

In March, Kay Rawbone, the co-founder and CEO of Sailability Hong Kong and HKSF Council Member, was awarded the British Empire Medal for her successful promotion of inclusive sailing to people with disability, ethnic minority and people from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

In April, Rory Godman, the double handed coach of Hong Kong Sports Institute (“HKSI”), won the Coach Award of the Year 2023 in the category of Junior Athletes – Team Event.

In July, Stephanie Louise Norton, ILCA 6 sailor, Hangzhou Asian Games medalist and Olympian, was awarded Chief Executive’s Commendation for Community Services in recognition of her outstanding achievements in international sailing competitions.

HKSF National Sailing Team

At the Paris Olympic Games in July/August 2024, 3 dinghy sailors took part in 2 events. Nicholas Halliday in the men’s dinghy event (ILCA 7) finished 24th and as the 2nd Asian sailor in a strong fleet of 43 sailors. Akira Sakai and Russell Aylsworth made history of being the first ever 49er team in Hong Kong qualified for the Olympics.

Other outstanding results achieved by the national team include:

- (a) 2024 29er Asian Championship – Emily Polson & Tiffany Mak (1st overall & 1st Female Team), Cameron Law & Christopher Lam (2nd overall & 1st Male/Mixed Team)
- (b) 2024 Youth Sailing World Championship – Emily Polson & Tiffany Mak (6th) in 29er/Female Skiff
- (c) 2024 29er World Championship – Emily Polson & Tiffany Mak (6th Female team)
- (d) 2024 ILCA Asian Cup – Nicholas Halliday (1st) and Peter Jessop (2nd) in ILCA 7, Daniel Chan (1st overall & 1st U19) and Seb Van Ommeren (2nd U19) in ILCA 6 Men, Nancy Highfield (1st overall), Stephanie Norton (3rd overall) and Ziyang Huang (1st U19) in ILCA 6 Women, Tiago Cheng De Villemor Salgado (1st overall and 1st U16) in ILCA 4 Boys, Zixi Huang (1st U16) in ILCA 4 Girls

Optimist Sailors

In this summer we also saw Hong Kong Optimist sailors’ good performance in international competitions:

- (a) 2024 Optimist European Championship – Margaux Nguyen-Minh (3rd in Girls fleet)
- (b) 2024 Optimist North American Championship – Helen Zihan Liu (4th in Girls fleet)

Para Sailing

In October, we applauded Foo Yuen Wai, para sailor, for his superb performance of winning the gold medal in the Liberty class at the 2024 Hansa Asian Pacific

Championships.

Keelboat Sailing

Various Hong Kong big boat sailing teams were flying Hong Kong flag high in overseas competitions:

- (a) Rolex TP52 World Championships 2024 – Alpha+ (led by Shawn and Tina Kang) (4th overall)
- (b) Volvo Cork Week 2024 – Blitz (led by Nick Burns & Andy Pidden) (1st overall in Class 0 – IRC Fleet)
- (c) ORC European Championship 2024 – Beau Geste (led by Karl Kwok, HKSF Honorary President) (1st overall in Class A (A))
- (d) Rolex Middle Sea Race 2024 – Scallywag 100 (led by Seng Huang Lee) (Monohull Line Honours)
- (e) Etchells Australian Championship 2025 – Racer CC (led by Mark Thornburrow) (2nd overall)

Congratulations to all of them!

Greater Bay Area Sailing Competition

In September, as part of the 2024 Guangdong – Hong Kong – Macau Greater Bay Area Sailing Competition (“GBA Sailing Competition”), the Ming Hing Waterworks Port Shelter Regatta was organised by Hebe Haven Yacht Club (“HHYC”) with 2 teams from Nansha Guangdong taking part and one of them having won in the J80 fleet.

The 2nd event of the GBA Sailing Competition will be held at Nansha Yacht Club in Guangzhou in November.

Local International Competition

There are 6 local international competitions held with Government subvention in this year:

- (a) Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week 2024 co-organised with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in February
- (b) 2nd South East Asian Para Sailing Championships co-organised with Sailability Hong Kong and HHYC in March
- (c) Open Dinghy Regatta co-organised with HHYC in May
- (d) Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals co-organised with HHYC in June
- (e) HKODA National and Open Championship at Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club (“CWB”) co-organised with HKODA in October
- (f) 2024 Optimists Asian and Oceanian Championship co-organised with HKODA at CWB in December

Regional Squads

With the aim of enhancing the race performance of HKSF Regional Squads, the number of training days in 2024/25 will be increased by 23% to 50% for different squads.

Trainers and Instructors

Presently, the Training Development Committee of HKSF are working on the revision of the logbook for the Dinghy and Keelboat Sail Training Scheme, and seeking accreditation of the Scheme by World Sailing. An Instructor Code of Conduct has

been drawn up as well as guidelines on Instructor assessment of students in sail training courses.

Race Management

The Race Management Committee of HKSF have organised two Level 1 Race Officer Training Courses in September and October and will organise one further course in December.

Racing Rules of Sailing

The new Racing Rules 2025-2028 announced by World Sailing will come into effect on 1 January 2025. HKSF will publish a booklet of the new Racing Rules with the new HKSF Prescriptions shortly.

Judges and Umpires

2024 is a busy and fruitful year for the Judge and Umpire Committee of HKSF, which have revised the Club Judge and National Judge Program in January and organised various seminars and talks:

- (a) 2 club judge seminars held in January and September with 15 participants approved as Provisional Club Judge
- (b) judge refresher course held in January
- (c) team racing and match racing umpire training held in May
- (d) judges evening held in July

Further seminars planned for this year include:

- (a) an annual seminar with International Judge, International Umpire and Provisional Club Judge as speakers in November
- (b) a seminar on the new Racing Rules 2025-2028 in December

To take advantage of the latest technology and electronic tools, the Committee introduced to the sailing community the SailFish tracking system and the Sailcup Team Racing Management system for race management and the RROS online system for protest hearing management.

To facilitate the on the water judging, the Committee have produced a waterproof RRS 42 Judging Booklet for judges and umpires.

Promotion and Communication

In this year, the Promotion and Communication Committee of HKSF have accomplished the following tasks:

- (a) securing FILA as the sponsor for the uniforms of HKSF sailing teams and delegation to international competitions for 2 years up to April 2026
- (b) securing a sponsorship by Bavaria of 100 polo shirts for HKSF volunteers
- (c) increase of the number of Members' Benefit Partners to 12
- (d) for promotion of sailing to the public:
 - participation in HKSI Open Day, a 2 days event in March, with on-land sailing trial and ropework
 - co-organising with Sail Training Association of Hong Kong Limited the "67th Festival of Sports – Sailing Fun Day", a 2 days event in May at Little Palm Beach Sailing Centre ("LPBSC")
 - offer of free supervised sailing to the public on "Sports for All Day" in August at

LPBSC

- (e) production and broadcast of a television program “A Daily Dose of Well-being – Sailing” by ViuTV in July

The presence of our sailors at the Paris Olympic Games has attracted a lot of mass media attention. Media features on our Olympians assist promotion of the sport of sailing to the public.

Forwards and Appreciation

The support and collaboration of our Member Clubs, Member Associations, HKSI, Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, Leisure and Culture Services Department, and Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and the devotion and contributions of many local coaches, instructors, and volunteers are the cornerstone of the success and development of the sport of sailing in Hong Kong. May I ask all of you to continue your support and help Hong Kong sailors shine and reach new heights at international competitions.

Lastly, I would thank my fellow Officers, all Council members, our Committee members and the staff of HKSF for their contributions to HKSF.



Cheung Mei Han
President
8 November 2024

APPENDIX B – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION NOTES

1. Composition of the Council

Pursuant to the Articles of Association of HKSF (“AOA”), the Council consists of:

- (a) 5 Officers (i.e. a President, 3 Vice Presidents and an Honorary President)
- (b) 8 Individual Members
- (c) 4 Member Club Representatives
- (d) 6 Member Association Representatives

making up a total of 23 Council members at the maximum.

2. Officers (2 vacancies)

In accordance with Article 38 of Part B of the AOA, at the AGM, 2 Officers, namely Ms. CHEUNG Mei Han (President) and Mr. FAN Yee King David (Vice President) will retire and are eligible for re-election.

There are 1 vacancy of President and 1 vacancy of Vice President for election. Only FULL or LIFE Members are eligible to be nominated as an Officer of the Council

3. Individual Council Members (3 vacancies)

In accordance with Article 38 of Part B of the AOA, at the AGM, Mr. IP Wah Tak, Mr. John David BERRY, and Mr. Gregoire Bourrut LACOUTURE will retire as Individual Council Members and are eligible for re-election.

There are 3 vacancies of Individual Members for election. Only FULL or LIFE Members are eligible to be nominated as an Individual Member of the Council

4. Member Club Representatives (4 vacancies)

In accordance with Articles 38 of Part B of the AOA, all Member Club Representatives shall retire. A Member Club may nominate one person from its members as a candidate who must also be an Ordinary Member, Full Member or Life Member of HKSF.

5. Member Association Representatives (6 vacancies)

In accordance with Article 38 of Part B of the AOA, all Member Association Representatives shall retire. A Member Association may nominate one person from its members as a candidate who must also be an Ordinary Member, Full Member or Life Member of HKSF.

6. For nominations of candidates for the election, please duly complete and return the attached *Nomination Form* to HKSF Secretariat **by 5:30 pm on 27 November 2024:**

- (a) by hand, courier or post at Room 1009, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong; or
- (b) by email at generalmeeting@sailing.org.hk
7. A Proposer and Seconder of a candidate standing for election of Officer or Individual Council member must be a FULL or LIFE Member of HKSF. Under no circumstances will late nominations be considered.
8. If there shall be more candidates for election than the vacancies, a ballot shall be held in accordance with the AOA and the result of the ballot shall be announced at the AGM. If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled, all candidates shall be deemed to be elected to the office for which they have been proposed and seconded.



APPENDIX C – AUDITOR’S APPOINTMENT & REMUNERATION

1. The auditor for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 is United Power HK CPA Limited, who will retire at the AGM, and offer themselves for re-appointment. The auditor’s remuneration was HK\$50,800 (including disbursements).
2. The Council proposes to re-elect United Power HK CPA Limited as the auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.