



MONSOON WINTER SERIES 2018

3 November - 15 December, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

Again, in conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, we are pleased to announce the Monsoon Series 2018-2019. Combined with the Monsoon Spring Series 2019, the Monsoon Spring Cup 2019 (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.

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 2018 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 – mono-hull cruiser boats holding a valid IRC rating. **Skippers are reminded that they must have an IRC certificate that is valid for the 2018 – 2019 period.**
- HKPN Class – all boats holding a valid HKPN.
- One Design Classes – J80.
- Sportsboat Class - boats holding a valid SMS rating.

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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.
- 3.3 Should there be less than three entries in the Sportsboat or One-design Classes, the Race Committee may incorporate boats in that class into other classes where possible.
- 3.4 Eligible boats are encouraged to enter by completing the online entry form available on the HHYC website, and returning this with the entry fee on or before 12:00 Wednesday, 31 October 2018. The entry form should include IRC rating (if applicable) and SMS rating (if applicable) in order that divisional splits can be determined.
- 3.5 Late entries may also be made on the water on the day of racing by hailing the Committee Boat not later than one minute before the first warning signal. Late entrants MUST submit an online entry form or complete entry at the HHYC Sailing Office after the race. Entrants that fail to comply with this rule will be subject to an additional administration fee of HK\$150.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The race fee per boat per racing day is \$200.
- 4.2 Boats may choose to enter the whole Series. Entry fees for the Series are:

	<u>Entry Date</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Early Bird	before 18:00hrs on 25 th October 2018	HKD 600
Standard	after 1800hrs on 25 th October 2018	HKD 750

- 4.3 The entry fee is non-refundable. Entry fee will not be refunded or adjusted in the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the 1 st warning signal
1	Island	3 rd November 2018	13:55
2 & 3	Geometric	24 th November 2018	13:55
4	Island	1 st December 2018	13:55
5 & 6	Geometric	15 th December 2018	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 Thursday 1st November 2018.

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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 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, 31st October 2018.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available by 26th October 2018 and will be posted on the Club website and available from the Main Bar of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

8 VENUE

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

9 THE COURSES

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

10 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

In accordance with HHYC SSI Clause N, all boats are required to carry a VHF radio and keep a listening watch on Channel 72. Channel 77 may be used as a back-up.

12 PRIZES

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

12.2 Overall prizes for the Monsoon Winter Series will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 15th December 2018.

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

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12.4 All trophies presented must be returned to the Sailing Office or a member of the Race Committee immediately for engraving. Trophies will remain at the Club for display. Boats not complying with this requirement will be subject to a \$2,000 replacement fee and may be refused entry to future events.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall comply with the HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices.
- 13.2 All boats shall comply with the Safety Regulations as stated in the Clause M of Part I of the HHYC SSI. Sportsboats and J80s have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing.
- 13.3 The Race Committee accepts no liability resulting from this dispensation and reminds competitors of their responsibility under Clauses M & P, Part I, of the HHYC SSI.

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 minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance required under HKSAR legislation.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Sailing Office at +852-2719 7932 or sailing@hhyc.org.hk.

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 “Monsoon Series” to add more interest to sailing in Port Shelter.
- 1.2 A Notice of Race for the Monsoon Series 2018-2019 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 2018” formerly known as the HHYC Winter Saturday Series;
 - “Monsoon Spring Series 2019” formerly known as the HHYC Spring Saturday Series; and
 - “Monsoon Spring Cup 2019” 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.

