



Sails East Port Shelter Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to once again present the Sails East Port Shelter Regatta, an intriguing two-day mix of challenging geometric courses and a race around the picturesque islands of eastern Hong Kong.

The Club invites all sailors to join the Regatta.

1 RULES

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

1.2 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;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- The Rules of the SMS system for the Sports-boats class;
- Class Rules where they apply;
- Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of May 2013 (HHYC SSIs);
- The 2016 Sails East Port Shelter Regatta Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1 As far as practicable, the Regatta shall comprise three races:

Date	Race / Course	Warning signal for the first start of each day shall be displayed at:
Saturday 1 st October 2016	Race 1 & 2 – Geometric Courses for all classes	14:25 hours
Sunday 2 nd October 2016	Race 3 – Geometric Course for Dragons Race 3 – Island Course(s) for all other classes	11:55 hours

2.2 A race that has been postponed or abandoned on the Saturday may be re-run on the Sunday.

2.3 Two races shall constitute the Regatta.

2.4 Race 2 shall be started as soon as possible after all boats in each class have finished or are deemed to have retired from the previous race.

2.5 Note that for Race 3, the Dragon's start may be delayed until a geometric course is laid after the start of the other classes.

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3 VENUE

All races will start in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island if wind conditions so demand).

4 CLASSES AND START SEQUENCE

4.1 The classes and divisions for the Sails East Port Shelter Regatta races shall be as follows:

Class / Division	Proposed Split Range	Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence
IRC Division A	1.080 and above	U	1
IRC Division B	1.079 and below	G	2
Sportsboats		V	2
HKPN		B	3
J80		J	3
Dragons		D	4

4.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will start soon, an Orange Flag may be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed. The Orange Flag will be removed (with no sound signal) when the race management team determines that it will not promptly (usually within 5 minutes of the prior start) make the warning signal for the next race in a sequence of races.

4.3 Depending on the list of entries, the Race Committee reserves the right to alter the stated divisional splits. In such an event the new divisional splits will be posted on the HYYC website and notice board not later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 30th September 2016.

4.4 All boats must fly a Sails East Division Flag from the backstay or starboard shroud as indicated below:

IRC Division A - Blue
IRC Division B - Yellow
HKPN - Green
Sportsboats - Black

One Design J80 and Dragons – White

All other advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20.

4.5 Sails East Division Flags will be available from the HYYC main bar from 09:00 on Saturday 1st October 2016.

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5 FINISHING

As per Clause 9.3.1 of the HHYC SSIs, the third boat in each class to finish shall be the Qualifying Boat.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The courses for all races are provided in the HHYC SSIs of May 2013 and Appendix 1 of these Sails East Port Shelter Regatta Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 Courses B1-B9 require boats to pass through the start/finish line gate on every upwind leg of each lap from Mark C, C1 or C2. There is no such requirement for the downwind leg(s) from Marks A, A1, A2 or B.

7 DISCARDS

There shall be no discards in the Regatta. This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing.
- 8.2 Prize giving on Saturday 1st October 2016 will be in conjunction with the Sails East Port Shelter Regatta party featuring a buffet and DJ.
- 8.3 Overall Regatta prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 2nd October 2016.

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 9.1 All boats must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing. The Sportsboat class has dispensation for Clause 3.02 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 (May 2013).
- 9.2 Dragons and One-Design boats shall comply with class safety rules.

10 MEASUREMENTS

IRC and SMS classes are requested to submit a copy of their current certificate(s) to the HHYC Sailing Office or by email to: sailing@hhyc.org.hk no later than 12:00 noon Thursday 29th September 2016.

11 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..."

12 INSURANCE

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

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Notes

- (1) Marks A1 and A2 will be laid before the starting signal.
- (2) Mark B (if applicable) may be laid after the starting signal but will be laid before the leading yacht rounds the previous mark.
- (3) Mark C may be laid after the starting signal but will be laid before the leading yacht rounds the previous mark.
- (4) Mark C is not a mark of the course for the first leg of a race.
- (5) An offset mark(s) may be laid. If laid it will be approximately 50m to port of Mark A1 and/or Mark A2. If laid it shall rank as a mark of the course and shall be rounded to port after rounding Mark A1 or Mark A2.
- (6) All marks shall be rounded to port.

The IRC and Sportsboat classes shall use mark A1 and all other classes shall use A2.

Course Number	Course
C 1	Round 1: Start – A1/A2-B-C Round 2: A1/A2 - C Round 3: A1/A2- B - finish
C 2	Round 1: Start – A1/A2-B-C Round 2: A1/A2 - finish
C3	Round 1: Start A1/A2 – B - C Round 2: A1/A2 - C Round 3: A1/A2 - finish
C4	Round 1: A1/A2 - C Round 2: A1/A2 - finish
C5	Round 1: A1/A2 - C Round 2: A1/A2 - C Round 3: A1/A2 - Finish

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