



SAN MIGUEL MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 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 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 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, where they apply;
- The rules of the ORC system for rated boats where they apply;
- Other Class rules where they apply;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
- The San Miguel Monsoon Spring Series 2018 Notice of Race (the NOR), and
- These San Miguel Monsoon Spring Series 2018 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list shall take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

2.1 Refer to HHYC SSI 2 and 3 for information on Notices to Competitors.

2.2 Refer to HHYC SSI Clause R for the location of the Signals made ashore.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 It is intended that this Series will comprise eight races; the dates and times for racing are:

Race Number	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	3 rd March 2018	13:55
3	Island	17 th March 2018	13:55
4 & 5	Geometric	24 th March 2018	13:55
6	Island	21 st April 2018	13:55
7 & 8	Geometric	5 th May 2018	13:55

3.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each day is stated above. Races subsequent to the first race of the day will be started as soon as possible after all boats in each class have finished or are deemed to have retired from the previous race.

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- 3.3 24th March 2018 and 5th May 2018 have been designated as possible re-sail dates, should the Race Committee choose to re-run one or more cancelled or abandoned races.
- 3.3 On 17th March 2018 (Race 3) there may be one or two separate Geometric course race(s) for the Dragon Class, in lieu of the designated Island course. Information in this regard will be posted on the HHYC website and notice board not later than 17:00 on Friday, 16th March 2018. This changes NOR 5.2.

4 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

4.1 Class flags and starting sequence will be as follows:

Class / Division	Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence	Proposed Start Time
IRC	G	1	14:00
Sportsboat	O	1	14:00
J80	J	1	14:00
HKPN	V	2	14:05
Dragon	D	3	14:10

- 4.2 The Race Officer may change the starting sequence. Competitors are reminded to check the flags on the Committee Boat during the starting sequence.
- 4.3 Depending on the list of entries, the Race Committee reserves the right to alter the stated divisional splits and starting sequence. In such an event, the new division splits will be posted on the HHYC website and notice board not later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 2nd March 2018.
- 4.4 Yachts in the HKPN class may elect not to use a spinnaker in a particular race by informing the Committee Boat before the Warning Signal of that race. Yachts so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN. No such allowance will be made for any other Class.

5 THE RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 5.1 The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause O.
- 5.2 The courses for all races are chosen from the HHYC SSI Appendices.

6 THE START

The starting line and starting sequence will be as stated in HHYC SSI 6 and 7.

7 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be as stated in HHYC SSI 9.1. Generally the finishing mark (ODM) will be to the port side of the Committee Boat, except where otherwise necessary due to the selected course.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Sportsboat Class the penalty of breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1

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9 TIME LIMITS

The time limits for races are set out in HHYC SSI 9.3.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The timing and procedure in respect of protests and redress requests are set out in HHYC SSI 10.

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system will be as stated in HHYC SSI 11.

11.2 Results using the ORC Club Rating System will also be posted for the Sportsboat Class, J80 Class, and any other boats with ORC Certificate. The results will be posted on the website during the week following each race. Any boats wish 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.

11.3 Results will also be posted for the Sportsboat, IRC and J80 Classes using the HKPN rating system.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall comply with Safety Regulations as stated in HHYC SSI Clause M and NOR 9.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

In accordance with HHYC SSI Clause N all boats are required to carry a VHF radio and keep a listening watch on Channel 72. Channel 77 may be used as a back-up.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Series races entirely at their own risk; see RRS Fundamental Rule 4: Decision to Race and to World Offshore Sailing Special Regulation 1.02 (first point). The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

15 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with at least the minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance required under HKSAR legislation. This changes NOR 14.

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