



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB PORT SHELTER REGATTA 2019

Saturday and Sunday, 21 & 22 September 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to present the annual Port Shelter Regatta, a challenging combination of geometric courses and a race around the picturesque islands of eastern Hong Kong over two days.

The Club invites all sailors to join the Regatta.

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;
- 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 Port Shelter Regatta 2019 Notice of Race; and these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

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 and changes to Sailing Instructions. The official notice board for the event will be located in the Garden Bar; this changes HHYC SSI 2.

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

3.1 The races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Race/Course	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
Saturday, 21 September 2019	Race 1 - Island Course(s)	13:55
Sunday, 22 September 2019	Race 2 & 3 - Geometric Course(s)	11:55

3.2 For Race 1, in the event that the weather conditions, as determined by the Race Committee, are deemed unsuitable for an island course, the race may be changed to one geometric course.

3.3 If Race 1 is postponed or abandoned, it may be re-run on the Sunday.

3.4 Two races shall constitute the Regatta.

3.5 Race 3 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.

4 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

4.1 The classes and divisions for the Port Shelter Regatta races shall be as follows:

Class / Division	Proposed Split Range	Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence
IRC Division A	1.080 and above	G	1
IRC Division B	1.079 and below	K	2
Sportsboats		O	2
HKPN		V	3
J80		J	3

4.2 Depending on the list of entries, the Race Committee reserves the right to alter the stated divisional splits and starting sequence. In such an event the new divisional splits will be posted on the HYYC website and notice board not later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 20 September 2019.

4.3 The starting sequence may change at the discretion of the Race Officer. Competitors are reminded to check the flags on the Committee Boat during the starting sequence.

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4.4 At all times during the race, all IRC and HKPN boats shall fly their class flag from their backstays or starboard shroud for identification purposes [DP].

5 THE RACING AREA

The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause 0.

6 THE COURSES

The courses will be chosen from the HHYC SSI Appendices.

7 THE START

7.1 The starting line and starting sequence will be as stated in HHYC SSI 6 and 7.

7.2 All boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area in accordance with HHYC SSI 7.1.2 [DP].

8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will be as stated in HHYC SSI 9.1. The finishing mark (ODM) will generally be on the port side of the course.

8.2 Any boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer or face potential disqualification, all in accordance with HHYC SSI 9.4.

9 TIME LIMITS

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

10 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.

11 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.

12 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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13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

13.2 There shall be no discards in the Regatta. This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 All boats shall comply with the Safety Regulations as stated in the Clause M of Part I of the HHYC SSI and NOR 13.

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

Competitors participate in the Series races entirely at their own risk; see RRS Fundamental Rule 4: Decision to Race and to World Offshore Sailing Special Regulation 1.02 (first point). The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

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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