

UK SAILMAKERS TYPHOON SERIES

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Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to present once more the Typhoon Series, an intriguing mix of challenging geometric courses and races around the picturesque islands in eastern Hong Kong, with the ever popular races to and from Mirs Bay scheduled for the series. The Club invites all competitors to join the Series.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20 together with;

- The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation;
- IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, except that IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply;
- There will be no limitations on Crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as One-design, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1;
- The HKPN handicap system as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
- The Rules of the SMS system for the Sportsboat class;
- Class Rules where they apply;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
- This Notice of Race, and
- The Typhoon Series 2017 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

2.2 **Note the 2017 version of the HHYC SSI will apply to this series.** Competitors must be aware of changes to the rules and courses in the new version.

2.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify this Notice of Race. Competitors will be notified of any modifications.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Event is open to all boats in the following Classes:

- IRC Class - monohull cruiser boats holding a valid IRC rating. **Skippers are reminded that they must have an IRC certificate that is valid for the 2017 – 2018 period.**
- HKPN Class - cruiser boats holding a valid HKPN.
- Sportsboat Class; holding a valid SMS rating.
- One-design Classes - J80.

3.2 Should there be sufficient entries, the IRC and HKPN Classes may be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.

3.3 Should there be insufficient entries in the classes to form a Class; the Race Committee may incorporate one-design boats into other divisions where possible.

4 FEES

The race fee per boat is \$200 per racing day or \$400 for each of the Mirs Bay Passage Race and the Mirs Bay Return Race, or \$1400 for the Series (including the Mirs Bay Passage Race and the Mirs Bay Return Race).

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 It is proposed to hold nine races as part of the series. The Mirs Bay return race will not contribute to the overall series score. (This alters Rule 90.3 of the RRS.)

Race number	Date	Race Type	Scheduled time for the 1st warning signal
1 and 2	Sunday 18 th June 2017	One Geometric and one Island	10:55
3	Sunday 2 nd July 2017	Island	10:55
4 and 5	Sunday 16 th July 2017	Geometric (outside of Port Shelter)	11:25
6	Saturday 29 th July 2017	Passage Race to Mirs Bay	10:55
	Sunday 30 th July 2017	Mirs Bay Return Race (Pursuit format) (This race does NOT constitute part of the series.)	
7	Sunday 13 rd August 2017	Island	10:55
8 and 9	Saturday 26 th August 2017	Geometric	13:55

5.2 The 2nd and 16th of July, as well as the 13th of August have been designated as possible re-sail dates, should the Race Committee choose to re-run one or more cancelled or abandoned races.

5.3 Five races, excluding the Mirs Bay Return race, shall constitute a series.

5.4 In the event that the weather conditions, as determined by the race committee, are deemed unsuitable for Sportsboats and J80s to race to Mirs Bay (Race 6), an alternative race shall be organized for them in the Port Shelter area. Such a determination shall be made by the Race Committee after consultation with the relevant parties, and the decision and details shall be posted on the club website and club notice board no later than 1700 hours on Friday 28th July 2017.

6 VENUE

6.1 All races except Races 4 and 5 and the Mirs Bay Return Race will start in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island if wind conditions so demand).

6.2 Races 4 and 5 will start in the general area between Trio and Bluff islands.

6.3 The Mirs Bay Return Race will start in the general vicinity of Cham Pai Light, which may extend to the south if wind conditions so demand.

7 START TIMES

7.1 The Warning Signal will be displayed for the first start of each day as follows:

Races 1,3,6,7	10.55 hours
Race 4	11:25 hours
Mirs Bay Return Race	Pursuit Race – Individual start
Race 8	13:55 hours

- 7.2 Races subsequent to the first race of the day shall be started as soon as possible after all boats in each class have finished or are deemed to have retired from the previous race.
- 7.3 Start times for the Mirs Bay Return Race and positioning of the proposed finish line will be included in the Typhoon Series 2017 Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4 The proposed starting sequence for all classes/ divisions will be published in the Typhoon Series 2017 Sailing Instructions.

8 CLASSES

8.1 Subject to entries, racing will be held in the following classes:

Class / Division	Proposed Split Range
IRC Division A	1.141 and above
IRC Division B	1.080 – 1.140 inclusive
IRC Division C	1.079 and below
Sportsboats	
J80	
HKPN Division A	1100 and below
HKPN Division B	1101 and above

- 8.2 Subject to the number and nature of entries, the Race Committee may waive the above guidelines or not accept an entry for any class or division, including the wish by a boat to opt for a higher division in the IRC Racing class, or for a boat with an IRC rating to enter the HKPN Division, if the Race Committee considers that the competition would be better served by that boat being in another class. The Race Committee's decision on this is final and is not subject to protest.
- 8.3 Boats holding an IRC and SMS Sportsboat rating may choose to enter either class.
- 8.4 Boats may only be entered in one class.

9 COURSES

The courses for all races are provided in the 2017 HHYC SSI.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing, except for prize giving after the Mirs Bay Passage Race, which will be held during the barbecue at Wong Shek Pier.
- 10.2 The Chan Shui Ngok Trophy will be awarded at the overall prize giving to the first placed boat in the HKPN Cruiser Class.
- 10.3 The Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup will be awarded for Race 6, the Mirs Bay Passage Race, to the winner of one of the IRC Racing Class divisions who, in the opinion of the Race Committee, has achieved the best performance in winning their race. The Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup will be awarded at the overall series prize giving.
- 10.4 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 26th August 2017.

11 ENTRY

With reference to rule K of the HHYC SSI and in order that division splits can be determined, boats are encouraged to make entries online at www.hhyc.org.hk by 12:00 noon on Thursday, 15th June 2017. The additional administration fee for late entries made on the water and not confirmed on the day of the race shall be \$150.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing. The Sportsboat class and similar boats have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of these Regulations. The Race Committee accepts no liability resulting from this dispensation and reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M & P, Part I, of the 2017 HHYC Standard Sailing Instructions.

13 MEASUREMENTS

IRC and SMS classes are also required to submit a copy of their current certificate(s) to the Sailing Office or by email to: sailing@hhyc.org.hk no later than 12:00 Thursday 15th June 2017. IRC competitors are reminded that they must hold a certificate valid for 2017-2018; a boat will be scored DNC for any races not covered by a valid IRC 2017-2018 certificate.

14 SCORING

14.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

14.2 The use of discards will be dependent on the number of races completed as follows:

8-9 races completed - 2 discards

6-7 races completed - 1 discard

Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.

14.3 Results will also be posted for the Sportsboat Class using the ORC Club rating system. The results will be posted on the website during the week following each race. Any boat in the Sportsboat fleet which wishes to participate in these results should provide a copy of their ORC Club rating at the time of entry. No prizes will be awarded based on ORC Club results.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The attention of the person in charge, owner and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone” and to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins “The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge...”

16 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with at least the statutory minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance applicable as of 1 September 2016.

17 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 12:00 noon on Thursday 8th June 2017 on the HHYC website and in the Main Bar of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

General Information & Social:

- A Some overnight moorings and pontoon spaces may be available, subject to availability and by prior arrangement, for visiting boats participating in the series. Interested competitors should contact the Marine Office on 2719 3673 for further information and to arrange.
- B A buffet breakfast will be served from 0800 hours and a Sunday roast buffet dinner will be served from 1800 hours in the Main Restaurant at HHYC on Sunday race days (except the Mirs Bay Return Race). Takeaway food, drinks and ice will also be available.
- C Visiting members of ABC and RHKYC may sign chits on race days to be charged to their home club accounts. Visitors should advise staff of their membership details before placing orders. Our staff may request to see the membership card of any visitor prior to accepting an order. We accept payment by Octopus from competitors not members of Hebe Haven Yacht Club or cash coupons will also be available for purchase in the Main Bar.

Please note – there is no facility to re-charge Octopus card value at HHYC.

- D Participants are reminded of the necessity to display competent seamanship in anchoring near Wong Shek Pier during the Mirs Bay weekend. This should include, but not be restricted to, deploying an appropriate amount of chain and line, using appropriate anchor(s), noting the location of other boats anchors, taking into consideration swing circles and possible changes in wind direction and maintaining a competent anchor watch.
- E Hebe Haven Yacht Club has organized **an additional sampan** service to ferry RHKYC and HHYC Members, and their guests, to Shelter Cove, where they can then board the Shelter Cove Sampan to go to their boats. Details about this service will be posted on the club website and race notice board in the upstairs bar.

Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

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Committee Boat:

Tel: 9126 3805

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Bar:

Tel: 2719 8300

Sampan Service:

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