



MONSOON WINTER SERIES 2020

24 October - 12 December 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Monsoon Winter Series 2020 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. Please refer to the Notice of Race for the Monsoon Series for further details.

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 2020 Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

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

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 Online Management Tools will be in use at this event, including an Online Official Notice Board located in the HHYC Website – Yacht Racing Page. The URL for this page is found at https://www.hhyc.org.hk/page.php?page=page4_3.php. This changes HHYC SSI 2.



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- 2.2 Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, Penalty Information and pertinent information shall be posted on the Online ONB. Information and notices may also be repeated on the physical ONB located inside the Garden Bar. Failure to post a notice at this location will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be as per HHYC SSI 3.1 & 3.2.
- 2.3 Refer to HHYC SSI Clause R for the location of the Signals made ashore. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than one hour” in the race signal AP.
- 2.4 Refer to HHYC SSI 2 and 3 for information on Notices to Competitors and changes to Sailing Instructions.

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 first warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	24 October 2020	13:55
3	Island	7 November 2020	13:55
4 & 5	Geometric	21 November 2020	13:55
6	Island	5 December 2020	13:55
7 & 8	Geometric	12 December 2020	13:55

- 3.2 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	Flag	Proposed Starting Sequence	Proposed Start Time
IRC	G	1	14:00
SMS	O	2	14:05
J80	J	3	14:10
HKPN	V	3	14:10

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



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- 3.5 Subject to the number of entries, the Race Committee may decide to sub-divide the IRC and HKPN Classes into divisions based on suitable rating bands. In such an event, new divisional splits will be posted on the HHYC website and a Notice to Competitors will be issued, not later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, 22 October 2020.
- 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.

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. Generally the finishing mark (ODM) will be to 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.



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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 requests for redress are set out in HHYC SSI 10.

12 SCORING

12.1 The Low Point scoring system as stated in HHYC SSI 11.1 will apply for this Monsoon Winter Series.

12.2 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; or
- Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

This changes Appendix A2 of the RRS.

12.3 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 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.



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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 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

16 INSURANCE

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