



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB  
白沙灣遊艇會

# MONSOON SPRING SERIES 2024

## 24 February – 13 April 2024

### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS #1

We are all saddened by the recent tragic loss of a member of the crew of one of the boats racing in the Monsoon Series. We have decided, after detailed consideration, to go ahead with our upcoming races and will have one minute's silence to show our respect prior to the attention signal on Saturday 23 March. This will be counted down by our Commodore via VHF.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC) has been reviewing our safety measures and would like to remind skippers and crew that we do carry first aid equipment including an AED on the Committee Boat *Hebe One*, should anyone need it. We would like to remind skippers, crew, race management and support teams of their obligations:

#### **Racing Rules of Sailing**

##### **1.1. Helping Those in Danger**

A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

##### **1.2. Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices**

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

##### **3. Decision To Race**

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

##### **37. Search And Rescue Instructions**

When the Race Committee displays flag V with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the Race Committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions



##### **40.1. Basic Rule**

When rule 40.1 is made applicable by rule 40.2, each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

##### **40.2. Personal Flotation Devices**

Rule 40.1 applies

- a. if flag Y was displayed afloat with one sound before or with the warning signal, while racing in that race; or
- b. if flag Y was displayed ashore with one sound, at all times while afloat that day.

However, rule 40.1 applies when so stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions.



## World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations

### **APPENDIX B – Special Regulations for Inshore Racing**

#### 1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

- 1.02.1 Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face all weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.

### HHYC Standard Sailing Instructions

- 25.1 For all keelboat events, all boats shall carry a working marine radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 72 unless otherwise stipulated in the event NoR or SI. Whilst in the racing area, boats are required to keep a listening watch on Channel 72.

#### 28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority, the Race Committee and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any racing events at HHYC.

### MarDep Regulations for Cat IV pleasure vessels

MarDep also requires a boat to ensure they have sufficient safety equipment on board including a lifejacket for every person and the below lifesaving appliances.

Please check here (or by scanning the QR code on the right) for the requirements for your vessel:

<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/public-services/guidelines/codes-of-practice/index.html>



The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is considering introducing scrutineering measures to help ensure compliance with MarDep regulations.

**Table 7**

**Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers  
and are not let for hire or reward and operate within  
waters of Hong Kong**

Life-saving Appliances	Quantity	
	Vessel Length (L)(m)	Number
Lifebuoy	(L) < 12	1
	12 ≤ (L) < 21	2
	21 ≤ (L) < 37	4
	(L) ≥ 37	6
Buoyant Lifeline <sup>(2)</sup>	1	

Issued by Race Committee

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