



Hong Kong
Sailing Federation
香港帆船運動總會

Hong Kong National Match Racing Championships

2021 Hong Kong National Match Racing Championships
3rd – 4th April 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC)

2 VENUE

The venue will be HHYC, Hong Kong.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 1000 on 2nd April 2021.
- (b) Registration from 1000 to 1700 on Friday 2nd April 2021.
- (c) Crew weighing from 1000 to 1700 on Friday 2nd April 2021.
- (d) First briefing at 0900 on 3rd April (Garden Bar, HHYC).
- (e) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (f) Racing days from 3rd April to 4th April 2021.
- (g) Time of the first race each day will be 1100.
- (h) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1630.
- (i) Prize giving on 4 April 2021 at the conclusion of the racing. (subject to government Covid19 restrictions)

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The event is open to all Hong Kong sailors. A maximum of 12 skippers will be accepted. Interested skippers should e-mail HHYC at sailing@hhyc.org.hk by 19 March, 2021. Final selection will be at the sole discretion of the OA. The number of entrants representing sailing clubs and other organisations may be limited in order to achieve a fair representation of the general sailing community.



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- 5.2 The OA will send an invitation to the selected skippers which must be accepted in writing or e-mail by 26 March.
- 5.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$500 shall be paid by 31st March 2021.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of HK\$10,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. Skippers may submit a crossed cheque to cover the initial damage deposit. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.5 Insurance

- (a) All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.
- (b) Personal accident insurance is highly recommended.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.



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- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board and / or online official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum X.

7.3 A licensed HKSAR registered PVOL holder shall be on board at all times.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in J/80 type boats provided by the OA.
- 8.2 Six (6) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 These boats will be equalized as much as possible by the OA. No protests will be accepted relating to the boats or equipment provided. Request for redress will not be given for any differences in performance.
- 8.4 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 8.5 Boats will be allocated by a draw. The initial draw will be for the first round robin. Further draws will be determined by the OA in the interest of fairest racing, time limitations and equipment practicalities. Any action relation to boat allocation will not be subject to protest.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4), five (5) or six (6). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into two groups based on seeding, draw, results and standings from previous events as of 30 March 2021. These will be advised on the morning of the event.



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10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

- Stage 1 - Round Robin(s)
- Stage 2 - Quarter finals
- Stage 3 - Semi Finals
- Stage 4 - Finals

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be Port Shelter, and / or adjacent waters.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Advertising will either be fixed to equipment by the OA or supplied on the days of racing.
- 12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The first placed skipper will be declared Hong Kong Match Racing Champion 2021.
- 13.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.
- 13.3 Any formal prize giving will be subject to social distancing restrictions prevailing at that time.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 Videos and pictures may be taken during the event.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA photographers.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 No coach boats will be permitted.



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- 15.2 Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the associated skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 All equipment belonging to a boat or the OA or the boat owner must be returned in the same or better state than when found at the end of each day's racing. All Skippers and teams must assist in the proper mooring / docking at the end of each day and de-rigging care of sails and equipment at the end of the event.
- 16.2 Any breakage or damage must be reported immediately to the OA. This may be done on water by contacting the RO, or ashore by contacting the HHYC race office.
- 16.3 All skippers and crews shall strictly follow the latest COVID-19 Update published by HHYC.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form no later than the 19 March 2021.

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