



24 HOUR CHARITY DINGHY RACE 2024

19 & 20 October 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Hebe Haven Yacht Club (the Organising Authority) is proud to host our 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race. Over the years, the event has raised over 12 million dollars for local Hong Kong charities. This year marks the 21st time the Race will be run in the beautiful Sai Kung. Sign up early to reserve your boat now, and be a part of what will be a super fun weekend celebrating sailing for deserving charities.

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;
- This Notice of Race (NoR);
- The 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race Dock and Safety Rules; and
- The 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race 2024 Sailing Instructions (SI).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published online on or before 12:00 on Tuesday, 15 October 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB) at [HHYC Website](https://www.hhyc.org.hk), (also accessible by scanning the QR code on the right).



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The Event may comprise dinghies in the following classes/divisions:

RS Quest
RS Feva
Fusion
Hansa 303

This is subject to availability of dinghies and any changes will be announced in the SI.

- 4.2. Should there be insufficient entries to form a class, the Race Committee (RC) may request competitors to compete in another class. Due to the limited number of boats, draw is done on first come, first served basis at the beginning. The Organising Authority (OA) reserves the right to place a cap on the number of entries in each class.
- 4.3. Entries shall be made by completing the Team Entry Form. Payment of the entry fee is required within **5 working days** after submission of the entry form to reserve the selected boat type. Entry shall close at 12:00, Thursday 10 October 2024 and all entry fees must be paid by this date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4. The OA will send each entrant an acceptance email to confirm his or her entry.

5. FEES AND DONATIONS

- 5.1. The entry fee shall be \$5,000 per boat. The entry fee for a registered charity will be \$2,500.
- 5.2. The race's intention is to raise as much money as possible for charities. Teams are strongly encouraged to raise as much as possible in sponsorships and donations. Information on team sponsorship and donations will be posted on the event website. Each team entered will receive a sponsorship pack.
- 5.3. Entry fee will not be refundable after 12:00, Thursday 10 October 2024.

6. CREW LIMITATION

- 6.1 There is no limit on the number of sailors in each team, but the following restrictions apply to the number of crew on board at any time:

Boat Type	Number of crew on board
RS Quest	Maximum of 4 and a minimum of 2
RS Feva	Maximum of 3 and a minimum of 2
Fusion	Maximum of 3 and a minimum of 1
Hansa 303	2 crew at all times

- a. At least one crew member with a level of sailing competency equivalent to HKSF Level 2 must be on board at all times. The RC may at any time require evidence of competency and /or prohibit crews from sailing when evidence is unavailable or considers there is insufficient competency aboard.
- b. Sailors participating in events on the water shall be able to swim at least 25 meters.
- c. No gennaker/spinnaker or trapeze shall be used by any boat during the Event.
- 6.2 Sailors must register in accordance with schedule (NoR 9.1).
- 6.3 Changes of team members should be registered with the RC.

7. ADVERTISING AND SAIL NUMBERS

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display sail numbers supplied by the OA.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 Boats are to complete as many laps as possible between the starting signal and the finish. At the finishing signal, boats are to complete the lap they are currently on.
- 8.2 The race may be temporarily suspended when weather conditions are unsuitable for racing to continue.
- 8.3 There is no limit to the number of crew changes allowed during the race. Crew changes can only be made at the designated area.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The schedule for this event will be:

Date	Time	
Thursday, 10 October 2024	12:00	Team Entry Deadline
Thursday, 17 October 2024	18:00	Captain's Briefing on Zoom
Saturday, 19 October 2024	12:30	Safety Briefing notes available on ONB
	12:30	Race Office Starts Crew Indemnity Form Submission & Crew Registration
	13:55	Scheduled Race Warning Signal
Sunday, 20 October 2024	14:00	Race Finishing Signal
	ASAP	Prizes Calculated and Displayed

- 9.2 Attendance at the Captain's Briefing is **MANDATORY**. All teams are required to send one suitable representative to the briefing in accordance with this schedule.

10. BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 10.1 Dinghies and sails will be supplied by the OA. Other than items of personal safety equipment, crews are prohibited from adding or removing any equipment from the boats supplied for this event.
- 10.2 It is the responsibility of the team to look after their boat. Each team shall be responsible for any damage to or loss from their boat and any damage to other boats and facilities.
- 10.3 Teams who want to enter their own boat should consult with the OA to confirm if it meets all requirements.

11. CLOTHING AND SAFETY

- 11.1 A suitable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) shall be worn by all sailors at all times whilst afloat.
- 11.2 Any schools entering are responsible for making sure their own supervision ratios are maintained at all times.
- 11.3 All boats shall comply with the 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race Dock and Safety Rules which will be available at the Captain's Briefing.

12. VENUE

The venue for the race will be inside Pak Sha Wan Bay immediately in front of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The intended course for the race will be a geometric course within Pak Sha Wan Bay.
- 13.2 A map with the intended layout of the course is shown in Appendix A. The final course diagram will be included in the SI.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For this event RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 The race may be umpired.
- 14.3 Penalty details will be in the SI.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The finish time of each boat will be the time at which the boat completes its final lap after any time penalty.
- 15.2 The boat with the highest number of completed laps after factoring in lap penalties will be the winner in each class. In case of a tie between the 1st and 2nd boats with the same number of laps, the boat that completed the laps earlier will be the winner. This rule will be applied for determining 2nd, 3rd and subsequent places.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

No support vessels from the competitors are allowed unless pre-approved by the OA.

17-21. 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 OA 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 will be awarded to the winning boats in each class/division. The number of prizes for each class/division will be as follows:

Number of entrants	Number of prizes
3 - 4	2
Above 4	3

- 24.2 In addition, the following special prizes will be awarded based on the corrected lap time:
 - a. The Fastest Average Lap Winner
 - b. Lap Honors Prize (for the team with most laps)
- 24.3 Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 24.4 The prize giving will be held at Hebe Haven Yacht Club on Sunday, 20 October 2024 after racing.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Sailing Centre at +852-2719 0926 or regatta@hhyc.org.hk.

APPENDIX A

COURSE LAYOUT
(FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

