



HHYC OPEN DINGHY REGATTA 2023

Saturday 20 May & Sunday 21 May 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the **Organising Authority**) is pleased to again present the HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta 2023. Racing will be held in the scenic waters of Port Shelter, over geometric courses.*

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR means that a breach of that rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta 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;
 - RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42;
 - RRS Appendix T (Arbitration);
 - RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats;
 - Class rules apply, except where specifically changed in the Sailing Instructions;
 - This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta 2023.
- 1.2. Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on or before 14:00 on Wednesday, 17 May 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted on the [ONB](https://www.hhyc.org.hk/page.php?page=page4_3.php) on the OA's website at https://www.hhyc.org.hk/page.php?page=page4_3.php (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right).
- 3.2. [DP][NP] Except in an emergency, a support boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications which is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies also to mobile telephones. No competitors shall carry radios or mobile telephones, except with prior permission from the Race Committee (HHYC Sailing Committee) or as requested by a Race Officer.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event will consist of a single series of races for each class/fleet/division. Fleets may be split depending on the entry size.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes/fleets/divisions:

Single handed	Optimist Main Fleet
	Optimist Intermediate Fleet
	Optimist Green Fleet
	2.4mR
	Laser 4.7
	Laser Radial
	Laser Standard
	Hansa Liberty
	Waszp
Double Handed	420
	470
	29er
	RS Quest
	Hobie 16
Single Handed/Double Handed	Laser Pico
	Hansa 303

A minimum of three entries is required for each class. Any boats not able to form a class will compete in a mixed open division based on RYA PY ratings.

- 4.3. For Optimist class:
- There will be Main, Intermediate and Green Fleet divisions for the Optimist class. For the Green Fleet, the regatta will consist of one single series organised by the Race Committee managing the Green Fleet races (the “Green Fleet Race Committee”) with the objectives of learning, improving and having fun along the way. Optimist sailors who are looking for a more competitive environment should enter the Open or Intermediate divisions. See the HKODA ‘Fleet Outline – Main vs Intermediate’ documents at <https://www.hkoda.org/documents/>.
 - Allocation of any sailor to the Open and Intermediate divisions is subject to the approval of HKODA and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee. [NP]
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter using the [entry form on Bookwhen](https://bookwhen.com/hhyc_events?tags=opendinghy) at https://bookwhen.com/hhyc_events?tags=opendinghy (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right). Entries will only be complete when BOTH entry and payment are made before the entry deadline of Monday, 15 May 2023 at 12:00 noon. Incomplete entries will be deemed invalid.



5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are:

	Early Bird Fee Entry & Payment made by Saturday, 29 April 2023 18:00	Standard Fee Entry & Payment made after Saturday, 29 April 2023 18:00
Single-Handed	HKD450	HKD550
Double-Handed	HKD650	HKD750

6. Not Used

7. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RIGHTS

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]
- 7.2. The Organising Authority reserves the right to publish or broadcast anywhere, names, images, video footage and audio recordings taken before, during or after the regatta.
- 7.3. By entering the event, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped during the period of the regatta and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

8. Not Used

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The regatta schedule will be:

Date	Time	
Saturday, 20 May 2023	09:00 – 10:30	Registration
	09:00	Sailors/Coaches Briefing
	11:55	Racing, First warning signal
Sunday, 21 May 2023	09:00	Sailors/Coaches Briefing
	10:55	Racing, First warning signal
	ASAP after completion of racing	Prize giving

- 9.2. Physical briefings for Sailors/Coaches may not be held. In such event, briefing notes and a briefing video for Sailors/Coaches will be posted on the ONB and on the Notice Board located inside the Garden Bar.
- 9.3. Green Fleet Warning Signal: at the discretion of the Green Fleet Race Committee
- 9.4. Six races are scheduled for all classes. The Green Fleet Race Committee may adjust the number of races to suit the conditions and the ability of the Green Fleet entrants.
- 9.5. Not more than four races will be sailed each day.

10. [DP] MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. A boat or equipment may be checked by the Race Committee at any time for compliance with the Class rules.
- 10.2. On the water, a boat may be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

11. Not Used

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The race office will be at the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.
- 12.2. The racing area will be in the vicinity of Port Shelter and/or outside of Shelter Island.

13. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Not Used

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Two races shall constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1. Team leaders, coaches and other personnel on support boats shall wear life jackets while afloat and comply with local legislation.
- 16.2. Support boats shall display identification of the club they represent.
- 16.3. All coaches and support boats shall carry onboard and operate, whilst on the water, a marine VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels. This VHF radio shall be switched on and tuned to the applicable channel used for the respective race courses at all times while on the water. The VHF channels for the individual race courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. All support boats shall communicate with the Race Committee when requested.

17. CHARTER BOATS

The following boats are available for a weekend charter on a first-come-first-served basis:

CLASS	CHARTER FEE HHYC Members	CHARTER FEE Non-members
Optimist	HKD350	HKD450
Laser (4.7 / Radial / Standard)	HKD450	HKD550
Laser Pico	HKD300	HKD400
RS Quest	HKD550	HKD650

A refundable damage deposit of HKD500 is payable in cash upon issue of each charter boat.

18. [DP][NP] BERTHING/DINGHY PARKING

When not on the water, boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the HHYC.

19–21. 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 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, heat stroke or other causes. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk.
- 22.2. The Organising Authority and its associates and appointees accept no responsibility or liability for any inconvenience, loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- 22.3. All competitors must comply with the HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices.

23. [DP][NP] INSURANCE

All participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover as required under HKSAR legislation.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Overall Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third boats for each class/division. Where there are less than four boats entered in that class/fleet/division prizes will be awarded for the first and second places only.
- 24.2. Additional prizes will also be awarded to the top three boats in the Optimist U12 (aged 12 or under) and Optimist U10 (aged 10 or under, Main and Intermediate Fleets combined) divisions.
- 24.3. As part of the Steering the Course Women's Festival, a special prize will be awarded to the first all-female team in each division.
- 24.4. The prize giving will be held on Sunday, 21 May 2023 after all boats are ashore, subject to HKSAR restrictions on gatherings.
- 24.5. All trophies presented must be returned to the Sailing Office or 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 HKD2,000 replacement fee and may be refused entry to future events.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the regatta, please contact the Sailing office of Hebe Haven Yacht Club at 10.5 miles Hiram's Highway, Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, Hong Kong; by email racing@hhyc.org.hk; or by calling 2719 0926.