



# UK SAILMAKERS TYPHOON SERIES 2023

11 June – 26 August 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the **Organising Authority**) is pleased to bring you the annual UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series, Hong Kong's premier race series of geometric and islands courses races in the stunning waters of eastern Hong Kong, including the ever popular Mirs Bay Races.*

*The Club invites all competitors to join the Series.*

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, except that Rule 22.4 shall not apply;
- 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 Typhoon Series 2023 Sailing Instructions.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before 12:00 noon, on Thursday, 1 June 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;
  - HKPN Class - boats holding a valid HKPN rating;
  - Sportsboat Class - holding a valid SMS rating; and
  - One-design Classes – Dragon and J/80.
- 4.2 The IRC and HKPN Classes will be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands. Provisional rating bands are:

IRC	HKPN
Division A: 1.171 and above	Division A: 1189 and below
Division B: 1.055 -1.170	Division B: 1190 and above
Division C: 1.054 and below	

- 4.3 Boats may only enter only one class or division for the entire Series.
- 4.4 In respect of any entry 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.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [this link](#) (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right) by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 6 June 2023. This will assist the Race Committee in making final decisions on the division splits for IRC and HKPN classes.
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- 4.6 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 5pm 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, J/80 and Dragon Classes/divisions, a minimum of three entries for the Series is required in each Class by the deadline stated in Clause 4.5 of this NoR. Should there be less than three entries at the deadline, the Race Committee may incorporate Sportsboats and J/80 entrants into other classes/divisions. 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.
- 4.9 The Dragon Class will not be eligible to participate in the Mirs Bay Race.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The daily race fee per boat is \$350 except the 1<sup>st</sup> race day, HHYC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race (60A Race).
- 5.2 The entry for Race 1, 60A Race, is \$500. All boats participating in this race will receive a special edition 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pennant and attend our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party after the race.
- 5.3 Boats may choose to enter the whole series (seven 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 1 June 2023	\$2,000
Standard	after 18:00 on 1 June 2023	\$2,200

- 5.4 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	Island (60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race)	Sunday, 11 June 2023	10:55
2	Mirs Bay Race	Sunday, 25 June 2023	10:55
3 & 4	Geometric	Sunday, 9 July 2023	10:55
5	Island	Sunday, 23 July 2023	10:55
6 & 7	Geometric (Outside Port Shelter)	Sunday, 6 August 2023	10:55
8	Island	Sunday, 20 August 2023	10:55
9	Geometric	Saturday, 26 August 2023	12:55

9.2 Race 1 on 11 June 2023 will be the HHYC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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.

9.4 In the event that one or more of the races are cancelled or abandoned, the Race Committee may choose to replace a scheduled Island Race by two Geometric races. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to advise such change, not later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled starting time for the Island race to be replaced.

9.5 In the event that weather conditions, as determined by the Race Officer on the day of a race, are deemed unsuitable to complete a scheduled Island Race, the Race Officer may change the Island Race to one or two Geometric Races.

9.6 If, pursuant to Clause 9.5, an Island Race is replaced by two Geometric races, the Race Committee may choose to replace the next scheduled Geometric Races, by an Island Race. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to advise such change.

9.7 On the last scheduled day of racing the latest time for a warning signal to be made is 16:00.

## 10 MEASUREMENT

The IRC and SMS classes are required to submit a copy of their current rating certificate(s) for the 2023-24 period, to the Sailing Centre at HHYC or by email to [racing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:racing@hhyc.org.hk), no later than 24 hours before any race in which they intend to compete.

## 11 Not Used

## 12 VENUE

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

12.2 Races 6 & 7 will start in the area between Trio and Bluff islands. In the event that weather conditions, as determined by the Race Officer, are deemed unsuitable, the races may start in the vicinity of Shelter Island.

## 13 COURSES

The courses for all races are provided in the HHYC SSI Appendices, except that the courses for Race 1, HHYC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race and Race 2, the Mirs Bay Race, will be provided in the Typhoon Series 2023 Sailing Instructions.

## 14 Not Used



## 15 SCORING

15.1 Discards will be used dependent on the number of races completed as follows:

- 8-9 races completed – 2 discards;
- 6-7 races completed - 1 discard;
- Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

15.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 RRS rule A5.3 will apply.

15.4 In respect of Clause 4.4 and J/80s chartered from HHYC, each race and the Series will be scored based on 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 For 60A Race, boats will be scored using the following to determine the overall winners of the 60A Trophy in Clause 24.2:

- **IRC/Sportsboat/One-design Class: Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x IRC/RHKATI Time Correction factor**
- **HKPN Class : Corrected Time = elapsed Time x 1000 / HKPN**

15.6 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. Application should be made no later than Friday, 19th May 2023. Further details is available at <https://sites.google.com/view/hhycracing/orc-scoring-for-hkpn-boats> (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right).

## 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, 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 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 There will be prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day's racing.
- 24.2 The HHYC 60th Anniversary Trophies will be awarded for the 60A Race which is Race 1 of the Typhoon Series, to the HKPN Cruiser Class Overall Winner and the IRC/Sportsboat/One-design Class Overall Winner. Presentation of the trophies will take place at the 60th Anniversary Celebration Party after the race on 11 June 2023.
- 24.3 The Chan Shui Ngok Trophy will be awarded at the overall prize giving to the first placed boat in the HKPN Cruiser Class (HKPN Division B).
- 24.4 The Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup will be awarded for Race 2, the Mirs Bay Race, to the winner of one of the IRC Racing Class divisions who, in the opinion of the Race Committee, has achieved the best performance in winning their race. The Jim Hobbs Memorial Cup will be awarded at the overall series prize giving.
- 24.5 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 26 August 2023.
- 24.6 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 Typhoon 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.
- C Hebe Haven Yacht Club may organise an additional sampan service to ferry RHKYC and HHYC Members, and their guests, to Shelter Cove, where they can then board the Shelter Cove Sampan to go to their boats. Details about this service will be posted on the club website and race notice board in the upstairs bar.

### Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

**Sailing Centre:**

Tel: 2719 0926

Email: 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

