



MONSOON WINTER SERIES 2018

3 November - 15 December, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Monsoon Winter Series 2018 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

1.1 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);
- The Monsoon Winter Series 2018 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 these Sailing Instructions. Competitors will be notified of any modifications.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

2.1 Refer to HHYC SSI 2 and 3 for information on Notices to Competitors.

2.2 Refer to HHYC SSI Clause R for the location of the Signals made ashore. Signals made ashore will also be posted on the HHYC Facebook page www.facebook.com/hebehaven/.

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

3.1 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

3.2 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.

3.3 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
Sportsboat	SMS	O	1	14:00
J80	OD	J	2	14:05
HKPN	HKPN	V	2	14:05

3.4 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 and starting sequence may be amended and will be finalised not later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, 1st November 2018. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to advise any amendments.

3.5 The Race Officer may change the starting sequence. Competitors are reminded to check the flags on the Committee Boat during the starting sequence.

3.6 Boats 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. Boats so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN. No such allowance will be made for any other Class.

4 THE RACING AREA

The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause O.

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5 THE COURSES

The courses for all races are provided in the HHYC SSI Appendices.

6 THE START

6.1 The starting line and starting sequence will be as stated in HHYC SSI 6 and 7.1.

6.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall well keep clear of the starting area in accordance with HHYC SSI 7.1.2.

7 THE FINISH

7.1 The finishing line will be as stated in HHYC SSI 9.1. The finishing mark (ODM) for Island courses will generally be on the port side of the Course.

7.2 Boats that retire from the race shall notify the Race Officer or face potential disqualification, all in accordance with HHYC SSI 9.4.

8 TIME LIMITS

The time limits for races are set out in HHYC SSI 9.3.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Sportsboat Class, the penalty of breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

10 PERMITTED PROPULSION

Pursuant to RRS 42.3(i) a boat may use an engine to get clear after grounding or to pick up a Man Overboard. Provided that the boat notifies the Sailing Office of any action in this respect, immediately after the race, by making a detailed declaration and the Race Committee decides that no significant advantage has been gained, no penalty will be given.

11 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The timing and procedure in respect of protests and redress requests are set out in HHYC SSI 10.

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12 SCORING

12.1 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.

12.2 Three races shall constitute a series.

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 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, if not having done so previously.

15 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.

16 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..."

17 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with at least the minimum cover of valid third-party liability insurance required under HKSAR legislation.

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