

MONSOON WINTER SERIES 2019



19 October - 14 December, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

In conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, HHYC is pleased to announce the Monsoon Winter Series 2019; the first event of the Monsoon Series 2019-2020.

Comprising the HHYC Winter Series 2019; the HHYC Monsoon Spring Series 2020; and the RHKYC Monsoon Spring Cup 2020, the Monsoon Series will have additional prizes for combined 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 2019 Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

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

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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 2019 – 2020 period.**
- HKPN Class – all boats holding a valid HKPN.
- One Design Class – J80.
- Sportsboat Class - boats holding a valid SMS rating.

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 Boats may only enter one class for the Series.

3.5 Eligible boats are encouraged to enter by completing the online entry form available on the HHYC website, on or before 12:00 Wednesday, 16 October 2019. The entry form should include IRC rating (if applicable) and SMS rating (if applicable) in order that divisional splits can be determined.

3.6 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 no more than 24 hours 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 \$225.

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 18:00 on 8 October 2019	HK\$ 850
Standard	after 18:00 on 8 October 2019	HK\$ 1,000

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.

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5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	19 October 2019	13:55
3	Island	2 November 2019	13:55
4 & 5	Geometric	16 November 2019	13:55
6	Island	30 November 2019	13:55
7 & 8	Geometric	14 December 2019	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 on or before Thursday, 17 October 2019.

5.3 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 and Sportsboat classes are 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 noon on Wednesday, 16 October 2019.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available by 11 October 2019 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.

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10 SCORING

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

8 races completed - 2 discards

6-7 races completed – 1 discard

Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS. Four 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, 14 December 2019.
- 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 the Monsoon Series Notice of Race that has been issued and is available on the HHYC website.
- 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.

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14 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 Organizing 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.

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 2719 7932 or sailing@hhyc.org.hk.

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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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