

UK Sailmakers Hong Kong Match Racing Challenge Ladder

The challenge ladder serves as the method of ranking and pairing up skippers for match races and providing informal intra-club match racing competition.

Challenge races are Match Races. You should familiarize yourself with the match racing format, and rules before participating.

Hong Kong Match Racing Ladder presented by the Hebe Haven Yacht Club

This Hong Kong match racing challenge ladder initial rankings were established in March 2020. You may challenge any skipper ranked in one of the five names above your own. If you win the race, your name goes in the opponent's place, and they move down the ladder one position. Following a race, notify the Racing Coordinator of the result, and the Racing Coordinator will update the Ladder on the website.

- All challenge matches will be match races conducted according to the ISAF RRS 2021-2024.
- Challenge matches may be conducted on any course mutually agreed by the two competitors. The standard course for match racing is a W-L x2 with a downwind finish.
- The format can be any format agreed upon by the two parties such as "best of three", "best of five" and can include time limits, or wind strength limits.
- Members are responsible for arranging Race Committee, and Umpires, but may race without Race Committee, or Umpires if they both agree.
- If a challenge race is suspended (e.g., due to wind, rain, darkness, etc.) it must be held within 7 days of the suspension.
- When HHYC holds other regattas, and races, the results will not count towards the challenge ladder.
- You must respond to a challenge from someone behind you on the ladder within 24 hours, and conduct the race within 21 days of the time it was made. If challenged, the person challenged must give the challenger at least 3 different reasonable days, and times to race. Otherwise, the challenged member must offer a forfeit. Similarly, the challenger must respond back to the challenged player within 24 hours to say which date and time are best to schedule the race. Otherwise, the challenged member may move on, or accept another challenge. You can only turn down a challenge if you have already accepted a challenge from behind.
- If the member challenged does not show up, then the challenger moves up the ladder. This is treated as a forfeit. If the challenger does not turn up, then no action is taken.
- Members cannot challenge the same member again until both have sailed another match race challenge, or one week has elapsed.
- You may only make one challenge at a time. You must complete that race before making another challenge.
- Good sportsmanship and a solid knowledge of the Racing Rules of Racing (including appendix C) are prerequisites for participating in this match racing format.