



**CHINA COASTAL RACE 2021**  
**Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 October 2021**  
**Organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (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 Coastal Race 2021 will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
  - the prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
  - the IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C: IRC Rule 22.4 will not apply - there will be no limitations on crew number or weight;
  - the HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme (PIPS);
  - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2020-2021 Category 3 Monohulls, no life-rafts;
  - the RHKYC PFD Policy;
  - the China Coastal Race 2021 Notice of Race; and
  - these SIs.
- 1.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 (number of spinnakers on board) is changed by the HKSF's prescription to RRS 88.
- 1.3 Between local sunset and sunrise navigation lights shall be lit and RRS Sections A, B & C of Part 2 will cease to apply and will be replaced by Part B: Steering and Sailing Rules of IRPCAS. For the purposes of the race, sunset shall be deemed to be no later than 1800hrs and sunrise shall be deemed to be no earlier than 0630hrs.
- 1.4 All competitors must comply with local HK Marine Department regulations pertaining to the licensing of pleasure vessels and their operators.
- 1.5 Any Marine Department Notices or Notices to Mariners that may have an impact on racing will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) and shall be deemed to be part of these SIs. In accordance with RRS 56.2, a boat shall comply with the Traffic Separation Scheme regulations.
- 1.6 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 64.2.
- 1.7 Boats shall stay within HKSAR territorial waters at all times during the event.

## **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0800hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at [www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-coastal](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-coastal).
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72. See also SI 23.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RHKYC Kellett Island flag poles on the hardstanding next to the pontoon access steps.
- 4.2 When AP over H is displayed ashore or on the race committee signal vessel the race is postponed with further signals posted on the ONB.

## **5. RACE SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1050hrs on Saturday 23 October with the first starting signal at 1100hrs.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 The race will not be started if local Storm Warning Signal No. 3 or higher is in effect. If local Storm Warning Signal No. 3 or higher is raised during the race, the race will be abandoned. Boats shall

record their GPS position at the time of the abandonment and report it to the race committee by texting +852 6465 4131.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags are: IRC Class IC Flag G  
HKPN Class IC Flag T

## **7. STARTING AREA**

The starting area will be in the vicinity of Tai Long Pai (Shek O Rock).

## **8. COURSES**

Appendix A describes the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable buoy with a white jacket at the port end.
- 9.2 Other marks of the course include fixed navigational buoys and geographical/manmade features.

## **10. PROHIBITED AREAS AND OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 These rules apply at all times while afloat.
- 10.2 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 marks and, where appropriate, the nearest point of the shore shall be considered to be a prohibited area.
- 10.3 Marine works areas as described in current Marine Department Notices (see SI 1.5) shall be considered prohibited areas.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 At all times boats shall keep clear of commercial traffic.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 RRS 26 applies with the warning signal ten minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 The race committee may broadcast on VHF channel 72 the sail numbers of boats failing to start correctly. Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish will be at TCS2. Boats shall finish within 200m of TCS2 and on a bearing of 270° to the mark.
- 12.2 Boats shall take their own finishing times. In addition, a boat shall record their GPS position at the time of finishing and the sail numbers of the boats immediately ahead and astern, if any, on the boat's Declaration Form.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 will apply up to one hour after the warning signal.

13.2 Subsequently for the remainder of the race RRS 44.3 will apply - a 20% place penalty of the number of starters in her class or division will be applied. This will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

13.3 Unless there is serious damage or injury, a competitor who gains significant advantage by breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 may have a penalty greater than 20% applied by a protest committee. This may include disqualification.

#### **14. TIME LIMIT**

The finish time limit is 1900hrs on Sunday 24 October 2021.

#### **15. RETIREMENT**

Boats retiring shall report their retirement and give their position to the race committee by texting +852 6465 4131.

#### **16. DECLARATION**

16.1 The person in charge, navigator and one crewmember of each boat shall sign the Declaration Form that they have completed the race and shall report any infringements on the declaration. See also SI 12.2 and 21.2.

16.2 The declaration shall be delivered to the Sailing Manager at the RHKYC Sailing Office, Kellett Island or emailed to [sailingoffice@rhkyc.org.hk](mailto:sailingoffice@rhkyc.org.hk) no later than 2000hrs on Sunday 24 October 2021.

#### **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1 The protest time limit is 2030hrs on Sunday 24 October 2021.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available in the RHKYC Kellett Island Course Room and online at <https://www.rhkyc.org.hk/upload/Sailing/Race-Management/protestform-2013.pdf>. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Sailing Office or emailed to [sailingoffice@rhkyc.org.hk](mailto:sailingoffice@rhkyc.org.hk) within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 Protest notices will be posted on the ONB. Protests will be heard on Monday 25 October 2021 at 1830hrs in the Protest Room at RHKYC Kellett Island.

#### **18. SCORING**

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

#### **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The 2020-2021 Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 3 race, no life raft, shall apply to all boats participating in the Coastal Race. It is the skipper's responsibility to comply with all of the Category 3 regulations with a particular focus on ensuring that all personal safety equipment and signalling equipment meets the regulations.

#### **20. SAIL LIMITATIONS**

Sail limitations will be in accordance with the IRC/HKSF prescriptions or the HKPN PIPS form under which the boat is racing.

#### **21. ENGINES**

21.1 An engine may be used for charging batteries, winches, halyards, pumping bilges or supplying power for weighing anchor or refrigeration while in neutral.

21.2 An engine may be used for propulsion while racing to avoid collision or in an emergency and the facts must be reported on the declaration. This changes RRS 42.1 and 42.3 (h). The protest committee may apply a penalty less than disqualification.

#### **22. SELF-STEERING AND POWERED DEVICES**

The use of electronic, mechanical and wind-vane devices for steering is prohibited unless by a single or double handed entry.

#### **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

23.1 There are no specific restrictions on radio and electronic aids to navigation that may be used while racing, or on the linking of such aids.

23.2 In accordance with RRS 86.1(b), RRS 41(c) is amended as follows:

RRS 41 – A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except....

(c) Help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

23.3 All radio messages received, transmitted, or attempted to be transmitted shall be entered in the boat's log, or in a separate radio log.

23.4 The race committee may broadcast information to the fleet on VHF channel 72 at the start of the race. Boats are strongly advised to monitor VHF channel 72 with a loudspeaker or handheld VHF on deck. A boat may, without infringing RRS 41 (outside help), request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the race committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

23.5 All boats are strongly advised to maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 72 or SSB 4060 kHz for the duration of the race.

## **24. REPORTING SCHEDULE**

24.1 All boats shall report their position to the race committee as soon as possible when they reach Ping Chau / Shek Ngau Chau, Sham Shui Pai and the finish area by texting +852 6465 4131.

24.2 All boats shall report wind strength and wave heights to the race committee when the wind strength exceeds 30 knots.

## **25. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for line honours and class/division places at the discretion of the race committee

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

26.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race committee, the organising authority (RHKYC) and sponsors and their respective staff, members, volunteers or persons working for or on behalf of the above will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

26.2 Persons in charge, owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authority, the 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 persons in charge and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates.

## **27. INSURANCE**

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

## APPENDIX A - COURSES

Marks are rounding marks unless identified as passing marks.

### COURSE 1

| Mark                        | Side   | Latitude     | Longitude   |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| Shek O Rock                 | Start Area   |              |             |
| TCS 2                       | P  | 22 13.158n   | 114 17.614e |
| TCS 1                       | P  | 22 13.158n   | 114 20.147e |
| Basalt Island               | P  |              |             |
| Waglan Island               | P  |              |             |
| Ping Chau Special Mark (NE) | P  | 22 32.573n   | 114 26.853e |
| Ping Chau Special Mark (NW) | P  | 22 33.354n   | 114 25.705e |
| Wind Tower                  | S  | 22 17.990n   | 114 25.463e |
| Po Toi Island               | S  |              |             |
| Lamma Island                | S  |              |             |
| Sham Shui Pai               | P  | 22 12.325n   | 114 2.796e  |
| Lamma Island                | P  |              |             |
| Chesterman                  | P (passing)  | 22 11.208n   | 114 12.014e |
| Cape D'Águilar              | P  |              |             |
| TCS 2                       | P. Finish with mark on bearing 270° (M) and within 200m. | 22 13.158n   | 114 17.614e |
|                             |  | <b>Miles</b> | <b>100</b>  |

### COURSE 2

| Mark              | Side   | Latitude     | Longitude   |
|-------------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| Shek O Rock Start | Start Area   |              |             |
| TCS 2             | P  | 22 13.158n   | 114 17.614e |
| TCS 1             | P  | 22 13.158n   | 114 20.147e |
| Basalt Island     | P  |              |             |
| Waglan Island     | P  |              |             |
| Shek Ngau Chau    | P  | 22 27.961n   | 114 25.668e |
| Po Toi Island     | S  |              |             |
| Lamma Island      | S  |              |             |
| Sham Shui Pai     | P  | 22 12.325n   | 114 2.796e  |
| Lamma Island      | P  |              |             |
| Chesterman        | P (passing)  | 22 11.208n   | 114 12.014e |
| Cape D'Águilar    | P  |              |             |
| TCS 2             | P. Finish with mark on bearing 270° (M) and within 200m. | 22 13.158n   | 114 17.614e |
|                   |  | <b>Miles</b> | <b>88</b>   |