



# CHINA COAST REGATTA 2023

IRC 13 to 15 October 2023

PHS 14 to 15 October 2023



*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

For the notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR), refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing – Introduction - Notation.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The China Coast Regatta 2023 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 Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China;
  - the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
  - the SailSys PHS handicap system (formerly the HKPN handicap system); and the RHKYC PFD Policy (<https://www.rhkyc.org.hk/storage/app/media/Sailing/race-management/2021-SSI-Appendix-B.pdf>).
- 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 event is designated a Clean Regatta by Sailors for the Sea, a non-profit organisation that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available in early October 2023.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at [www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr).
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 72.
- 3.3. VHF channel 72 may be used to provide boats with race information. Competitors shall monitor channel 72 at all times. 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.
- 3.4. [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 is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The China Coast Regatta 2023 is open to boats of the following classes:
  - 4.1.1 **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 4.4.
  - 4.1.2 **IRC Premier Cruiser Class:** Keelboats with a DLR equal to or greater than 140 and an LOA equal to or greater than 14.98m.
  - 4.1.3 **IRC Cruiser Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 8.5 or less **and** a DLR equal to or greater than 140.
  - 4.1.4 **PHS Class:** Boats that previously would have entered the HKPN class and those that either do not have an IRC certificate or have an IRC certificate and have requested to race in the PHS class.
- 4.2 Boats shall enter one class only.
- 4.3 Boats shall be not less than 9m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.

- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form ([www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr)) with the entry fee on or before Friday 29 September 2023.
- 4.6 Entry fees will not be refundable after Friday 29 September 2023.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted until 1800hrs on Monday 9 October 2023 upon application to the race committee and only upon payment of the entry fee plus an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.

## 5. 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 13 shall win the Hong Kong Kettle Trophy.

## 6. FEES

The entry fee will be HKD \$2,500 per boat for IRC Classes and \$1,700 for the PHS Class. There will be a \$210 crew pass fee for each crew member for social events.

## 7. CREW LIMITATIONS

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.

## 8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1 A boat 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.
- 8.2 [DP] 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.
- 8.3 [DP] When registering, each boat may receive battle flags. If lost, they shall be replaced. Replacements may be obtained at the event office. Battle flags shall be displayed when not racing and when in transit to or from the racing area.

## 9. VENUE AND SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The event 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 over the period 13 – 15 October. The PHS Class will have a maximum of four races over the period 14 – 15 October. The courses, the location of the start and finish and the 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 each day is 1025hrs.
- 9.2 Day prizes for racing on Friday 13 October and Saturday 14 October 2023 will be awarded each day after racing. The overall prizegiving will be held at RHKYC Kellett Island on Monday 16 October 2023.

## 10. MEASUREMENT

- 10.1 No alteration to a boat's IRC rating will be permitted after 1800hrs on Monday 9 October 2023 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 event. Evidence in writing must be submitted to the race committee. SailSys PHS handicaps will be allocated to the PHS class by the Race Committee by 1800hrs on Wednesday 11 October 2023.
- 10.2 Boats racing in IRC Racer Class 0 shall have an endorsed IRC certificate.
- 10.3 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 event.

## 11. COURSES

Courses will be detailed in the SIs.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 A protest committee may be appointed in accordance with RRS 89.2.
- 12.2 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 64.2.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply as amended below.

### 13.2 China Coast Regatta 2023:

- 13.2.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series for all classes or divisions.
- 13.2.2 IRC Racer: 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.
- 13.2.3 IRC Premier Cruiser, IRC Cruiser and PHS: 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.
- 13.2.4 For all classes, a score of DNC cannot be discarded unless the failure to compete was due to no fault or choice of the entered boat.

### 13.3 Hong Kong Kettle 2023:

For teams entered in the Hong Kong Kettle, scores will be calculated by combining each boat's China Coast Regatta 2023 scores without any discards. This changes RRS A2.1.

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

- 13.4.1 **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**
- 13.4.2 **PHS:** The boat's PHS handicap will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:  
**Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x PHS handicap.**

## 14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 event.

15.2 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.

15.3 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 event, 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.

## **16. INSURANCE**

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of at least the minimum cover required by HKSAR law (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/notices.html>).

## **17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

By entering this event, 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).

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1 For further information, please contact **RHKYC Sailing Manager**, Ailsa Angus at: [ailsa.angus@rhkyc.org.hk](mailto:ailsa.angus@rhkyc.org.hk)  
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18.2 All documents will be published on the China Coast Regatta website: [www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/race-ccr).