



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB  
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# KOWLOON CUP 2024

## Saturday & Sunday, 13 & 14 January, 2024

### NOTICE OF RACE

*The Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the Organising Authority) is pleased to invite you to join the 2024 edition of the Kowloon Cup, which will comprise an Island Race on the Saturday and a Pursuit Race on the Sunday.*

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;
- The Sailsys Performance Handicap System (PHS), in place of the HKPN handicap system;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, Special Regulations for inshore racing.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions of June 2021 (HHYC SSI);
- This Notice of Race; and the Kowloon Cup 2024 Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before 12:00 noon, on Friday, 5 January 2024.

#### 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 holding a valid PHS rating.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter [on Sailsys](#) (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right). Should less than three entries be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, 11 January 2024, the racing may be cancelled via a Notice to Competitors posted on the online official notice board.
- 4.3. 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 will be charged an additional administration fee of \$200.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Should there be sufficient entries, boats may be subdivided into divisions based on suitable rating bands.



## **5. FEES**

The race fee is \$450 per boat for this event, with an ‘Early Bird’ fee of \$400 charged for entries made before 12:00 noon on Friday, 5 January 2024.

## **6-8 Not Used.**

## **9. SCHEDULE**

9.1. Races are scheduled as follows:

- Race 1 will be an Island Race on Saturday, 13 January 2024, with the warning signal scheduled for 12:55. The Race Officer, at his sole discretion, may set two Geometric courses instead of an Island Course, should the wind conditions so demand.
- Race 2 will be a Pursuit Race on Sunday, 14 January 2024, with staggered starts based on PHS handicaps. The scheduled first start shall be around 10:00, or as otherwise published in the Kowloon Cup 2024 Sailing Instructions.

9.2. January 27 & 28 are the designated re-sail days in case any of the race days are cancelled and need to be rescheduled.

## **10-11 Not Used.**

## **12. VENUE**

12.1. The starting line for both races will be in the general vicinity of Shelter Island (which may extend to the outside of Table Island if weather conditions so demand).

12.2. It is intended that the Pursuit Race (Race 2) will finish at the Kowloon Cup Mark in the vicinity of Pak Ah. The race may be shortened at another mark of the course as the wind conditions demand.

## **13. COURSES**

The courses for Saturday are provided in the HHYC SSI. The course for Sunday will be provided in Appendix B of the Kowloon Cup 2024 Sailing Instructions.

## **14. Not Used**

## **15. SCORING**

15.1. With reference to RRS Appendix A2, no scores shall be excluded from a boat’s total score.

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

15.3. RRS A5.3 will not apply. This changes SSI 22.1.

## **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. 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**

Prizes will be awarded for the Island Race, the Pursuit Race and for the combined results of both races. Subject to HKSAR Government restrictions, it is intended that a prize-giving will be held at the High Island (Yau Ley) Seafood Restaurant as soon as practicable after completion of Race 2.

### **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Sailing Centre at +852 2719 7926 or [sailing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk) with Kowloon Cup 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 event, 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 top up Octopus card value at HHYC.

#### Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

Sailing Centre:	Bar:	
Tel: 2719 0926	Email: <a href="mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk">sailing@hhyc.org.hk</a>	Tel: 2719 8300
Marine:	Sampan Service:	Committee Boat:
Tel: 2719 3673	Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205	VHF: Channel 72