



MIXED DOUBLES /DOUBLE HANDED RACE 2016

Sunday 28th February 2016

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club Ltd.

2 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 HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increased Penalty Scheme (PIPS), as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
- 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 noted in Section 3.1 below;
- ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Category 5;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions (May 2013) (HHYC SSIs);
- These Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Mixed Doubles/ Double Handed Race 2016.
- RRS 52 will apply to moveable hull appendages only. This changes the Rules of the HKPN and IRC Rule 15.1. This means that the use of auto-pilots is not permitted, steering may be locked or lashed in place, but may not be mechanically controlled.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to all monohull cruisers holding a valid HKPN rating.

A yacht may enter the **Mixed Doubles Race** if it has a minimum and maximum number of two persons on board, one male and one female.

A yacht may enter the **Double Handed Race** if it has a minimum and maximum of two persons on board, of the same gender.

The Race Committee reserves the right to combine the Mixed Doubles and Double Handed fleets.

3.2 Entries should be made online at www.hhyc.org.hk by 12:00 on Thursday 25th February 2016.

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

3.3 Please note that if three entries are not registered by 17:00 on Thursday 25th February 2016 then the race may be cancelled. Any cancellation will be notified on the HHYC Notice Board and website.



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4 FEES

The race fee is \$200 per boat.

5 VENUE

The Racing will take place in the vicinity of Port Shelter and adjacent islands.

6 SCHEDULE

The scheduled time for the Warning Signal will be at 10.55 on Sunday 28th February 2016.

7 THE COURSE

The course will be chosen from those given in the HHYC SSIs.

8 THE START

The Start will be in the general vicinity of Shelter Island, which may be extended to the outside of Table Island at the discretion of the Race Officer.

9 PROTESTS

Any protests may be heard after racing. This changes rule 10.4 of the HHYC SSI's.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Prize-giving will be held after racing on Sunday 28th February 2016.

10.2 Prizes will be awarded for the Mixed Doubles and Double Handed Races on HKPN handicap, or the combined fleet if decided by the Race Committee at their discretion.

10.3 The Mixed Double Handed Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time from the Mixed Doubles fleet.

10.4 IRC results will be available.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats must comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5. Boats from the Sportsboat and J80 classes have dispensation for Clause 3.23.5 (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 HHYC SSIs.



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12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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...”

13 INSURANCE

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