



# HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB COUNTESS CUP Tuesday, 22 May 2018

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club presents the third edition of The Countess Cup*

*The Club invites ALL competitors to join this event,  
which encompasses two trophies and an overall prize.*

### 1 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* (RRS), 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;
- the HKPN handicap system as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions, April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
- the Countess Cup 2018 Notice of Race (NOR); and
- these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

1.2 The Event is open to all boats that hold a valid HKPN handicap. For boats without a valid HKPN handicap, a temporary HKPN may be issued for this race; refer to NOR 3.4.

1.3 Notwithstanding clause 1.2, only boats with a handicap of **1135** or above, at the time of entry, will be eligible to contest for the Philip Boothroyd Countess Cup trophy.

1.4 A boat's HKPN at the time of entry shall be that boat's handicap for the Event irrespective of any subsequent HKPN change.

### 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.



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### 3 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND STARTING SEQUENCE

- 3.1 One Pursuit Race will take place on Tuesday, 22 May 2016, with staggered starts based on HKPN handicaps as set out at Appendix A.
- 3.2 Any boat with a HKPN handicap above 1390 or below 799 must contact the Sailing Office and a start time for that boat will be issued in a Notice to Competitors. This means that boats may start before 10:00 which changes NOR 5.2.
- 3.3 Any boat with an HKPN handicap above 1288 or below 900 must inform the Sailing Office of their intention to race, to ensure that the Committee Boat is on station for their start.
- 3.4 Any boat entering the race on the water must advise the Committee Boat of their HKPN handicap and confirm their start time with the Race Officer, not later than 15 minutes prior to their start time; this changes HHYC SSI Rule K.
- 3.5 Clarification of the current time or of the start time of any boat may be requested from the Committee Boat without contravening RRS 41.

### 4 THE RACING AREA AND COURSE

- 4.1 The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause O.
- 4.2 All boats shall sail the same course. The course will be as follows:  
Start - Green Beacon (s) - Tai Tau Chau (s) – Kau Sai Chau (s) - Cham Pai Light (s) -  
Ma Tsai Pai (s) – Jin Island (s) - Finish;  
this changes NOR 7.1.

### 5 THE START

- 5.1 The starting line will be at or near the south tip of Sharp Island.
- 5.2 A horn will be sounded at two minutes prior to the starting time and at the starting time of any boat in the vicinity of the Committee Boat. No boat shall start prior to the time given for their HKPN handicap. Any boat starting before their allotted starting time shall be deemed to be OCS unless they restart correctly after the correct sound signal. This changes HHYC SSI 7.1 and RRS 26.
- 5.3 Any boat arriving late for the Race may use their engine to approach the starting line, however they must turn off their engine and perform a 360 degree turn prior to starting.

### 6 FINISHING

- 6.1 The finishing line will be laid in the same location as the starting line, as far as practicable. The ODM of the starting line will be left in place to form one end the finishing line.



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- 6.2 Any boat that has not finished the Countess Cup course by 15:00 will be scored “Did Not Finish” (DNF). This changes HHYC SSI 9.3.
- 6.3 In the event that the Countess Cup course is shortened by the Race Officer this will be done no earlier than 13:30.
- 6.4 If the course is shortened, boats that are contesting the Charisma Trophy may continue racing, after passing through the finishing line of the shortened course and complete the full course. If the Race Officer or an assistant is not at the finishing line to record a boat’s finish the boat shall record its own finishing time when passing between the finishing ODM (p) and an easterly transit to Kau Sai Chau. The recorded time shall be sent by SMS or WhatsApp to the Race Officer, on 6291 6876, within 20 minutes of finishing
- 6.5 Boats continuing to race after completing a shortened Countess Cup course, in order to complete the Charisma Trophy course, shall advise the Race Officer accordingly, on the radio or by hailing and receiving an acknowledgement.
- 6.6 Boats that retire from the race shall notify the Race Officer in accordance with HHYC SSI 9.4.

### **7 PERMITTED PROPULSION**

Pursuant to RRS 42.3(i) a boat may use an engine to get clear after grounding or to pick up a Man Overboard. Provided that the boat notifies the Sailing Office of any action in this respect, immediately after the race, by making a detailed declaration and the Race Committee decides that no significant advantage has been gained, no penalty will be given.

### **8 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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

### **9 SCORING**

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

### **10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Pennants will be awarded to the first three boats to cross the finishing line, having completed the course.
- 10.2 The Philip Boothroyd Countess Cup trophy will be awarded first eligible boat to cross the finishing line, having completed the course.



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- 10.3 The fastest boat, based on the time recorded by the Race Officer, which meets the qualifying criteria for the Charisma Trophy and has completed the full course, shall be awarded the Charisma Trophy. \*<sup>1</sup> The qualifying criteria is set out at Appendix A of the Countess Cup NOR.
- 10.4 Prize-giving will be held at the HHYC Beach and BBQ Rally, at a beach close to the finishing line following completion of the day's racing.

*\*<sup>1</sup> No boat has lodged a time with the Sailing Office within the 2017-2018 time limitations.*

### 11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall comply with Safety Regulations as stated in HHYC SSI Clause M and NOR 11.

### 12 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.

### 13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this even race 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.

### 14 INSURANCE

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

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & CONTACTS

### Office

Tel: 2719 9682  
Fax: 2358 1017

### Bar

Tel: 2719 8300

### Marine

Tel: 2719 3673

### Sampan Services

Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205

### Committee Boat

Tel: 649126 3805  
VHF: Channel 72



# HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB COUNTRESS CUP

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HKPN #		Start Time		HKPN #		Start Time
From	To			From	To	
1390	1382	10:00		1129	1121	10:58
1381	1373	10:02		1120	1112	11:00
1372	1364	10:04		1111	1103	11:02
1363	1355	10:06		1102	1094	11:04
1354	1346	10:08		1093	1085	11:06
1345	1337	10:10		1084	1076	11:08
1336	1328	10:12		1075	1067	11:10
1327	1319	10:14		1066	1058	11:12
1318	1310	10:16		1057	1049	11:14
1309	1301	10:18		1048	1040	11:16
1300	1292	10:20		1039	1031	11:18
1291	1283	10:22		1030	1022	11:20
1282	1274	10:24		1021	1013	11:22
1273	1265	10:26		1012	1004	11:24
1264	1256	10:28		1003	995	11:26
1255	1247	10:30		994	986	11:28
1246	1238	10:32		985	977	11:30
1237	1229	10:34		976	968	11:32
1228	1220	10:36		967	959	11:34
1219	1211	10:38		958	950	11:36
1210	1202	10:40		949	941	11:38
1201	1193	10:42		940	932	11:40
1192	1184	10:44		931	923	11:42
1183	1175	10:46		922	914	11:44
1174	1166	10:48		913	905	11:46
1165	1157	10:50		904	896	11:48
1156	1148	10:52		895	887	11:50
1147	1139	10:54		886	878	11:52
1138	1130	10:56		877	869	11:54