



# SAN MIGUEL MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2020

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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 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 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, where they apply;
- Other Class rules where they apply;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing;
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of April 2017 (HHYC SSI);
- The San Miguel Monsoon Spring Series 2020 Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list shall 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/](http://www.facebook.com/hebehaven/).

### 3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 It is intended that this Series will comprise eight races; the dates and times for racing are:

Race Number	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
1	Island	7 March 2020	13:55
2 & 3	Geometric	21 March 2020	13:55
4 & 5	Geometric	28 March 2020	13:55
6	Island	18 April 2020	13:55
7 & 8	Geometric	25 April 2020	13:55

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- 3.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each day is stated above. Races subsequent to the first race of the day will 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 18 April 2020 has been designated as a possible re-sail date, should the Race Committee choose to re-run one or more cancelled or abandoned races.
- 3.4 Should the weather conditions so demand the Race Officer may change a scheduled Island Course to a Geometric Course, on the water. The Race Officer will raise IC Flag L and communicate such change. In such event, and where a prior race was cancelled or abandoned, the Race Officer may, after the first geometric race, set up a second Geometric Course and run a re-sail race.
- 3.5 On 7 March 2020 (Race 1) and 18 April 2020 (Race 6) there may be one or two separate Geometric Course race(s) for the Dragon Class, in lieu of the designated Island Course. Information in this regard will be posted on the HHYC website and notice board not later than 17:00 on Friday, 6 March 2020.
- 3.6 On 7 March 2020, following Race 1, the Inaugural Overnight Coastal Race will be started under the authority of HHYC; details of this Race can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2S0FUIi>. The Inaugural Overnight Coastal Race is not part of the Monsoon Spring Series.

#### 4 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

4.1 Class flags and starting sequence will be as follows:

Class / Division	IC Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence	Proposed Start Time
IRC	G	1	14:00
Sportsboat	O	2	14:05
J80	J	3	14:10
HKPN	V	3	14:10
Dragon	D	4	14:15

- 4.2 The Race Officer may change the starting sequence. Competitors are reminded to check the flags on the Committee Boat during the starting sequence.
- 4.3 The Race Committee, upon receipt of entries, may decide to sub-divide the IRC and HKPN Classes into divisions based on suitable rating bands and to alter the starting sequence. In such an event, a Notice to Competitors will be issued to advise any amendments will be posted on the HHYC website and Official Notice Board, not later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 6 March 2020.
- 4.4 Boats in the HKPN class may elect to not use a spinnaker in any race of the Monsoon Spring Series 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.

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### **5 THE RACING AREA AND COURSES**

- 5.1 The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause O.
- 5.2 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.
- 6.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep well 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 Committee Boat.
- 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 for breaking a Part 2 rule 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 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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

### **12 SCORING**

The scoring system will be as stated in HHYC SSI 11. Discards shall apply as set out in NOR 9.

### **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

All boats shall comply with Safety Regulations as stated in the Clause M of Part I of the HHYC SSI and NOR 12.

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### **14 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.

### **15 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 bullet 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.

### **16 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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