



Golden World Motors (Int'l) Limited MONSOON WINTER SERIES 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

This year, in conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, we are pleased to announce the new Monsoon Series 2017-2018. The former HHYC Winter and Spring Saturday Series remain as individual events, but are renamed as the Monsoon Winter Series 2017 and the Monsoon Spring Series 2018. Combined with the Monsoon Spring Cup 2018 (formerly the RHKYC Spring Cup), the Monsoon Series will have additional prizes for results across these Port Shelter races, as well as the prizes awarded for each of the three individual events. In response to popular demand, HHYC have scheduled more island courses for the series.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority for the Monsoon Winter Series is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 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;
- There will be no limitations on crew numbers 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;
- 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);
- This Notice of Race, and
- The Monsoon Winter Series 2017 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

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

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Event is open to all boats in the following Classes:

- IRC Class - monohull cruiser boats holding a valid IRC rating. **Skippers are reminded that they must have an IRC certificate that is valid for the 2017 – 2018 period.**
- HKPN Class – all boats holding a valid HKPN.

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3.2 Should there be sufficient entries, the IRC and HKPN Classes may be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.

4 FEES

The race fee per boat is \$150 per racing day or \$500 for the Series.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the 1 st warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	4 th November 2017	13:55
3	Island	18 th November 2017	13:55
4	Island	2 nd December 2017	13:55
5 & 6	Geometric	16 th December 2017	13:55

5.2 The starting sequence for all classes/divisions will be included in the Sailing Instructions or will be posted on the notice board at HHYC and the Club's website before noon Friday 27th October 2017.

5.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be **13:55** for all races. 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.

6 COURSES

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

7 PRIZES

7.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing.

7.2 Overall prizes for the Monsoon Winter Series will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 16th December 2017.

7.3 Competitors in the Monsoon Winter Series will also be eligible for overall prizes in the combined Monsoon Series; initial details of which are given in Annex A.



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8 ENTRY

8.1 Entries should be made online by 12:00 on Thursday, 26th October 2017. This will assist the Race Committee in making a decision on whether to split classes into divisions.

8.2 Late entries may also be made on the water on the day of racing by hailing the Committee Boat not later than 20 minutes before the first warning signal. **Late entrants MUST submit an online entry form or complete entry at the HHYC Sailing Office before the last day of the series. Entrants that fail to comply with this rule will be subject to an additional administration fee of HKD \$150.**

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats must comply with the new 'HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices' in effect from 1st November 2017.

10 MEASUREMENTS

The IRC class is 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, 1st November 2017.

11 SCORING

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

5-6 races completed - 1 discard

Less than 5 races completed - 0 discards.

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS. Three races shall constitute a series.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available by 27th October 2017 and will be posted on the Club website and available from the Main Bar of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

13 VENUE

The racing will take place in the vicinity of Port Shelter.



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14 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...”

15 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.

General Information

- 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.





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ANNEX A

THE MONSOON SERIES

A1. Introduction

- 1.1 RHKYC and HHYC have, together, created the inaugural “Monsoon Series” to add more interest to sailing in Port Shelter.
- 1.2 A Notice of Race for the Monsoon Series 2017-2018 will be issued in the near future; this Annex A provides an initial outline on the concept for advance information. RHKYC and HHYC reserve the right to amend any of the details contained in this Annex A, in that Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Results from races in the following series / regattas will be combined and prizes awarded for the Monsoon Series:
 - “Monsoon Winter Series 2017” formerly known as the HHYC Winter Saturday Series;
 - “Monsoon Spring Series 2018” formerly known as the HHYC Spring Saturday Series;
 - and
 - “Monsoon Spring Cup 2018” formerly known as the RHKYC Spring Cup.
- 1.4 Races will be a mix of geometric courses and island courses and will take place in and around Port Shelter, in eastern Hong Kong.
- 1.5 The Monsoon Series represents a combination of the three events scored using the Cox-Sprague system. The three series / regattas listed in para. 1.3 shall continue to be organised and operated as independent sailing events, by the respective Yacht Clubs, with separate results and prizes.

A2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 All boats that sail in any or all of the races in the series listed in para. 1.3 above shall be automatically entered into the Monsoon Series.
- 2.2 There is no entry procedure and no entry fee for the Monsoon Series other than those for the individual events.



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