



INAUGURAL OVERNIGHT COASTAL RACE 2020

7/8 March 2020

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is pleased to announce the Inaugural Overnight Coastal (IOC) Race 2020, which is also the second race of the Hong Kong IRC Nationals. The Race presents a rare opportunity for night racing around the waters of Hong Kong. Entry is open to both IRC and HKPN Class boats.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for the IOC Race is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

2 RULES

2.1 The IOC Race 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;
- During the hours of sunset to sunrise the International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCAS) replaces RRS Part 2; The HKPN handicap system as administered by the HKSF and the HKPN Committee;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 (without life-raft); with the exceptions stated in Appendix A;
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of April 2017 (HHYC SSI), except that Clause 9.3 shall not apply; and
- This Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Hebe Haven Inaugural Overnight Coastal Race 2020.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

2.2 The notation '[DP]' in a clause means that the penalty for breach of that clause may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify this NOR/SI; Competitors will be notified of any modifications.

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

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

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



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4 RACE BRIEFING

A skippers' briefing will be held at Hebe Haven Yacht Club, Garden Bar at 19:00 on Friday, 6 March 2020; attendance is mandatory for all boats participating in the race. Skippers should attend in person, if possible, otherwise an alternate, who must be a crew member that will be onboard during the IOC Race, may attend the briefing

5 ELIGIBILITY ENTRY AND FEES

5.1 The IOC Race is open to all boats in the following Classes:

- IRC Class - monohull boats holding a valid IRC rating;
- HKPN Class – boats holding a valid HKPN rating.

5.1 The fee for the IOC Race is \$500 per boat and is non-refundable, except in the event of the race being cancelled before 10:00 on the day of the Race.

6 CLASSES, FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

6.1 Subject to entries racing may be held in the following Classes and Divisions; class flags and indicative starting sequence are also shown :

Class/Division	Split Range	Flag	Start Sequence
IRC 1	1.171 and above	G	1
IRC 2	1.080 to 1.170 inclusive	K	1
IRC 3	1.079 and below	R	2
HKPN		V	2

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

6.3 Subject to the entries, the Race Committee reserves the right to alter the stated divisional splits and starting sequence, if considered appropriate. In such an event, the new divisional splits will be posted on the HHYC website not later than 12:00 noon, on Thursday, 5 March 2020.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING

7.1 The IOC Race will commence as soon as practicable after all boats have finished Race 1 of the HHYC Monsoon Spring Series.

7.2 The starting line of the IOC Race will be in the vicinity of the finishing line of Race 1 of the Monsoon Spring Series, which will be in the waters of Port Shelter.



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- 7.3 Boats will finish the IOC Race when they pass a bearing of 270 degrees to the Tai Long Pai rock. The finishing time will be self-recorded, with a photo taken of a GPS showing location and time and this information forwarded to the Race Committee through a designated Race WhatsApp Group (invitation to be sent upon entry). Competitors should phone the Race Committee (via the administrator of the WhatsApp Group) in the event of any difficulty in transmitting such message.
- 7.4 In the event that the Race Officer shortens the race for one, or all classes, or divisions at a mark of the course, intermediate times will be required when passing the prescribed mark. This time will then be used to determine the placing of boats in the race. See also Clause 14.4 for compulsory reporting marks.
- 7.5 Any boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Officer before leaving the course, in accordance with HHYC SSI 9.4.

8 THE VENUE

The racing area will encompass the waters of Hong Kong: to the eastern boundary, and to the west the Soko Island group. This changes Clause O of the HHYC SSI.

9 THE COURSES

The courses are detailed in Appendix B of this NOR/SL.

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. Additionally, the engine may be used to avoid imminent collision to non-racing traffic. 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 decided no significant advantage has been gained, no penalty will be given.

11 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Boats shall advise the Race Officer of any intention to file a protest by hailing the Committee Boat; via VHF radio; or in the WhatsApp Group mentioned in clause 7.3 as soon as practicable after the incident. Protest forms shall be lodged with the HHYC Sailing Office by 18:00, on 8 March 2020. This changes HHYC SSI 10.1.

12 PRIZES

Prizes for first, second and third placed boats in each Class and division will be awarded after Races 2 and 3 of the HHYC Monsoon Spring Series on 21 March 2020.

13 SCORING

The scoring system shall be as stated in HHYC SSI 11.



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14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 All boats shall comply with the World Offshore Sailing Special Regulations Category 3 (without life raft), with the exceptions detailed in Appendix A of this NOR/SI.
- 14.2 Scrutineering of boats for compliance with Clause 14.1 may take place from one week prior to the race until the day of the race.
- 14.3 Notwithstanding the above, it is the skipper / owner's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure the boat is thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an adequately experienced crew to face potential poor weather conditions.
- 14.4 Boats are required to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea (IRPCAS) at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise and appropriate navigation lights shall be lit in accordance with IRPCAS.
- 14.5 Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall comply with the communication requirements as prescribed in HHYC SSI Clause N, and World Offshore Special Regulations Category 3, Clause 3.29.
- 15.2 All boats shall be required to carry a tracking unit, which shall be secured on decks. GPS tracking units shall be issued to each skipper or delegate at the Race Briefing referred to in Clause 4. These tracking units must be returned to the HHYC Sailing Office on or before 18:00 on Sunday, 8 March 2020. A fine of \$2000 will be imposed for any tracking units that are not returned.
- 15.3 All boats shall carry at least one mobile telephone, adequately protected against the weather, and switched on at all times, and available to receive incoming calls from race organizers. The telephone number will be provided to the race organizers and noted on the entry form. Competitors should ensure the telephone has sufficient battery capacity to last the duration of the race and / or have charging capability aboard.
- 15.4 Boats are required to inform the race organizers via SMS / WhatsApp when they pass the following points on the course. A message shall be sent to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of passing each point:
 - For IRC A Class only: Virtual Mark A as noted in Appendix B;
 - Waglan Island; and
 - Tau Lo Chau (South East Soko Island).

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race 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 and liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the races.



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17 INSURANCE

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

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the HHYC Sailing Office on +852 2719 7932 or by email at sailing@hhyc.org.hk.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Overnight moorings or pontoon spaces may be available, for visiting boats participating in the IOC Race, from the evening prior to and in the early morning following the race. This is subject to availability and by prior arrangement. Interested skippers should contact the HHYC Marine Office on 2719 3673 for further information and arrangement.



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APPENDIX A

SAFETY EQUIPMENT EXCLUSIONS

The following equipment is listed in World Offshore Sailing Special Regulations Category 3; except that boats are exempt from the items listed below:

1. 3.20.1 Exempted. A permanently installed cooking stove is not required.
2. 3.24a) Exempted. A permanently installed marine magnetic steering compass is not required, but 3.24 still applies, i.e. a marine magnetic compass capable of being used as a steering compass is required, as a second compass per 3.24 (b).
3. 4.06 Amended. Just one un-modified anchor that meets the anchor manufacture's recommendation is required
4. 4.26 Exempted. Instead, an ability to shorten sail must be demonstrated.
5. 5.01.1 Exempted. Life Jackets are not required to have spray hoods.
6. 6.05.03 Exempted. First Aider is not required.



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APPENDIX B

Courses

Course No	Course	Indicative length
1	Start vicinity of Port Shelter - Club Mark - Basalt (P) - Virtual Mark A (22 ^o 17'N 114 ^o 29'E) (S) - Waglan Island (S) - Yuen Kok (Lamma Island) (S passing) - Tau Lo Chau (S) - Yuen Kok (Lamma Island) (P passing) - Finish Tai Long Pai (P)	75NM
2	Start vicinity of Port Shelter - Club Mark - One Foot Rock (S) - Waglan Island (S) - Yuen Kok (Lamma Island passing) (S) - Tau Lo Chau (S) - Yuen Kok (Lamma Island) (P passing) - Finish Tai Long Pai (P)	63NM