



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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In the Notice of Race for this Monsoon Winter Series, the new Monsoon Series 2017-2018, organized in conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, was outlined. This Monsoon Winter Series 2017 is the first of three events which comprise the Monsoon Series. 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.

1 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 SSD);
 - The Monsoon Winter Series 2017 Notice of Race, and
 - these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

- 1.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify this Sailing Instructions. Competitors will be notified of any modifications.

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

- 2.1 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	Islands	18 th November 2017	13:55
4	Islands	2 nd December 2017	13:55
5 & 6	Geometric	16 th December 2017	13:55

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- 2.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be **13:55** for all races; **please note that this warning signal is 30 minutes earlier than the previous timing for HHYC Saturday Racing.** 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	Proposed Start Time
IRC	IRC	G	1	14:00
HKPN	HKPN	O	2	14:05

- 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 27th October 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 HHYC SSI of April 2017.

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 PRIZES

- 5.1 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results, following each day's racing.
- 5.2 Overall prizes for the Monsoon Winter Series will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 16th December 2017.
- 5.3 Competitors in the Monsoon Winter Series will also be eligible for entry and overall prizes in the combined Monsoon Series; for details please refer to The Monsoon Series 2017-2018 Notice of Race.

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6 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

7 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, if not having done so previously.

8 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.

9 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..."

10 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.

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