



2017 Emerald Bay Race Followers

Tips for Skippers

The Dinghy Races on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October 2017

The dinghy race on Saturday 14th October 2017 will start at 14.00 pm. near the heads to Hebe Haven (Pak Ma Tsui), sail across to Sharp Island and then down the channel between Sharp Island and Kau Sai Chau. It will finish by the Green Beacon near Yim Tim Tsai at approximately 16.00. The yachts will not be racing, but will follow the dinghies.

The dinghies will race back to Hebe Haven following the same route on the next day Sunday 15th October 2017, starting at the Green Beacon at 11.00 am.

As the yachts are faster, you may want to take a longer more scenic route. If you have CCF parents on board, they will probably want to take some photos of their children racing on the water. If you can facilitate this they will be most grateful.

If you have friends or family that wants to join the dinghy race, they can do so. Dinghies and J80s can be hired from HHYC by qualified helms.

Logistics

- Please come to the HHYC Garden Bar at 12.00 mid-day on Saturday 14th October 2017 to register and meet your guests.
- COA Secretary Arthur Ho will have a list of boats and guests and introduce you to each other.
- Party tickets will be COA wristbands, Arthur Ho will hand these to you when you register.
- If you don't have a suitable lifejacket for any of your guests on board, please ask the HHYC Sailing Centre to lend you one.
- Please then either use HHYC or RHKYC sampans as appropriate, to take your guests out to your boat.
- Aim to get to the PA Ma Tsui head at 14.00 to see the start of the dinghy race.
- When you arrive VRC Emerald Bay, please drop anchor in the bay. Please do not tie up your boat to the buoy at the VRC or you will impact the whole process.
- Once the race has finished and the dinghies have been tied up to the buoy at the VRC, the safety boat rib will begin a sampan service to get you and your crews ashore. If you have a dinghy, I would recommend you tow it behind your boat, to provide you maximum flexibility for going ashore to VRC and back to your boat after the Hog Roast Party



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Safety First !!

- Most of the guests joining us for the Emerald Bay Race may never been on a boat in their lives. Please carry out a skippers briefing before you leave the mooring, drawing attention to potential hazards such as the boom, trapped fingers, man overboard, tripping hazards etc.
- For your own protection please ensure that your boat license and insurance are both valid and in date
- All guests will be required to sign a disclaimer form before they join your boat. Please ensure you have read your guests' disclaimer forms, so you are aware of any medical conditions they may have.
- Please watch out for them getting sea sick and monitor their condition if they do.
- Some will be non swimmers. If so, please make sure that they wear a lifejacket.
- We have stipulated to guests that all children under 14 must wear a lifejacket, please help us to enforce this.
- If you don't have a suitable lifejacket for your guest, the HHYC Sailing Centre can lend you one.
- Please make sure that your guests protect themselves against sunburn and drink plenty of water as they will be less conscious of the risks than you are.
- If the heads on your boats are not working, please make your guests aware and give them a chance to go before they come on board.

While at the VRC

- Please do not bring your yacht up to the dock at the VRC, they are not designed to take heavy boats and there are hidden rocks and it is shallow.
- If you have a dinghy you can tie it up to the dock, but it is recommended you leave it on a long line, to discourage children from climbing into it during the party.
- The sea bottom near the VRC is about 6m (20ft) deep and is soft mud with good anchor holding, however there are some fishing nets and debris on the bottom, so please ensure your anchor is well dug in.
- HHYC will provide a sampan service using the safety rib. A volunteer will be driving the rib, so please be courteous, they are not being paid for doing this. If you are heavily intoxicated they will refuse to take you on the rib, so please drink responsibly.
- There are hot water showers at the VRC, if you want to take a shower before the party.
- Put on mosquito repellent (eg Off or DEET) when you arrive at the VRC as there will be mosquitos and insects.
- The prize giving for dinghy race will be at 17.30 and food will be served from 18.00
- There will be a CASH bar down on the beach with various types of drinks available.
- Please do not bring any alcohol to the VRC, they reserve the right to charge you corkage if you open it.
- If you are donating any Lucky Draw prizes, please give these to Ms Suki Lai at the draw table.
- Please do not donate any alcohol as Lucky Draw prizes
- Lucky Draw tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Please prepare small notes as change will be limited



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- Breakfast, drinks and and light meals are available upstairs in the VRC clubhouse
- You can use EPS or Octopus to buy food and drinks in the club house, but they do not accept cash and they cannot add value to your Octopus card