



# SAN MIGUEL MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2021

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The **Organising Authority** for the 2021 San Miguel Monsoon Spring Series is the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, together with:

- The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation;
- IRC Rules Parts A, B and C apply except that Rule 22.4 only applies to Sportsboat and One-design Classes;
- 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, including class safety 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 2021 Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS,

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be issued in accordance with HHYC SSI 3.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted on the HHYC Online Official Notice Board which can be found on the HHYC Website and in the Garden Bar.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the Sailing Office section of the HHYC Main Office, which is located behind the Garden Bar; telephone No. 2719 0926 and email: sailing@hhyc.org.hk.
- 3.3 On the water the Race Officer will monitor and communicate with competitors on Channel 72 and in accordance with HHYC SSI Clause N. Channel 77 may be used as a back-up.
- 3.4 Communications may be made by the Race Officer on VHF channel 72 in respect of courses, starting order of classes, change of courses, shortening, postponement, abandonment, time checks, and recalls.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



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## 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Refer to HHYC SSI Clause R for the location of signals made ashore.
- 5.2 With reference to the RRS Race Signals; Postponement Signals, when Flag AP is displayed ashore “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes”. Signals made ashore may also be posted on the HHYC Official Notice Boards.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The races are scheduled as follows:

<b>Race Number</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Scheduled time for the first warning signal</b>
1 & 2	Geometric	6 March 2021	13:55
3	Island	20 March 2021	13:55
4 & 5	Geometric	27 March 2021	13:55
6	Island	10 April 2021	13:55
7 & 8	Geometric	17 April 2021	13:55

- 6.2 Races subsequent to the first race of the day shall be started as soon as possible after all boats in each class have finished, retired, or finished outside the time limit from the previous race.
- 6.3 3 April 2021 has been designated as a possible re-sail date, should the Race Committee choose to re-run one or more cancelled or abandoned races.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 On 20 March 2021 (Race 3) and 10 April 2021 (Race 6) there may be a separate Geometric course race for the Dragon Class (if any), 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, 5 March 2021.





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## 7 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

7.1 Class flags and starting sequence will be as follows:

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

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

7.3 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, 5 March 2021.

7.4 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.

## 8 THE RACING AREA

The Racing Area is given at HHYC SSI Clause O.

## 9 COURSES

The courses for all races are provided in the HHYC SSI Appendices.

## 10 MARKS

The marks are given in HHYC SSI 5.1 and Appendices.

## 11 Not Used

## 12 THE START

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

12.2 [DP] Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area, during the starting sequence for other races, in accordance with HHYC SSI 7.1.2.

12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number or name; such hailing may be made with a short delay. Failure to hail a boat, failure of the boat to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



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### 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

For a geometric course, a mark may be moved once up to 10 degrees and/or 100 metres from its original laid position without the Race Officer signalling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

### 14 THE FINISH

14.1 HHYC SSI 9.1.1 is amended to read :

“For Island Courses the finishing line will be a line between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the ODM. Boats shall finish by passing between the Committee Boat and ODM from course side.”

14.2 The finishing mark (ODM) for Island Courses will generally be on the port side of the Course.

14.3 HHYC SSI 9.1.2 is amended to read :

“For Geometric Courses, the finishing line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and a mark of the course or the ODM.”

14.4 Boats that retire from the race shall notify the Race Officer or face potential disqualification, all in accordance with HHYC SSI 9.4.

### 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For the Sportsboat Class, the penalty for breaking a Part 2 rule shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

15.2 In respect of HHYC SSI 5.3.2 “This changes RRS 64.1” is amended to “This changes RRS 64.2”.

### 16 TIME LIMITS

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

### 17 HEARING REQUESTS

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

### 18 SCORING

The scoring system will be as stated in HHYC SSI 11. Discards shall apply as set out in NOR 10.

### 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

19.2 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 Race Officer or 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.

### 20-22 Not Used

### 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:



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- Committee Boat: Hebe One
- Mark laying boat 1: Yellow P4
- Mark laying boat 2: Yellow P4 (if used)
- Safety boat: Yellow P4

### 24-28 Not Used

### 29 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Monsoon Spring Series 2021 NOR Clause 12.

### 30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk.

30.2 The Organizing Authority and its associates and appointees accept no responsibility or liability for any inconvenience, loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.

### 31 INSURANCE

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