



Sails East Port Shelter Regatta 2017 Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th September

NOTICE OF RACE

**Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to once again present the Sails East Port Shelter Regatta, an intriguing two-day mix of challenging geometric courses and a race around the picturesque islands of eastern Hong Kong.
The Club invites all sailors to join the Regatta.**

1 ORGANIZING 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 Sails East Port Shelter Regatta 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 and Dragon

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 Sportsboat and One-design Classes, the Race Committee may incorporate these boats into other classes where possible.

4 FEES

The race fee shall be \$500 per boat.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 As far as is practicable, the Regatta shall comprise three races:

Date	Race/Course	Scheduled time for the 1 st warning signal
Saturday, 9 th September	Race 1 & 2 - Geometric Courses for all classes	14:25 hours
Sunday, 10 th September	Race 3 - Geometric course for Dragons; Island Course(s) for all other classes	11:55 hours

5.2 A race that has been postponed or abandoned on the Saturday may be re-run on the Sunday.

5.3 Two races shall constitute the Regatta.

5.4 The precise starting sequence for all classes/divisions will be included in the Sailing Instructions or will be posted on the notice board at HHYC and the Club's website before noon on Friday 8th September 2017.

5.5 Race 2 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.

5.6 Note that for Race 3, the Dragon's start time may be delayed until a geometric course is laid after the start of the other classes





6 VENUE

All races will start in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island, if wind conditions so demand).

7 COURSES

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

8 PRIZES

8.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing.

8.2 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 10th September 2017.

9 ENTRY

Entries should be made online by 12:00 Thursday 7th September 2017. This will assist the Race Committee in making a decision on whether to split classes into divisions. Late entries may also be made on the water on the day of racing by hailing the Committee Boat not later than one minute before the first warning signal. Late entrants MUST submit an online entry form or complete entry at the HHYC Sailing Office before the last day of the regatta. Entrants that fail to comply with this rule will be subject to an additional administration fee of HKD \$150.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 All boats must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore racing. The Sportsboat and J80 classes have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of these Regulations.

10.2 The Organizing Authority 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.

10.3 Dragons and One-Design boats shall comply with class safety rules.

11 MEASUREMENTS

The IRC and SMS classes are required to submit a copy of their current certificate(s) to the Sailing Office or by email to sailadmin@hhyc.org.hk no later than 12:00 Thursday 7th September 2017.

12 SCORING

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



- 12.2 There shall be no discards in the Regatta. This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.
- 12.3 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 the Regatta. 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.

13 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available by noon on 31st August 2017 and will be posted on the Club website.

14 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...”

15 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.

General Information & Social:

- The Sails East Port Shelter Regatta official party will be from 6pm onwards on Saturday the 9th of September at the Hebe Haven Yacht Club. Racers’ friends and families are welcome to join.
- Some overnight moorings and pontoon spaces may be available, subject to availability and by prior arrangement, for visiting boats participating in the Regatta. Interested competitors should contact the Marine Office on 2719 3673 for further information and to arrange.
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club may organize 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.
- 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.

