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HONG KONG OPEN LADIES'/GIRLS' CHAMPS REGATTA 2024

25 May 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the Organising Authority) is pleased to again to present the Hong Kong Open Ladies'/Girls' Champs Regatta 2024 as part of the Leo Wealth Steering the Course Women's Sailing Festival. Racing will be held in the scenic waters of Port Shelter, over geometric courses.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that a breach of that rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta 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 PHS Handicap System (PHS);
- Class Rules, including class safety rules, where they apply, except where specifically changed in the Sailing Instructions;
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation Appendix B, Special Regulation 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) (*for keelboat classes and divisions only*);
- This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Hong Kong Open Ladies'/Girls' Champs Regatta 2024.

1.2 Competitors on J/80, DC29 and dinghy boats shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online from 14:00 on Wednesday, 22 May 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted on the ONB on the OA's website at https://www.hhyc.org.hk/page.php?page=page4_20.php&limit=1&fid=3557&id=3557.
- 3.2 **[For Keelboats Only]** 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 regatta is open to all keelboats of the following classes and divisions:
- Keelboat:
 - PHS Division – big boats holding a PHS rating;
 - One-design class – J/80
 - One-design class – DC29
 - Dinghy
 - RS Quest (double-handed)
 - Hansa 303 (double-handed)
- 4.2 A minimum of three entries is required for each class by the deadline stated in NOR 4.3. Any keelboats not able to meet this minimum entry requirement will compete in the PHS division. The Race Committee reserves the rights to combine classes to compete in open divisions at their discretion. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to effect any change in this respect, no later than 17:00 on Thursday, 23 May 2024.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter using the entry form on Bookwhen at https://bookwhen.com/hhyc_events?tags=Ladies_regatta_2024 (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right). Entries will only be complete when BOTH entry and payment are made before the entry deadline of 12:00 on Thursday, 23 May 2024. Incomplete entries will be deemed invalid.
- 4.4 All crew members must complete the online crew registration before the entry deadline.
- 4.5 Parent/Guardian Consent Forms shall be completed for all sailors under 18 years of age during the event. These forms must be completed and submitted to the Organization Authority before the entry deadline as a part of the entry process.

5 ENTRY FEE

5.1 The entry fees are:

	Number of Crew (Skipper included) per boat	Entry Fee
Keelboat		
J/80	Minimum 5	\$378 per crew Includes ONE buffet ticket and ONE t-shirt
PHS, DC29 & Big Boats		\$400 per boat Includes ONE buffet ticket and ONE t-shirt
Dinghy		
RS Quest	2	Adult: \$278 per crew Under 18: \$228 per crew Includes ONE buffet ticket and ONE t-shirt

An additional buffet ticket costs \$128 for adults and \$78 for kids under 12 years of age. Extra t-shirts are available for \$50 each.

- 5.2 At least one crew member on keelboats must possess the Pleasure Vessel Grade 2 Examination while on board at all times when afloat.
- 5.3 The entry fee for the J/80 and RS Quest include the use of the boats supplied by the Organising Authority. Upon registration, skippers must complete and sign the Booking Request Form and Charter Agreement upon registration and pay the damage deposit. The damage deposit for a J/80 is \$10,000 and \$500 for a RS Quest. Non-Hong Kong residents must pay the damage deposit in cash.
- 5.4 **One HHYC-owned J/80 boat will be reserved for one team from each of the Hong Kong Sailing clubs (i.e. ABC, HHYC and RHKYC).** If any of the reserved boats are not taken up by a club by 18:00 on Monday, 13 May 2024, these boats may be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.
- 5.5 The entry fees are non-refundable except the event is cancelled by the Organising Authority.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

All competitors must be female. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no restrictions on assistance provided before the first warning signal or after a boat finishes.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 [DP]Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 7.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to publish or broadcast anywhere, names, images, video footage and audio recordings taken before, during or after the regatta.
- 7.3 By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped during the period of the regatta and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

8 Not used

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9.1 Schedule

Date	Time	
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1400	Sailing Instructions available
Thursday 23 May 2024	1200	Entry deadline
Saturday 25 May 2024	0900-1000	Sailor registration for dinghy & J/80 entries
	1055	First warning signal
	ASAP after racing	Buffet & prize giving

9.2 Three geometric races are scheduled for keelboat classes and divisions. Four geometric races are scheduled for dinghy classes.

10—11 Not used

12 VENUE

12.1 The race office will be at the Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

12.2 The racing area will be in the vicinity of Port Shelter and/or outside of Shelter Island.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 Not used

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 No discard will be applied.

16—17 Not used

18 [DP][NP] BERTHING PARKING

All chartered boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the club.

19—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 Whilst racing, no boat shall sail with an anchor, or similar equipment, positioned or projecting outside the sheer line of the boat.

22.4 All boats must comply with the HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices.

23 INSURANCE

All boats taking part in the regatta shall have a valid insurance including third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover as required by the HKSAR legislation.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Overall Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third boats for each class/division. Where there are less than four boats entered in a class/division prizes will be awarded for the first and second.
- 24.2 A prize giving with ticketed buffet will be held on Saturday, 25 May 2024 as soon after all fleets are ashore, as is reasonable.
- 24.3 All trophies presented must be returned to the Sailing Office or 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 about the event, please contact the HHYC Sailing Centre in person at 10.5 miles Hiram's Highway, Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, Hong Kong; by email regatta@hhyc.org.hk; or by calling 2719 0926.