

# COUNTESS CUP 2017

**Sunday 21 May 2017**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club presents the second running of The Countess Cup,  
in memory of Philip Boothroyd.*

*The Club invites all competitors to join this event.*

### **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).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
- the HKPN handicap system as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
  - Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions, May 2013 (HHYC SSI);
  - the Countess Cup 2017 Notice of Race; and
  - these Sailing Instructions.
- Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.
- 1.3 The Event is open to all boats that hold a valid HKPN handicap, however, 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 whether there is any subsequent HKPN change.

### **2 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

- 2.1 Two races will take place on Sunday, 21 May 2016, as follows:

<b>Race</b>	<b>Course type</b>	<b>Proposed Start Time</b>
1	Geometric	12:00
2	Island	See Clause 2.2 below

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- 2.2 Race 2 shall be started as soon as possible after all boats have finished, or are deemed to have retired from Race 1. See Section 5 and Appendix A for further details.
- 2.3 One race shall constitute the Event.
- 2.4 Subject to the number of Entries, there will be two starts for Races 1 and 2, as follows:

Division	HKPN	Flag	Start Sequence	Warning Signal for Race 1
A	>1135 *	V	1	11:55
B	< 1135	G	2	12:00

\* including 1135

- 2.5 Boats may elect not to use a spinnaker in a particular race by informing the Committee Boat before the Warning Signal of that race. Boats so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN.

## 3 COURSES

- 3.1 The courses for Race 1 are provided in the HHYC SSI and Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions. Division A boats shall round Mark A2 and Division B boats shall round Mark A1.
- 3.2 For Division A, the course for Race 2 shall one of the Shorter Island Courses from the HHYC SSI, which are extracted and included at Appendix B of these Sailing Instructions, for ease of reference. Also included at Appendix B are pertinent extracts from the “Notes” for Island Courses from the HHYC SSI; skippers are reminded to be aware of other such notes in the HHYC SSI.
- 3.3 For Division B, the course for Race 2 will be selected, as normal, from the full list of island courses in Appendix A of the HHYC SSI.

## 4 THE START

- 4.1 The start will be in the vicinity of Shelter Island which may be extended to outside of Table Island at the discretion of the Race Officer.

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- 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.
- 4.3 Any boat arriving late for Race 1 may use their engine to approach the start line, however they must turn off their engine and perform a 360 degree turn prior to starting.

## **5 FINISHING**

- 5.1 If in Race 1, the leading boat has not finished within 60 minutes of the start time, the race may be abandoned. Any boat that has not finished within 45 minutes of the Qualifying Boat will be scored DNF. This changes Clause 9.3.1 of the HHYC SSI.
- 5.2 In respect of Clause 5.1 above, the third boat in each division to finish Race 1 shall be the Qualifying Boat.

## **6 DISCARDS**

There will be no discards for this Event; this changes RRS Appendix A2.

## **7 PRIZES**

- 7.1 Pennants will be awarded for each race and for the combined results of both races. The Philip Boothroyd Countess Cup trophy will be awarded to the overall winner, amongst the eligible boats based on the combined results of both races.
- 7.2 Prize-giving will be held at HHYC, based on provisional results, following completion of the day's racing.

## **8 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 8.1 All boats must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore racing. This changes Clause 9 of the Notice of Race for the Countess Cup 2017.
- 8.2 The Race Committee reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M and Q, in Part I of the HHYC SSI.

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## Appendix A – Geometric Courses

Offset (If laid)    ○            ●    A1

Offset (If laid)    ○            ●    A2

●    B

●    C



## C – Courses Notes

Layout of marks in diagram is for port hand courses.

### Marks

A1/A2	Generally set as windward marks
B	Generally set as a gybing mark
C	Generally set as a Leeward mark
Offset	If laid, set as an offset from mark A1 and/or A2
ODM	Outer distance Mark

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## Notes

1. Mark A1 and A2 (if applicable) will be laid before the starting signal.
2. Mark B (if applicable) may be laid after the starting signal but shall be laid before the leading boat rounds the previous mark.
3. Mark C may be laid after the starting signal but shall be laid before the leading boat rounds the previous mark.
4. Mark C is not a mark of the course for the first leg of a race.
5. An Offset may be laid approximately 50m to port of Mark A1 and/or Mark A2. An Offset, if laid, shall rank as a mark of the course and shall be rounded after rounding Mark A1 or Mark A2 (if applicable).
6. Mark A1 will be an orange cylindrical buoy and Mark A2 will be a black buoy.
7. All marks shall be rounded to port.

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

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## Appendix B – Shorter Island Courses

Course No.	Course	Length (NM)
100	Start - Club Mark - Table (P) - Bay (P) - Table (S) – Finish at LPB	8
101	Start - Club Mark - Table (P) - Bluff (P) - Bay (P) - Table (S) - Finish at LPB	10
102	Start - Club Mark - Table (S) - Steep (S) - Trio (P) - Table (P) - Finish at LPB	8
103	Start - Club Mark - Port Shelter Mark (S) - Steep (S) - Trio (P) - Table (P) - Finish at LPB	10
104	Start - Club Mark - Table (P) - Port Shelter Mark (P) - Table (S) - Finish at LPB	8

where “LPB” = Little Palm Beach

### Notes

- (1) The Port Shelter Mark will be located in the vicinity of 22° 17'.6 N, 114° 20'.8 E (approximately halfway between the southern tip of Bluff and the northern tip of the North Nine Pin).
- (2) If the E flag is displayed on the Committee Boat at the start, then the Steep Mark will be a club buoy located in the vicinity of 22° 16'.85N & 114° 19'.18E, adjacent to Steep Island. If the E flag is not displayed on the Committee Boat at the start then the Steep Mark shall be the island itself.
- (3) If the F flag is displayed on the Committee Boat at the start, then the Bay Island Mark will be a club buoy located in the vicinity of 22° 19'.85N & 114° 20'.15E, adjacent to Bay Island. If the F flag is not displayed on the Committee Boat at the start then the Bay Island mark shall be the island itself.
- (4) A Club Mark may be used. If a Club Mark is to be used as a mark of the course the Committee Boat will fly a Red or Green Flag at the time of the Course Number. The Red or Green Flag will indicate that the Club Mark is to be left to Port or Starboard. The Club Mark may be to windward or leeward of the start line but will normally be to windward.
- (5) Any course that uses Trio Island shall require yachts to round the largest island in the group.
- (6) All marks for all courses, except starting and finishing marks, shall be rounding marks unless otherwise stated. For the purpose of this rule an island mark is deemed to be the island itself and does not include any off lying islets or outcrops, notwithstanding that such islets or outcrops may need to be rounded for the purposes of safe navigation.
- (8) The course distances are approximate and assume a Club Mark has been laid.

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