



Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals

22nd & 23rd April 2023

Organising Authority - Hebe Haven Yacht Club, HKSAR

NOTICE OF RACE

This has been endorsed by the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) as a national event.

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- 1.4 Prescriptions of the HKSF will apply (available at www.sailing.org.hk).
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 A licensed HKSAR registered PVOL holder shall be on board at all times.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before 12:00, Friday 14 April 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors, will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the HHYC website, and may also be posted on the Notice Board (NB) inside the Garden Bar. The ONB will be the primary source of reference and shall take precedence over the NB
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff, near the pontoon adjacent to the Garden Bar.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all Hong Kong sailors at the invitation of the OA. A maximum of 12 skippers will be accepted. A minimum of six entries is required for the Championships to carry on. Should there be less than six entries no later than 1800 on Wednesday, 12 April 2023, the Race Committee may cancel the Championships. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to effect any change in this respect no later than 14:00 on Friday, 14 April 2023.
- 4.2 Skippers wishing to receive an invitation to enter may register their request with the OA by completing the form at the end of this NoR before the deadline specified in NoR 9.1(a).
- 4.3 Final selection will be at the sole discretion of the OA. An informal match racing selection may be held. 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.
- 4.4 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation and pay the entry fee, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.6 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing ID (Sailor ID) by registering online at World Sailing's website. Skippers shall inform the OA of their Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.7 The skipper shall complete all registration requirements, pay the damage deposit and ensure that all crew complete crew weighting as per NoR 9.1(b) unless extended by the OA.
- 4.8 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within one month 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 27.2.2(d))

5 ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of HK\$1,000 per skipper shall be paid upon acceptance of invitation. Payments shall be made by signing chits to their club accounts or bank transfer as applicable.

6 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1 A damage deposit of HK\$10,000 shall be paid at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. Payment shall be signing chits to their club accounts or bank transfer.
- 6.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 6.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 7.1 The number of crew (including the skipper but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 4 (four), 5 (five) or 6 (six). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 7.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 7.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 The OA intends to provide 6 (six) J/80 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker.
- 8.2 [NP] Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The initial intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in later stage.
- 8.3 [NP] The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series.
- 8.4 If, in the opinion of the RC circumstances so require, then racing may take place with no spinnakers.
- 8.5 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 8.6 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 8.7 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 8.8 The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of Port Shelter.
- 8.9 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into 2 groups based on a draw or results in the selection as per NoR 4.3.
- 8.10 It is intended that the event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Round Robin
 - Stage 2 – Semi-finals
 - Stage 3 – Final and 3rd & 4th sail-off
- 8.11 Further details will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.12 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.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 9.1 Schedule
 - (a) Deadline for request of invitation from skippers to be received by the OA: **18:00 on Monday, 13 March 2023**
 - (b) Crew weighting and registration: **15:00 – 18:00 on Friday 21 April & 08:00 - 09:30 on Saturday 22 April 2023**
 - (c) Racing days: **Saturday 22 April and Sunday 23 April 2023**
 - (d) Daily skippers briefing: **8:45 on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April 2023.**
 - (e) Time of the first race each day will be **10:30**.
 - (f) The latest time for an attention signal on the last racing will be **16:30**.
 - (g) Prize giving: **after racing on Sunday 23 April 2023.**
- 9.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Daily briefing for skippers
 - (b) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews

10 ADVERTISING

- 10.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 10.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

11.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

12.1 No support person vessels will be permitted.

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

13.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- (d) Videos and pictures will be taken during the event.

13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA media boat, the OA photographers and any OA supplied media equipment.

13.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

15 PRIZES

The first placed skipper will be declared Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals Champion 2023.

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 crews 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 by the skipper. This may be done on water by contacting the RC, 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sailing Centre at +852-2719 0926 or racing@hhyc.org.hk with Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals in the email title.

REQUEST OF INVITATION

Note: this form must be completed by the skipper and returned to OA to ensure a valid register for his/her request of invitation to the event as per NoR 4.2. The OA will reply to all valid register(s) as soon as possible by either sending a letter of invitation or rejecting the request(s).

Name of Skipper		Nationality	
Date of Birth		Sailor ID	
Mobile No.		Club (e.g. HHYC)	
Email Address			
Address			

Racing Experience: _____

Name of Crews	Nationality	Name of Crews	Nationality	Name of Crews	Nationality

I agree to be bound to the World Sailing and HKSF Rules, under which jurisdiction this event is sailed.

I declare to undertake every responsibility on myself for damages to the persons and to my own or third parties things, at sea or ashore, in consequence of my participation in the event and to have appropriate insurance.

In order to take part in the race I also declare to have all the physical requisites, as specified in the health certificate, and to sail at my own risk taking upon myself all responsibility.

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

DATE: _____