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China Coast Regatta 2018

Commodore's Message

On behalf of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, I would like to welcome all competitors and visitors to the 26th edition of the China Coast Regatta, the Club's premier Big Boat Regatta. In welcoming our competitors, I'd especially like to thank our overseas entrants for making the journey to Hong Kong – I hope everyone enjoys the racing and has a great time. Having participated in the China Coast Regatta for over 15 years, it's great to see increased participation across so many divisions. This year is the first time we have two trimaran entries, the 70' *MOD Beau Geste* and the Orma 60 *SHK Scallywag Fuku*, competing in the regatta.



Sailors will not only be tested on the water but will enjoy a full programme of social events every day of the regatta. Thanks to the Chung Yeung Festival holiday, this year we have an extra lay day after the 3-day regatta for the fleet to prepare for the dash down to Hainan. We can be sure that there will be a new record set for this run with the two trimarans in the competition.

This regatta would not be possible without our sponsors. My heartfelt thanks go to Royal Dragon Vodka, China Pacific Marine, UK Sailmakers, G.H. Mumm Champagne, Peroni, ETA Logistics and media partner SailWorld for their support and commitment.

In closing, I would like to recognise and thank the many volunteers who have made this event possible: The Race Committee, chaired by Fred Kinmonth, our Race Officer Inge Strompf-Jepsen, and Protest Chairman Cathy Delany-Hobbs, and all the other sailors and volunteers on and off the water. They have donated their time away from family and other duties to enable us to have a great regatta. A round of applause to them.

See you on the water!

John Woo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Woo' in a cursive, flowing style.

Commodore

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

中國海岸帆船賽 2018

會長致詞

本人謹代表香港遊艇會歡迎所有參賽者及訪客，參與第二十六次舉行的中國海岸帆船賽，亦是本會最大型大帆船賽事。除了歡迎我們本地的參賽者外，我還要特別多謝海外隊伍專程來到香港參加，希望各位享受是次比賽及當中愉快時光。我已經參加了超過十五次中國海岸帆船賽，值得高興是看到參賽隊伍的數目上升。今年亦是首次有兩艘三體帆船同時參賽，其中一艘是 *MOD Beau Geste* 號而另一艘是 *Orma 60 SHK Scallywag Fuku* 號。

各參賽者雖然在水上要受到考驗，但將會更加享受一連串賽事有關的社交活動。多得重陽節假期，在連續三天比賽後給我們額外一天為到海南島賽事作準備。我們肯定這兩艘三體帆船將會刷新紀錄。

衷心感謝我們的贊助商令這次比賽得以舉行，分別是 Royal Dragon Vodka, China Pacific Marine, UK Sailmakers, G.H. Mumm Champagne, Peroni, ETA Logistics 及傳媒合作夥伴 SailWorld 給予的支持及承諾。

最後，我由衷的感謝所有義工令是次比賽順利進行：由主席 Fred Kinmonth 帶領的賽事委員會，裁判長司徒嫻潔 (Inge Strompf-Jepsen) 及抗議委員會主席 Cathy Delany；所有參賽船員以及無論水上或陸上的義工。他們把陪伴家人或其他工作的時間投放在此比賽，讓我們可享受一個盛大賽事。請為他們鼓掌。

比賽見！

胡祖榮

香港遊艇會會長

China Coast Regatta 2018

Chairman's Message

Dear all,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the China Coast Regatta, the RHKYC's premier Big Boat Regatta. Building on last year's event, the regatta will be run out of our Middle Island Clubhouse.

Please see the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for full details but, in brief:

- (i) the IRC classes will race on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as will our two trimaran entries;
- (ii) the IRC Premier Cruiser division will sail island courses; and
- (iii) HKPN monohull will sail on Saturday and Sunday.



There will be Welcome Drinks on the Main Lawn at Kellett Island on Thursday evening (11 October), daily prizegivings with refreshments on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a buffet Regatta Dinner poolside at Kellett Island on Saturday night. The Overall Prizegiving will be held on Tuesday evening, 16 October (17 October is a holiday) and the Hainan Race will start on Thursday (18 October). My huge thanks to my organising committee, to Inge for agreeing to be race officer and last but not least, the Sailing Office for their support.

I promise a warm welcome to all competitors and great sailing and enjoyment both on and off the water.

Fred Kinmonth

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fred Kinmonth'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'F' and 'K'.

Race Committee Chairman

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

中國海岸帆船賽 2018

賽事委員會主席致詞

各位

歡迎你參與本會最大型大帆船賽事中國海岸帆船賽。跟去年一樣，賽事活動將會在中途島會所舉行。

請參考賽事公告及航行細則內的詳情，但簡單來說：

- (i) 一如既往 IRC 級別及兩艘三體船將於星期五、六及日展開比賽
- (ii) IRC Premier Cruiser 級別將會參與島嶼賽；以及
- (iii) HKPN 級別於星期六及日進行比賽

歡迎酒會將於 10 月 11 日星期四晚在吉列島的 Main Lawn 舉行，每天賽事後備有當日頒獎禮及茶點招待，而星期六晚在池畔設有自助晚餐。總頒獎典禮將於 10 月 16 日晚舉行（10 月 17 日為假期）及香港至海南島帆船賽於 10 月 18 日星期四舉行。最後，我非常感謝我的賽事委員會成員、裁判長司徒娛潔（Inge），及賽事部的支持。

我承諾所有參賽者被受熱情款待及享受愉快賽事和水上及陸上時光。

香港遊艇會中國海岸帆船賽賽事委員會主席



CHINA COAST REGATTA 2018

IRC 12 to 14 October 2018

HKPN 13 to 14 October 2018



The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invites entries to its annual China Coast Regatta, Hong Kong's premier Big Boat event. Competing yachts can expect the best of Hong Kong's sailing conditions with 10 to 20 knot winds, blue skies, warm friendly waters and great parties.

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The China Coast Regatta 2018 will be governed by:
 - the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4;
 - the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
 - the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
 - the HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme (PIPS);
 - the RHKYC PFD Policy;
 - this NoR; and
 - the China Coast Regatta 2018 Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e), the regatta will be run on consecutive days. Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances subject to the discretion of and with the permission of the race committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 1.3 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise (as defined in the SIs) and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2 where applicable.
- 1.4 The China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2018 comprise the China Coast Race Week 2018. Boats that compete in both events will be given an overall result based on the points that they have received in their class or division in each event.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A yacht wishing to display advertising on her hull, sails or spars shall be in possession of a valid Advertising License issued by her National Authority as provided in World Sailing Regulation 20 – (Advertising Code). Advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Skippers shall provide a copy of their boat's advertising license to the race committee prior to the first race in which they intend to display the advertising.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 2.3 When registering, each boat may receive battle flags. If lost, they shall be replaced. Replacements may be obtained at the regatta office. Battle flags shall be displayed when not racing or when in transit to or from racing. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The China Coast Regatta 2018 is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - 3.1.1 **IRC Racer Class:** Keelboats with a Hull Factor (HF) of 8.5 and above. The class will be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands, at the discretion of the race committee. See NoR 3.3.
 - 3.1.2 **IRC Premier Cruiser Class:** Keelboats with a DLR equal to or greater than 140 and an LOA equal to or greater than 14.98m.
 - 3.1.3 **IRC Cruiser Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 8.5 or less and a DLR equal to or greater than 140.

3.1.4 **HKPN Class:** Boats with a current HKPN number issued by HKSF (a) that have not held an IRC certificate in effect within 90 days before the start of racing or (b) if the boat currently holds an effective IRC certificate, the boat has requested to be included in the HKPN class.

3.2 Boats shall enter one class only.

3.3 The race committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, rating bands and divisions for the IRC Racer Class, which shall be published in the SIs. Subject to the number of entries, the classes, divisions and rating bands in IRC Racer Class may be altered at the discretion of the race committee. In addition, the race committee may not accept any entry for a class and may allocate any entry to another class or to any division within any class if it considers, in its discretion, that competition would be better served by such change. The race committee may in its sole discretion create any additional class and modify this NoR or the SIs as appropriate to take into account the new class.

3.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form with the entry fee on or before Friday 28 September 2018.

3.5 Entry fees will not be refundable after Friday 28 September 2018.

3.6 Late entries may be accepted until 1800hrs on Monday 8 October 2018 upon application to the race committee and only upon payment of the entry fee plus an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.

3.7 All boats shall be not less than 9m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin and must carry a functioning VHF radio transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 16 and 72.

4. HONG KONG KETTLE

Boats entered in China Coast Regatta IRC Racer Class may form teams in order to compete for the Hong Kong Kettle Trophy. Teams shall consist of two boats from different divisions. The team with the lowest combined score as per NoR 11 shall win the Hong Kong Kettle Trophy.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be HKD \$2,500 per boat for IRC Classes and \$1,700 for HKPN. There will be a \$200 crew pass fee for each crew member for social events.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The regatta will be based at RHKYC Middle Island. The race schedule will provide for a mix of windward/leeward, geometric and island courses, all held within Hong Kong waters. The IRC Racer Class will have a maximum of seven races and the IRC Premier Cruiser and IRC Cruiser Classes will have a maximum of four races. The HKPN Class will have a maximum of four races. The courses, start/finish and number of races will be determined by the race committee and/or race officer taking into account weather conditions and Hong Kong's diverse sailing areas. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day will be 1025hrs.

6.2 Day prizes for racing on Friday 12 October and Saturday 13 October 2018 will be awarded each day after racing. The overall prizegiving will be held at RHKYC Middle Island on Sunday 14 October 2018.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 No alteration to a boat's IRC or HKPN rating will be permitted after 1800hrs on Monday 8 October except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error, in which case the revised rating shall apply to all races in the regatta. Evidence in writing must be submitted to the race committee.

7.2 HKSF HKPN PIPS shall apply to the HKPN Class. Any boat intending to enter in that class shall submit a completed declaration form to the Sailing Office before 1800hrs on Monday 8 October 2018.

7.3 A boat's largest headsail and largest spinnaker shall be made available to a representative appointed by the race committee for measurement, if so requested, prior to the first race of the regatta.

7.4 To the extent provided in the SIs, all boats shall restrict the number of crew carried on board whilst racing to comply with the Declared Initial Crew Number (DICN) on their entry forms, subject to the permitted limited variations to be detailed in the SIs. If no DICN is included on a boat's entry form, the number of crew shall be restricted to the number specified on its rating certificate. This modifies IRC Rule 22.4.1.

7.5 Boats racing in IRC Racer Class 0 and 1 shall have an endorsed IRC certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available in early October 2018.

9. COURSES

The courses for the regatta will be outlined in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 A protest committee may be appointed in accordance with RRS 89.2.

10.2 When the protest committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2 Provided the maximum number of races for a class, or a division of a class, is completed, one discard will be allowed for the regatta. A score of DNC cannot be discarded unless the failure to compete was due to no fault or choice of the entered yacht. No discards will be allowed in the overall scoring for China Coast Race Week 2018 or for the Hong Kong Kettle. If fewer than the maximum number of races for a class or division of a class are completed, a boat's score for the regatta will be the total of her scores for all completed races.

11.3 Results for individual races will be established by a boat's corrected time, calculated using the following:

11.3.1 **IRC:** The Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on a boat's current valid IRC certificate will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x TCC

11.3.2 **HKPN:** The boat's HKPN number will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x 1000/HKPN

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio with channel 72 capability. VHF channel 72 may be used to provide boats with race information. Competitors shall monitor channel 72 at all times above and below deck via loudspeakers or with a handheld VHF radio that is waterproof or enclosed in a waterproof bag. Competitors are strongly recommended to carry at least two working VHF receivers. Failure to hear a radio communication from the race committee or a safety broadcast on channel 72 or failure of the race committee to broadcast any information will not be grounds for redress.

12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (i) First, second and third for a class or division of class.
- (ii) First prize for the Hong Kong Kettle.
- (iii) Day prizes will be awarded for individual classes or divisions of a class.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority (RHKYC), race committee, sponsor(s), employees 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 the regatta.

14.2 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authority, race committee and the RHKYC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR.

14.3 It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the regatta, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete unless evidence of genuine extenuating circumstances for the lateness is accepted by the race committee.

15. INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of at least the minimum cover required by HKSAR law (<http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/upload/Marine/Notices/mdn-71-2016.pdf>).

16. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

By entering this race, each boat owner (or charterer) and crew on the competing boats grant to the organising authority and the sponsor and affiliated companies at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet).

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 17.1 Yachts entering from overseas, please contact **RHKYC Marine Manager** Alan Reid at: alan.reid@rhkyc.org.hk Tel: +852 2239 0308, for all details regarding facilities, berthing and commissioning prior to the race and/or regatta.
- 17.2 For further information about the event, please contact **RHKYC Sailing Manager**, Ailsa Angus at: ailsa.angus@rhkyc.org.hk Tel: +852 2239 0395.
- 17.3 Other details and requirements are set out in the China Coast Race Week 2018 NoR. All documents will be published on the China Coast Regatta website: <https://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr>

CHINA COAST REGATTA 2018
Incorporating the Hong Kong Kettle 2018
IRC & HKPN Multihull - Friday 12 October to Sunday 14 October 2018
HKPN Monohull - Saturday 13 October to Sunday 14 October 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The China Coast Regatta 2018 and Hong Kong Kettle 2018 (collectively, 'the regatta') will be governed by:
- the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4;
 - the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
 - the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
 - the HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme (PIPS);
 - the RHKYC PFD Policy (Appendix B of the RHKYC Standard Sailing Instructions, available at <http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/ssi.aspx>);
 - the China Coast Regatta 2018 Notice of Race (NoR); and
 - these SIs. If there is a difference between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail.

- 1.2 **IRC Racer Class Rating Bands:** Subject to adjustment as provided in NoR 3.3, the IRC Racer Class rating bands are as follows:

IRC 0: 1.250 and above

IRC 1: 1.150 to 1.249

IRC 2: 1.050 to 1.149

IRC 3: 1.049 and below

- 1.3 Any adjustment to rating bands or divisions or the creation of any additional class will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and the regatta website (www.chinacoastraceweek.com) by 2000hrs on Wednesday 10 October 2018.
- 1.4 Any Marine Department Notices or Notices to Mariners that may have an impact on racing will be posted on the ONB and shall be deemed part of these SIs. In accordance with RRS 48.2, a boat shall comply with the Traffic Separation Scheme regulations.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Prior to the regatta, the race office will be located at the RHKYC Sailing Office at Kellett Island. The race office will re-locate to RHKYC Middle Island on Friday 12 October.
- 2.2 The ONB will be located as follows:
- up to 0800hrs on Friday 12 October, in the Course Room at RHKYC Kellett Island; and
 - from 0900hrs on Friday 12 October, outside the race office at RHKYC Middle Island.
- 2.3 The race committee, call sign Race Committee, will transmit information including anticipated start times and courses on VHF Channel 72.
- 2.4 The race committee will transmit shortened course information on VHF Channel 72.
- 2.5 Competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 72 at all times from 0900hrs on each race day until racing is completed for the day. Failure of equipment or failure to hear race committee transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted on the regatta website and ONB before 0800hrs on the day it will take effect, or, if made on the water, will be communicated to all boats on VHF Channel 72 at least 10 minutes before the warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore at RHKYC Kellett Island will be displayed on the RHKYC Kellett Island roof flagpole.
- 4.2 Signals made ashore at RHKYC Middle Island will be displayed on the RHKYC Middle Island flagpole on the hardstanding at the top of the access ramp.
- 4.3 When ICF flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.4 If ICF flag L is displayed ashore, it will be displayed over a numeral pennant that corresponds to the number of that notice.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The provisional schedule of races is as follows:

5.1.1 IRC Racer & HKPN Multihull Classes

Friday 12 October	2 races
Saturday 13 October	3 races
Sunday 14 October	2 races

5.1.2 IRC Premier Class

Friday 12 October	1 race
Saturday 13 October	2 races
Sunday 14 October	2 races

5.1.3 HKPN Monohull Class

Saturday 13 October	2 races
Sunday 14 October	2 races

- 5.2 Scheduled races may be any combination of windward/leeward and islands courses to suit the prevailing conditions. The race committee intends to include two islands races for each class or division over the series.
- 5.3 The schedule in SI 5.1 may be varied by increasing or decreasing the number of races in a day, provided that IRC Racer and HKPN Multihull Classes shall not have more than three races a day and no other class shall have more than two races a day.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Friday and Saturday is 1025hrs. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 1125hrs. The starts of subsequent races will be signalled as soon as it is practicable to do so.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 On Sunday 14 October, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1600hrs, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after this time. This exception will not apply to a race that is abandoned or postponed.
- 5.7 No race will be started if local Storm Warning Signal No. 3 or higher is in effect. Any race affected may be rescheduled.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags and division streamers will be:

Class/Division	International Code Flag	Streamer
IRC Racer Class Div 0	G	Purple
Div 1	V	Pink
Div 2	K	Orange
Div 3	D	White
IRC Premier Class	E	Black
HKPN Multihull Class	W	Dark Blue
HKPN Monohull Class	T	Turquoise

6.2 Boats shall display the appropriate coloured streamer, as supplied by the race office, on their backstay (or starboard shroud in the case of boats not having backstays) at all times whilst racing. [NP] [DP]

7. RACING / STARTING AREAS

7.1 The racing area for windward/leeward and most islands courses will be in the waters to the east and south of Hong Kong Island. Some islands courses extend to the waters to the east of Sai Kung.

7.2 For windward/leeward courses, the starting area will be south-east of Lamma Island. For islands courses, the starting area will be south-east of Lamma Island or south of Stanley Peninsula as advised by the race committee on VHF Channel 72. The location of the starting area may be changed by the race committee at any time and will be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Appendix A lists the windward/leeward courses. Appendix B lists the islands courses.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 A windward mark may be laid for an islands course and a red or green board or flag will be displayed by the race committee signal vessel to signify if the mark is to be left to port (red) or starboard (green).

9. MARKS

9.1 **For windward/leeward courses,**

Mark A will be:

IRC Racer Divisions 0 & 1, IRC Premier and HKPN Multihull Classes - a **black inflatable buoy (long course)**.

IRC Racer Divisions 2 & 3, and HKPN Monohull Class - an **orange inflatable buoy (short course)**.

Mark C for all divisions/classes will be a **black inflatable buoy**.

New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be:

IRC Racer Divisions 0 & 1 and IRC Premier and HKPN Multihull Classes - a **black inflatable buoy with a white band**.

IRC Racer Divisions 2 & 3 and HKPN Monohull Class - a **white cylindrical buoy**.

9.2 **For islands courses**, the windward mark (if laid) and Ocean 1 and 2 marks will be **orange inflatable buoys**. The approximate GPS coordinates of the Ocean 1 and 2 marks are in Appendix B. Other marks of the islands courses will be geographical features. Any difference between the coordinates of the Ocean 1 and 2 marks in Appendix B and the actual location of the marks will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). [NP]

9.3 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a race committee vessel or an orange inflatable buoy with a white jacket at the port end.

9.4 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable buoy at the port end.

10. PROHIBITED AREAS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 These rules apply at all times while afloat.
- 10.2 The 100m exclusion zone surrounding Waglan Island is a prohibited area.
- 10.3 Buoys (usually yellow or orange, but may be other colours) may be laid adjacent to construction sites. An area bounded by virtual lines between such buoys, and where appropriate, the nearest point of the shore shall be considered to be a prohibited area.
- 10.4 Marine works areas as described in current Marine Department Notices (see SI 1.4) shall be considered prohibited areas.
- 10.5 Commercial vessels underway and vessels engaged in towing shall be considered to be a 'Moving Prohibited Area' as follows:
- Ahead of the vessel, 200 metres or two lengths of the vessel, whichever is greater. For a vessel towing, 100 metres.
 - Abeam of the vessel, 100 metres or two widths of the vessel, whichever is greater.
 - Astern of the vessel, 50 metres.
- 10.6 Boats shall not enter any prohibited area. Any boat entering a prohibited area shall be automatically and irrevocably disqualified without any hearing.
- 10.7 At all times boats shall keep clear of commercial traffic.
- 10.8 All prohibited areas defined in this rule shall also be considered 'obstructions' (as provided for in the RRS definition of 'Obstruction') and applicable to RRS 19 and 20.

11. THE START

- 11.1 RRS 26 applies with the warning signal five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels, or between the staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP] [DP]
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.
- 11.5 The race committee may transmit on VHF Channel 72 the sail numbers of OCS boats. [NP]

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (windward/leeward courses only)

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 When the protest committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 For windward/leeward races, if the leading boat in a class or division has not rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start, the race for that class or division may be abandoned.
- 15.2 For windward/leeward races, if the leading boat in a class or division fails to finish a race within 90 minutes after the start, the race for that class or division may be abandoned.
- 15.3 For islands races, if the leading boat in a class or division fails to finish a race by 1630hrs or such later time as announced by the Race Officer on VHF Channel 72, the race for that class or division may be abandoned.
- 15.4 A boat which fails to finish a windward/leeward race within 30 minutes (elapsed time) of the leading boat in her class or division **OR** fails to finish an islands race within 120 minutes (elapsed time) of the leading boat in her class or division, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests relating to measurement, ratings or handicaps shall be submitted before the expiry of the protest time limit for the first day's racing on Friday 12 October.
- 16.2 Other racing protests and requests for redress shall be in writing (suitable forms are available at the RHKYC Middle Island race office).
- 16.3 Protest forms and requests for redress must be submitted to the race office (at RHKYC Middle Island) **within 60 minutes** of the finishing time of the last boat in the relevant class or division in the last race of the day. Protests may be e-mailed to sailingoffice@rhkyc.org.hk.
- 16.4 Failure to receive a protest or request for redress by email will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.5 Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the applicable protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ascertain whether or not he is required to attend a protest hearing, to attend at the correct time and have all likely witnesses in attendance. Failure to attend at the appointed time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 16.7 For protests where only a rule of RRS Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 16.8 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.9 Hearings will be held in the protest room located at RHKYC Middle Island at the time posted, except that any protest hearings from Sunday's races will be held in the Protest Room at Kellett Island on Monday 15 October 2018 from 1830hrs.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, as amended below.
- 17.2 **China Coast Regatta 2018:**
 - 17.2.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series for all classes or divisions.
 - 17.2.2 IRC Racer and HKPN Multihull Classes: When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. A score of DNC cannot be discarded.
 - 17.2.3 IRC Premier Class: When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. A score of DNC cannot be discarded.
 - 17.2.4 HKPN Monohull Class: When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. A score of DNC cannot be discarded.

17.3 **China Coast Race Week 2018** (comprising the China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong to Hainan Race): RRS Appendix A will be applicable except that no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2 and A8.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her score in each race of the China Coast Regatta 2018 and her score in the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2018. Boats wishing to be eligible for overall results under IRC in the China Coast Race Week 2018 must complete both the China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2018.

17.4 **Hong Kong Kettle 2018:**

For teams entered in the Hong Kong Kettle, scores will be calculated by combining each boat's China Coast Regatta 2018 scores without any discard. This changes RRS A2.

18. CREW [DP]

18.1 For IRC Racer Divisions, each boat shall restrict the number of crew carried on board whilst racing to comply with its Declared Initial Crew Number (DICN) or the crew number on its IRC certificate with the following permitted variations (except as provided in SI 18.3):

Declared Initial Crew Number Limit of Variation

Up to 4	-1 +1
5 to 12	-2 +2
13 to 20	-3 +2
21 or more	-4 +3

18.2 If no DICN is included on a boat's entry form, the number of crew shall be restricted to the specified number on its IRC certificate.

18.3 For all IRC Racer Divisions, the same number of crew shall be on board for all races on any day when there is more than one race on such day unless approved by the race committee.

19. SELF STEERING AND POWERED DEVICES

19.1 The use of electronic, mechanical and wind-vane devices for steering is prohibited.

19.2 In accordance with IRC Rule 15.1, RRS 52 shall not apply to boats using stored power for adjustment and operation of sails and moveable appendages.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 Any boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

20.2 Notification can be made by:

- VHF Channel 72; or
- telephoning Race Control on 9326 5908.

20.3 In an emergency, the Sailing Manager, Ailsa Angus, can also be called by mobile on 6465 4131.

21. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

21.1 All boats shall be equipped with adequate and functioning equipment to satisfy the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. The onus is on the owner or person in charge of each boat to ensure that adequate equipment is carried.

21.2 Boats shall not race with an anchor stowed externally on the bow. Any boat that does not comply with this requirement will be subject to disqualification by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

22. SAFE NAVIGATION

At all times, including when not racing, boats shall be careful to avoid any close-quarter situations with commercial vessels (see SI 10). Any report to the organising authority that this has not been complied with will be investigated and action may be taken by the race committee by protesting the boat involved and, if found justified, by barring her entry in further races, or future events, of the organising authority.

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class or division in the China Coast Regatta 2018.

23.2 A prize will be awarded to the winner of the Hong Kong Kettle 2018.

- 23.3 Day prizes for the individual classes or divisions will also be awarded. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.
- 23.4 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner in each class or division for boats taking part in China Coast Race Week consisting of the China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2018.
- 23.5 The final prizes for the China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong Kettle 2018 will be awarded at the prize giving on Tuesday 16 October 2018 on the Main Lawn, RHKYC Kellett Island.
- 23.6 The overall prizes for the China Coast Race Week 2018 will be awarded at the prize giving on Wednesday 31 October in the Chart Room, RHKYC Kellett Island.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority (RHKYC), race committee, sponsor(s), employees 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 the regatta.
- 24.2 Persons in charge and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authority, race committee and the RHKYC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout these SIs. It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the China Coast Regatta 2018 and the Hong Kong Kettle 2018, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete **unless** evidence of genuine extenuating circumstances for the lateness is accepted by the race committee.

25. INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of at least the minimum cover required by HKSAR law.

APPENDIX A – WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES

Course 1	Start – A – C – A – C – Finish at A
Course 2	Start – A – C – A – C – A – C – Finish at A
Course 3	Start – A – C – A – C – A – C – A – C – Finish at A
Course 4	Start – A – C – A – Finish at C
Course 5	Start – A – C – A – C – A – Finish at C
Course 6	Start – A – C – A – C – A – C – A – Finish at C

All marks shall be rounded to port.

APPENDIX B – ISLANDS COURSES

Apart from starting and finishing marks, all marks are rounding marks unless otherwise specified.

1. Starting areas are south-east of Lamma Island or south of Stanley Peninsula as advised by the race committee on VHF Channel 72.
2. The finish will be south of Stanley Peninsula.
3. The mark Ocean 1 will be approximately located at 22 09.21 N 114 11.20 E.
4. The mark Ocean 2 will be approximately located at 22 12.23 N 114 17.62 E.

Course 7 16.5 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Ocean 2 S
Waglan P passing
Sung Kong S
Finish

Course 8 10 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Beaufort S
Finish

Course 9 20 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Ocean 2 S
Sung Kong S
Waglan P passing
Po Toi S
Beaufort P
Finish

Course 10 19 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
South Ninepin P
North Ninepin S passing
Beaufort P passing
Finish

Course 11 9 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Beaufort P
Ocean 2 P
Finish

Course 12 11.5 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Po Toi P
Sung Kong P
Ocean 2 P
Finish

Course 13 31 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Beaufort P passing
Sung Kong P
South Ninepin P
Bluff P
Finish

Course 14 25 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Beaufort P passing
Sung Kong P
North Ninepin P
Finish

Course 15 10 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Beaufort P
Finish

Course 16 52 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Shek Ngau Chau Light P
Finish

Course 17 32 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Ocean 1 P
Beaufort P passing
Waglan P
Bluff P
Finish

Course 18 48 NM

Start
Windward mark (if laid) P/S
Shek Ngau Chau Light P
Finish

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