



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB COUNTESS CUP

Tuesday, 22 May 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

Hebe Haven Yacht Club presents the third edition of The Countess Cup, in a new format, in memory of Philip Boothroyd

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 will apply,
- The HKPN handicap system as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
- Class Rules where they apply;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions, dated April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
- This Notice of Race, and
- The Countess Cup 2018 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Event is open to all boats that hold a valid HKPN handicap, however, only those boats with a HKPN of 1135 or above, at the time of entry, are eligible to contest for the Countess Cup.

3.2 Boats are encouraged to enter by completing the online entry form, available on the Hebe Haven Yacht Club website, prior to the day of the race.

3.3 Late entries may also be made on the water on the day of racing by hailing the Committee Boat.

3.4 Boats that wish to enter and do not have a valid HKPN handicap should contact HKSF



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immediately to request a rating; HKSF advises that this normally takes 10 days to issue. In the event that a boat wishes to make very late entry or does not receive the handicap from HKSF in a timely manner, the Organising Authority (HHYC) is authorized to issue a temporary HKPN for this single race. Boats with temporary HKPN will not be eligible for prizes. Applications for a temporary HKPN must be made to the Sailing Office, not later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, 19 May 2018.

4 FEES

The race fee per boat is \$150.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The Countess Cup will take place on Tuesday, 22 May 2018.
- 5.2 The Countess Cup will comprise one Pursuit Race, with staggered starts based on HKPN handicaps. The scheduled first start shall be not earlier than 10:00, or as otherwise published in the Countess Cup 2018 Sailing Instructions.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website on or before 17:00 on 14 May 2018 and will be available at the Main Bar of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

7 VENUE AND COURSE

- 7.1 The course will be a clockwise circuit of the 'Kau Sai Chau islands', ~~with a requirement to leave Kau Sai Chau, Tai Tau Chau, Cham Pai Light (Green Beacon) and Ma Tsai Pai to starboard. This is Course 44 in Appendix B of the HHYC SSI.~~ **Refer to SSI 4.2 for amended course details.**
- 7.2 The starting line will be at or near the south tip of Sharp Island.

8 SCORING

Boats will be scored based on their finishing time without further adjustment.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 The Countess Cup and other prizes will be awarded after racing on Tuesday, 22 May 2018. Except with the prior agreement of the Race Committee, the Philip Boothroyd Trophy shall not be removed from HHYC and shall be returned to the Sailing Office on the day of the race.



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- 9.2 In addition, the elapsed time of all qualifying boats which complete the full clockwise course will be considered for award of the Charisma Cup; the qualifying criteria for which is set out in the revised Charisma Cup Sailing Instructions included at Appendix A. The time of the fastest qualifying boat will be awarded the Charisma Cup provided that her time is faster than any other time lodged with the Sailing Office in accordance with the date limitations set out in the Charisma Cup Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3 Weather permitting the Prize-giving shall take place at the *HHYC Beach and BBQ Rally*, which shall be held on the same day at a beach close to the finishing line.

10 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.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1 All boats shall comply with the 'HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices' in effect from 1 November 2017.
- 11.2 All boats shall comply with the Safety Regulations as stated in the Clause M of Part I of the HHYC SSI. Sportsboats and J80s have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing.
- 11.3 The Race Committee accepts no liability resulting from this dispensation and reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M & P, Part I, of the HHYC SSI.

12 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 Organizing 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.

13 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with at least the minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance required under HKSAR legislation.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Sailing Office at +852-2719 7932 or sailing@hhyc.org.hk.



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General Information

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. HHYC staff may request to see the membership card of any visitor prior to accepting an order. Payment is accepted by Octopus from competitors who are not members of Hebe Haven Yacht Club, or cash coupons will be available for purchase in the Main Bar.

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

Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

Office:

Tel: 2719 9682

Fax: 2358 1017

Bar:

Tel: 2719 8300

Marine Office:

Tel: 2719 3673

Sampan Service:

Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205

Committee Boat:

VHF: Channel 72



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Appendix A

**Charisma Trophy
Sailing Instructions**



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB CHARISMA TROPHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This Sailing Instructions revises and supersedes any previous Charisma Trophy Sailing Instructions and any related notice to Competitors.

The Charisma Trophy is presented annually to the boat which records the fastest time under sail around the Kau Sai Chau islands in the period from 1 May of a year to 30 April of the next year. In addition, times of qualifying boats recorded by the Race Officer, during the Countess Cup – which shall be held in May of each year – will be taken into account.

Boats must be mono-hulled keel boats 35 feet (10.7 metres) overall length or under.

Boats may choose either of the following courses:

Clockwise : Leave Kau Sai Chau, Tai Tau Chau, Cham Pai Light and Ma Tsai Pai to starboard.

Anticlockwise : Leave Kau Sai Chau, Ma Tsai Pai, Cham Pai Light and Tai Tau Chau to port.

Boats will start and finish on a transit of their own choosing. The transit must be reasonably normal to their course at that point.

If No 3 or a higher typhoon signal is in force during the attempt then boats must demonstrate that their insurance policy was valid during the attempt.

A record of each attempt shall be lodged with the Office within 24 hrs of the completion of the attempt and be validated by an independent on-board observer who may also act as crew during the attempt. The record shall include the information on the attached form. The times for attempts shall be posted in the Club and on the Club's website as and when the attempts are made.

The Charisma Trophy shall be presented to the winner at the prize-giving for the Countess Cup, or at a suitable time as soon as possible thereafter if the winner is unable to attend such prize-giving.

Sailing Committee
April 2018