



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB  
白沙灣遊艇會

# MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2024

24 February – 13 April 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

*Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the **Organising Authority**) is pleased to again present the Monsoon Spring Series 2024, the third and final constituent of the Monsoon Series 2023-2024 in conjunction with Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Racing will be held in the scenic waters of outer Port Shelter and the outlying islands, offering sailors a challenging mix of geometric and island courses.*

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 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 Sailsys PHS handicap System (PHS);
- The Rules of the SMS system for the Sportsboat Class;
- ORC Rating Systems Rule;
- 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 Monsoon Spring Series 2024 Sailing Instructions.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on or before 12:00 noon, on Thursday, 15 February 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 boats in the following Classes:
- IRC Class - monohull boats holding a valid IRC rating (year 2023 to 2024);
  - PHS / ORC Class - boats with a valid Sailsys PHS rating and/or ORC Club rating (year 2024)
  - Sportsboat Class - holding a valid SMS rating; or J/80 boats
  - One-design Classes – Dragon and DC29.
- 4.2 Boats may only enter only one class or division for the entire Series.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing [online](#) on Sailsys (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right) by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 20 February 2024. This will assist the Race Committee in making final decisions on the necessity for division splits for IRC and PHS classes.
- 4.4 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 19:00 on the day of the race. Late entrants will be charged an additional administration fee of \$200.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 In respect of any entry, in whatever Class, 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 whole series; chartering of a J/80 boat to sail in PHS Class shall only be permitted if such boat is available, following such priority. Refer to NoR 15.4 for related scoring.
- 4.7 For the Sportsboat Class, the SMS rating of 0.755 for the J/80 Class will be used. Should there be three entries or more J/80 enter the whole series at the deadline stated in NoR 4.3, there will be separate results for the J/80 Class.
- 4.8 For the PHS/ORC Class, boats holding a valid ORC Club certificate will also be scored based on their ORC
- 4.9 All boats shall complete the crew registration before the first warning signal of each race day.



## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The daily race fee per boat is \$300.
- 5.2 Boats may choose to enter the whole series (five 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 17 February 2024 | \$1,050          |
| Standard   | after 18:00 on 17 February 2024  | \$1,200          |
- 5.3 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 & 2	Geometric	Saturday 24 February 2024	12:55
3	Island	Saturday 2 March 2024	12:55
4	Island	Saturday 9 March 2024	12:55
5	Island	Saturday 23 March 2024	12:55
6 & 7	Geometric	Saturday 13 April 2024	12:55
Re-sail		Saturday 20 April 2024	

9.2 April 20 is the designated re-sail day in case any of the race days are cancelled and need to be rescheduled.

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 NoR 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

If not previously provided, 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 [sailing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk), no later than 12:00 on Wednesday, 24 February 2024.

## 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 weather conditions so require).

## 13 COURSES

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

## 14 Not Used

## 15 SCORING

15.1 The scoring system will be stated in HHYC SSI 22.

15.2 Discards will be used depending on the number of races completed as follows:

- 6 or above races completed - 1 discard;
- Less than 6 races completed - 0 discards.

15.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.4 In respect of NoR 4.6 and J/80s chartered from HHYC, each race and the Series will be scored based on the Approved Skipper who charts the J/80, irrespective of the boat chartered. Further, any J/80 entering PHS Class will be scored according to the PHS rating of the Approved Skipper who charts the J/80.

## 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 There will be a prize giving at HHYC based on provisional results following each day’s racing. The target time for the prize giving is 17:00 on each race day, which may be subject to change based on the progress of the race.
- 24.2 In addition to the classes stated in 4.1, prizes will also be awarded to the winners of the ORC and J/80 Classes in accordance with NoR 4.7 and 4.8.
- 24.3 Overall series prizes will be awarded after racing on Saturday, 13 April 2024 or following any later re-sail.
- 24.4 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 [sailing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk) with Monsoon Spring 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.

### Useful Telephone Numbers & Contacts:

**Sailing Centre:**

Tel: 2719 0926

Email: [sailing@hhyc.org.hk](mailto:sailing@hhyc.org.hk)

**Bar:**

Tel: 2719 8300

**Marine:**

Tel: 2719 3673

**Sampan Service:**

Tel: 9272 6204 or 9272 6205

**Committee Boat:**

VHF: Channel 72