



# Quest Yachting Typhoon Series 2015

## NOTICE OF RACE

Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to present once more the Typhoon Series, an intriguing mix of challenging geometric courses and races around the picturesque islands in eastern Hong Kong, with the ever popular races to and from Mirs Bay scheduled for the series. The Club invites all competitors to join the Series.

### 1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

### 2.0 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-16.

2.2 The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation will apply, together with;

- The 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;
- ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Category 5;
- Class Rules where they apply;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions (May 2013);
- This Notice of Race and
- The Typhoon Series 2015 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

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

### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Event is open to:

- All monohull boats of the Big Boat Class holding a valid (June 2015) IRC rating. **Skippers are reminded that they must have a IRC certificate that is valid for the 2015 – 2016 period.** Should there be sufficient entries; the Class may be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.
- All boats of the Big Boat Class holding a valid HKPN rating. Should there be sufficient entries; the Class may be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.
- Sportsboats holding a valid SMS rating.
- One-design J80s.

Should there be insufficient entries in the classes to form a Class; the Race Committee may incorporate one-design boats into other divisions where possible.

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### 4.0 FEES

4.1 The race fee per boat is \$200 per racing day or \$400 for each the Mirs Bay Passage Race and the Mirs Bay Return Race, or \$1600 for the Series (including the Mirs Bay Passage Race and the Mirs Bay Return Race).

### 5.0 SCHEDULE

5.1. It is proposed to hold 9 races as part of the series. The Mirs Bay return race will not contribute to the overall series score. (This alters Rule 90.3 of the RRS.)

Race number	Date	Race Type
1	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Island
2 and 3	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2015	Geometric
4	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Island
5 and 6	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Geometric (outside of Port Shelter)
7	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2015	Passage Race to Mirs Bay
	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2015	Mirs Bay Return Race (Pursuit format) (This race does NOT constitute part of the series.)
8	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	Island
9	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2015	Geometric

5.2 Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July and the 16<sup>th</sup> of August have been designated as, possible re-sail dates, should the Race Committee choose to re-run one or more cancelled or abandoned race(s).

5.3 Five races, excluding the Mirs Bay return race, shall constitute a series.

5.4 In the event that the weather conditions, as determined by the race committee, are deemed unsuitable for Sports Boats to race to Mirs Bay (Race 7) an alternative geometric race shall be organized for them in the Port Shelter area. Such a determination shall be made by the race committee after consultation with the relevant parties, and the decision and details shall be posted on the club website and club notice board no later than 1700 hours on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2015.

### 6.0 VENUE

6.1 Races 1 to 4, 7, 8, and 9 will start in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island if wind conditions so demand).

6.2 Races 5 & 6 will start in the general area to the south-east of Trio Island.

6.3 The Mirs Bay Return Race will start be in the general vicinity of Cham Pai Light, which may extend to the south if wind conditions so demand.

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### 7.0 START TIMES

7.1 The Warning Signal will be displayed for the first start of each day of racing as follows:

Races 1,2,4,7,8	10.55 hours
Race 5	11.25 hours
Mirs Bay Return Race	Pursuit Race – Individual start
Race 9	14.25 hours

7.1 Races subsequent to the first race of the day shall be started as soon as possible after all boats in each class or finished or deemed to have retired from the previous race.

7.2 Mirs Bay Return Race pursuit start times and position of the proposed finish line will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

7.3 The proposed starting sequence for all classes/ divisions will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8.0 CLASSES

8.1 Subject to entries, racing will be held in the following classes:

Class / Division	Proposed Split Range	Flag
IRC Division A	1.2 and above	U
IRC Division B	1.080 – 1.199 inclusive	G
IRC Division C	0.891 – 1.079 inclusive	T
IRC Division D	0.890 and below	K
Sportsboats		V
J80		J
HKPN Division A		D
HKPN Division B		O

8.2 Subject to the number and nature of entries, the Race Committee may waive the above guidelines or not accept an entry for any class or division, including the wish by a boat to opt for a higher division in the IRC Racing class, or for a boat with an IRC rating to enter the HKPN Division, if the Race Committee considers that the competition would be better served by that boat being in another class. The Race Committee's decision on this is final and is not subject to protest.

8.3 Boats holding an IRC and SMS Sportsboat rating may choose to enter either class.

8.4 Boats may only be entered in one class.

### 9.0 COURSES

9.1 The courses for all races are provided in the HHYC SSIs of May 2013, and Appendix 1 of the Quest Yachting Typhoon Series Sailing Instructions 2015.

### 10.0 PRIZES

There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing, except for prize giving after the Mirs Bay Passage Race, which will be held during the BBQ at Wong Shek Pier.

10.1 The **Chan Shui Ngok Trophy** will be awarded to the first placed boat in HKPN Cruiser Class. The Chan Shui Ngok Trophy will be awarded at the overall series prize giving.

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10.2 The **Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup** will be awarded for Race 7, the Mirs Bay Passage Race, to the winner of one of the IRC Racing Class divisions who, in the opinion of the Race Committee, has achieved the best performance in winning their race. The Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup will be awarded at the overall series prize giving.

10.3 Mirs **Bay Trophys** will be presented to the winning boat in each Division for the Mirs Bay Passage Race. Mirs Bay Trophys will be presented at the overall series prize giving.

10.4 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

### 11.0 ENTRY

11.1 Entries should be made online at [www.hhyc.org.hk](http://www.hhyc.org.hk) by 1200 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### 12.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 All boats must comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5.

The Sportsboat class has dispensation for Clause 3.2 and 3.5 (e) of Part B of these Regulations. The Race Committee accepts no liability resulting from this dispensation and reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M&Q, Part I, of the Hebe Haven Standard Sailing Instructions (May 2013).

### 13.0 MEASUREMENTS

13.1 IRC and SMS classes are also required to submit a copy of their current certificate(s) to the Sailing Office or by email to: [sailing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk) no later than 12:00 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015. IRC competitors are reminded that they must hold a certificate valid for 2015-2016.

### 14.0 SCORING

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

14.2 Discards will be used dependent on the number of races completed for that class or division and as follows:

8-9 races completed - 2 discards

6-7 races completed - 1 discard

Less than 5 races completed - 0 discards

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS 5.2.3 races that constitute a series.

### 15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 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..."

### 16.0 INSURANCE

16.1 All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of HK\$1,000,000.

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### 17.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

17.1 The sailing instructions will be available by 12:00 noon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 on the Club website and in the Main Bar of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

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### General Information & Social:

- A Some overnight moorings and pontoon spaces may be available, subject to availability and by prior arrangement, for visiting boats participating in the series. Interested competitors should contact the Marine Office on 2719 3673 for further information and to arrange.
- B A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 0800 hours and Sunday Roast Buffet Dinner is served from 1800 hours in the Main Restaurant at HHYC on Sunday race days (except the Mirs Bay Return Race). Takeaway food, drinks and ice will also be available.
- C 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.
- D Participants are reminded of the necessity to display competent seamanship in anchoring near Wong Shek Pier during the Mirs Bay weekend. This should include, but not be restricted to, deploying appropriate amount of chain and line, using appropriate anchor(s), noting the location of other boats anchors, taking into consideration swing circles and possible changes in wind direction and maintaining a competent anchor watch.
- E Hebe Haven Yacht Club has organized **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.

### Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

**Office:**

Tel: 2719 9682

Fax: 2358 1017

**Marine:**

Tel: 2719 3673

**Committee Boat:**

Tel: 9126 3805

VHF: Channel 72

**Bar:**

Tel: 2719 8300

**Sampan Service:**

Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205

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