



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB
白沙灣遊艇會

PORT SHELTER REGATTA 2023

Saturday and Sunday, 7 & 8 October 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the **Organising Authority**) is pleased to present the annual Port Shelter Regatta, a challenging combination of geometric courses and a race around the picturesque islands of eastern Hong Kong over two days. The Club invites all sailors to join the Regatta.*

*We are also pleased to introduce the ORC Class in this regatta.
Limited overnight pontoon spaces are available for visiting boats participating in the regatta.*

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 Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China;
- 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;
- ORC Rating Systems Rule;
- Class Rules, including 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 Port Shelter Regatta 2023 Sailing Instructions.


2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available online on or before 12:00 noon, on Thursday, 28 September 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;
 - ORC Class – monohull boats holding a valid ORC Club rating;
 - HKPN Class – boats holding a valid HKPN;
 - Sportsboat Class - holding a valid SMS rating or J80
 - One-design Classes – DC29, J/80 and Dragon
- 4.2 The IRC, HKPN and ORC Classes may be sub-divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.
- 4.3 Boats shall enter one class only.
- 4.4 In this event, the Race Committee aims to have boats from the Sportsboat, ORC, and J80 Classes all compete on the same race courses. The objective is to facilitate result comparison and gather valuable data that can assist in organising future races.
- 4.5 A minimum of three entries for the Series is required in each Class by the deadline stated in Clause 4.6 of this NoR. Should there be less than three entries at the deadline, the Race Committee has the option to merge the J/80 Class with either the SMS Class or the ORC Class. The rating for J/80 Class will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 4.6 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, 3 October 2023. This will assist the Race Committee in making final decisions on the division splits for IRC and HKPN divisions.
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- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.9 All boats shall complete the crew registration by 18:00 on Friday 6 October 2023.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The race fees for the Regatta are shown as below:

	<u>Entry Date</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Early Bird	before 18:00 on 29 September 2023	\$500
Standard	after 18:00 on 29 September 2023	\$650

- 5.2 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:

Date	Course Type	Scheduled time for the first warning signal
Saturday 7 October 2023	Race 1 – Island Race	12:55
Sunday 8 October 2023	Race 2 – Geometric Race	11:55
	Race 3 – Geometric Race	As soon as possible after Race 2

9.2 In the event that weather conditions, as determined by the Race Officer, are deemed unsuitable to complete a scheduled Island Race on Saturday, 7 October 2023, the Race Officer may change the Island Race to two Geometric Races. In this case, the Race Committee may choose to replace the scheduled Geometric Races with an Island Race on Sunday 8, October 2023.

9.3 Should racing be cancelled or abandoned on Saturday, 7 October 2023, the Race Committee may run a Geometric Race and an Island Race on Sunday, 8 October 2023. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to advise such change, not later than 9:00am on Sunday 8 October 2023.

9.4 The starting sequence for all classes/divisions will be included in the SI or, if amended subsequently, will be posted on the Official Notice Board at HHYC on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, 6 October 2023.

10 MEASUREMENT

10.1 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 sailing@hhyc.org.hk, no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, 5 October 2023.

10.2 ORC has offered to provide the first year ORC Club rating certificate free of charge to all boats. Boats can contact the HHYC Sailing Office for making an application. Applications should be made no later than Friday, 16 September 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 wind conditions so demand).

13 COURSES

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

14 Not Used

15 SCORING

15.1 There shall be no discards in the Regatta.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute the Regatta.

15.3 For the HKPN Class, the Race Committee has the option to use either the HKPN rating or the SailSys PHS rating in calculating the corrected time. The specific rating that will be used will be posted in the SI.

15.4 For the ORC Class, the corrected time is calculated as follows:

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x ToT All Purpose Single Number

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 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 Prizes for individual races and overall prizes for the Port Shelter Regatta will be awarded in each class/division, subject to the number of entries and the decision of the race committee, after racing on Sunday, 8 October 2023.
- 24.2 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 7926 or sailing@hhyc.org.hk with Port Shelter Regatta in the email title.

General Information

- A **Limited overnight pontoon spaces** will be reserved for visiting boats participating in the Regatta to raft up. Reservation will be according to their completion of the online entry, on a first-come, first served basis. Interested skippers should email to sailing@hhyc.org.hk within 24 hours after completing their entry.
- 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.

Please note – there is no facility to re-charge Octopus card value at HHYC.

Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

Sailing Centre:

Tel: 2719 0926

Email: sailing@hhyc.org.hk

Marine:

Tel: 2719 3673

Sampan Service:

Tel: 9272 6204 or 92726205

Bar:

Tel: 2719 8300

Committee Boat:

VHF: Channel 72