

CRABBIE'S Summer Saturday Series 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20 together with;
- The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation;
 - IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, except that IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply; **(Skippers are reminded that they must have an IRC certificate that is valid for 2017 – 2018.)**
 - 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;
 - The Rules of the SMS system for the Sportsboat class;
 - Class Rules where they apply;
 - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
 - Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
 - The Crabbie's Summer Saturday Series 2017 Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

- 1.2 Please **note that the 2017 version of the HHYC SSI will apply to this series.** Competitors must be aware of changes to the rules and courses in the new version.

2 SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASS/DIVISION SPLITS, FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

2.1 Schedule

Race	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the 1 st warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	June 3 rd 2017	14:25
3 & 4	Geometric	June 24 th 2017	14:25
5	Island	July 8 th 2017	13:55
6 & 7	Geometric	July 22 nd 2017	14:25
8 & 9	Geometric	August 5 th 2017	14:25

For Race 5, the scheduled time for the first warning signal will be **13:55**. On days with geometric races only, the scheduled time for the first warning signal will be 14:25.

- 2.2 Races subsequent to the first race of the day 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.
- 2.3 Subject to entries, racing will be held in the following Classes:

Class	Rating System	Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence
IRC	IRC	G	1
Sportsboat	SMS	O	1
HKPN	HKPN	V	2
J80	OD	J	2
Dragon	OD	D	3

- 2.4 The Race Officer may change the starting sequence. Competitors are reminded to check the flags on the Committee Boat during the starting sequence.
- 2.5 The Race Committee, upon receipt of entries, may decide to sub-divide the IRC and HKPN Classes into divisions based on suitable rating bands. In such an event, division splits will be finalised not later than noon 1st June 2017 and a notice will be posted on the board at HHYC and on the Club's website.
- 2.6 Yachts in the HKPN class may elect not to use a spinnaker in a particular race by informing the Committee Boat before the Warning Signal of that race. Yachts so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN. No such allowance will be made for any other Class.

3 THE COURSES

The courses for all races are provided in the **2017 version of the HHYC SSI**.

4 THE VENUE

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.

5 DISCARDS

- 5.1 The use of discards will be dependent on the number of races completed as follows:

- 8-9 races completed - 2 discards;
- 6-7 races completed - 1 discard;
- Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.

- 5.2 Four races shall constitute a series.



6 PRIZES

- 6.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing.
- 6.2 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing **on Saturday, 5th August 2017**.

7 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 7.1 All boats must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, SPECIAL REGULATIONS for inshore racing. The Sportsboat class and similar boats have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of these Regulations.
- 7.2 The Organizing Authority accepts no liability resulting from this dispensation and reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M & P, Part I, of the 2017 HHYC Standard Sailing Instructions.

8 MEASUREMENTS

The IRC and SMS classes are required to submit a copy of their current certificate(s) to the Sailing Office, or by email, to sailadmin@hhyc.org.hk no later than 12:00 on Wednesday, 31st May 2017.

9 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with at least the statutory minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance applicable as of 1 September 2016.

