



# MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2023

25 February – 1 April 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the **Organising Authority**) is pleased to again present the Monsoon Spring Series 2023, the third and final constituent of the Monsoon Series 2022-2023 in conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Racing will be held in the scenic waters of outer Port Shelter and the outlying islands, offering sailors a challenging mix of geometric and island courses.*

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race 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 will be 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. Sportsboat and J/80 Classes have dispensation for Clause 3.02 of these Regulations;
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of June 2021 (HHYC SSI);
- This Notice of Race and the Monsoon Spring Series 2023 Sailing Instructions.


### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before 12:00 noon, on Thursday, 16 February 2023.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted in accordance with HHYC SSI 3.
- 3.2 On the water the Race Officer will monitor and communicate with competitors on Channel 72. In accordance with HHYC SSI 25 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.
- 3.3 [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 are not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event is open to all boats in the following Classes:
- IRC Class - monohull boats holding a valid IRC rating (year 2022 to 2023);
  - HKPN Class - boats with a valid HKPN rating;
  - Sportsboat Class - holding a valid SMS rating; and
  - One-design Classes – Dragon and J/80.
- 4.2 Boats may only enter only one class or division for the entire Series.
- 4.3 In respect of any entry, in whatever Class, by an Approved Skipper of a J/80 boat chartered from the HHYC fleet, HHYC is not able to guarantee that the same boat will be available for each race day. Priority will be given to any Approved Skipper of a J/80 boat chartered from the HHYC fleet that enters the J/80 Class; chartering of a J/80 boat to sail in HKPN Class shall only be permitted if such boat is available, following such priority. Refer to Clause 15.4 for related scoring.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online entry form](#) (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right) by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 21 February 2023. This will assist the Race Committee in making final decisions on the necessity for division splits for IRC and HKPN classes.
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- 4.5 Late entries may also be made on the water on the day of racing by hailing the Committee Boat not later than one minute before the first warning signal. Late entrants MUST submit an online entry form at the HHYC race office before 19:00 on the day of the race. Late entrants will be charged an additional administration fee of \$200.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 For the Sportsboat and One Design Classes, a minimum of three entries for the Series is required by the deadline stated in Clause 4.3 of this NoR. Should there be less than three entries in the Sportsboat and/or J/80 Classes at the deadline, the Race Committee may incorporate these boats into other classes and the affected Class may be cancelled for the Series. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to effect any change in this respect, no later than three hours before the first warning signal on the first race day.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The daily race fee per boat is \$225.
- 5.2 Boats may choose to enter the whole series (five race days) when completing the entry form. The race fees for the Series are shown as below:

	<u>Entry Date</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Early Bird	before 18:00 on 17 February 2023	\$1,050
Standard	after 18:00 on 17 February 2023	\$1,200

- 5.3 The entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fees will not be refunded or adjusted in the event of a race or races being abandoned or cancelled.

## 6-8 Not Used

## 9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Course Type	Date	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
1 & 2	Geometric	Saturday 25 February 2023	12:55
3	Island	Saturday 4 March 2023	12:55
4 & 5	Geometric	Saturday 11 March 2023	12:55
6	Island	Saturday 18 March 2023	12:55
7	Island	Saturday 25 March 2023	12:55
8	Geometric	Saturday 1 April 2023	12:55

9.2 In the event that weather conditions, as determined by the Race Officer on the race days, are deemed unsuitable for running an island course, the Race Officer may choose to replace the Island course by a Geometric course race.

9.3 Races subsequent to the first race of the day will be started as soon as possible after all boats in a class or division have finished or are deemed to have retired from the previous race.

## 10 MEASUREMENT

If not previously provided, the IRC and SMS classes are required to submit a copy of their current rating certificate(s) for the 2022-23 period, to the Sailing Centre at HHYC or by email to [racing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:racing@hhyc.org.hk), no later than 12:00 on Wednesday, 22 February 2023.

## 11 Not Used

## 12 VENUE

All races will start in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island if weather conditions so require).

## 13 COURSES

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

## 14 Not Used

## 15 SCORING

15.1 The scoring system will be stated in HHYC SSI 22.

15.2 Discards will be used depending on the number of races completed as follows:

- 8 races completed – 2 discards;
- 6 - 7 races completed - 1 discard;
- Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

15.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.4 In respect of Clause 4.3 and J/80s chartered from HHYC, each race and the Series will be scored based of the Approved Skipper who charters the J/80, irrespective of the boat chartered. Further, any J/80 entering HKPN Class will be scored according to the HKPN rating of the Approved Skipper who charters the J/80.

15.5 A trial using the ORC Club rating system for the HKPN Class, dual scored alongside the HKPN scoring will be conducted. To maximize the efficacy of the trial it is preferable that all boats in the HKPN Class are included in the dual scoring; to promote the trial ORC has offered to provide the first year ORC Club rating certificate free of charge to all boats. Boats can make application at [www.orc.org/clubapplication](http://www.orc.org/clubapplication); assistance in this respect is available by contacting the HHYC Sailing Office. Applications should be made no later than Friday, 17 February 2023. Results using the ORC Club rating system will also be posted on the website. No prizes will be awarded based on the trial of ORC Club results. Further details on the implementation of the trial ORC scoring may be provided through a Notice to Competitors in due course.

## **16–21 Not Used**

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 The Organizing Authority and its associates and appointees accept no responsibility or liability for any inconvenience, loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- 22.3 Whilst racing, no boat shall sail with an anchor, or similar equipment, positioned or projecting outside the sheer line of the boat.
- 22.4 All boats must comply with the HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices.

## **23 INSURANCE**

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

## **24 PRIZES**

- 24.1 Subject to prevailing HKSAR Government restrictions, it is intended that there will be prize giving at HHYC following each day’s racing, based on provisional results.
- 24.2 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
- 24.3 All trophies presented must be returned to the Sailing Centre or to a member of the Race Committee immediately for engraving. Trophies will remain at the Club for display. Boats not complying with this requirement will be subject to a \$2,000 replacement fee and may be refused entry to future events.

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Sailing Centre at +852 2719 0926 or [racing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:racing@hhyc.org.hk) with Monsoon Spring Series in the email title.

## General Information

- A A limited number of overnight moorings and pontoon spaces may be available for visiting boats participating in the Series, subject to availability and by prior arrangement. Interested parties should contact the Marine Office on 2719 3673 for further information and to arrange.
- B Visiting members of ABC and RHKYC may sign chits on race days to be charged to their home club accounts. Visitors should advise staff of their membership details before placing orders. Our staff may request to see the membership card of any visitor prior to accepting an order. We accept payment by Octopus from competitors not members of Hebe Haven Yacht Club, or cash coupons will be available for purchase in the Main Bar.  
Please note – there is no facility to re-charge Octopus card value at HHYC.

### Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

**Sailing Centre:**

Tel: 2719 0926

Email: [racing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:racing@hhyc.org.hk)**Bar:**

Tel: 2719 8300

**Marine:**

Tel: 2719 3673

**Sampan Service:**

Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205

**Committee Boat:**

VHF: Channel 72