



## **China Coastal Race 2021**

**Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 October 2021**

**Organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club**

*The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invites entries to the China Coastal Race, a Category 3, no life-raft, offshore race in Hong Kong waters.*

### **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 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 and Multihulls;
  - the RHKYC PFD Policy;
  - this NoR; and
  - the China Coastal Race 2021 Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 (number of spinnakers onboard) is changed by the HKSF's prescription to RRS 88.
- 1.3 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Racing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise (as defined in the China Coastal Race 2021 SIs) and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.
- 1.4 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 part of this NoR and the SIs.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between this NoR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 Boats shall stay within HKSAR territorial waters at all times during the event.
- 1.8 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 China Coastal Race 2021 SIs will be available from mid October 2021 from the RHKYC Sailing Office and at [www.chinacoastraceweek.com/coastal](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/coastal).

## 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.chinacoastraceweek.com/coastal](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com/coastal).

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 72.

3.3 Competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 72 for race information which may be broadcast by the race committee vessel. Failure of equipment or failure to hear race committee transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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.

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

[DP] A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except:

(c) help in the form of information 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 onboard the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The race is open to boats holding a valid IRC or HKPN certificate and at least 9 meters in length overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin. A minimum of 3 boats is required to form a class.

4.2 Subject to the entries received, and at the sole discretion of the race committee, the IRC class may be separated into the following divisions:

**IRC Class:** Keelboats with a valid IRC Certificate and a Hull Factor (HF) of 8.5 and above. Subject to entries, this class may be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands, at the discretion of the race committee.

**Cruiser IRC Class:** Keelboats with a valid IRC Certificate and a HF of 8.4 or less or a DLR equal to or greater than 140.

**IRC Double Handed Class:** Keelboats with a valid IRC Certificate crewed by only 2 persons.

4.3 The **HKPN Class** is for boats of a cruising nature not currently holding a valid IRC certificate. Keelboats must satisfy safety and stability requirements as defined under the ISO Design Category C.

4.4 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form on or before Friday 8 October 2021.

## 5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be HK\$550 per boat. For cancellations notified by Monday 18 October 2021, the entry fee will be refunded in whole. For cancellations after this date, no refund will be made.

5.2 Late entries may be accepted until 1800hrs on Tuesday 19 October 2021 upon application to the race committee and only upon payment of an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.

## 6. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

## 7. SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start is 1050hrs on Saturday 23 October 2021 with the first starting signal at 1100hrs.

## **8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1 Boats entered in the IRC Class shall submit a copy of their valid IRC rating certificate either with the entry form or no later than 1800hrs on Monday 18 October 2021.
- 8.2 Boats entered in the HKPN Class shall submit a completed HKPN PIPS declaration form to the Sailing Office no later than 1800hrs on Monday 18 October 2021.

## **9. SAFETY**

- 9.1 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2020 - 21 Category 3 Monohulls (no life-rafts) and Category 3 Multihulls (no life-rafts) will apply to the China Coastal Race 2021.
- 9.2 AIS Transponders are mandatory and must be kept on at all times while racing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 9.3 All boats and crew shall comply with the RHKYC PFD Policy (available at [www.rhkyc.org.hk](http://www.rhkyc.org.hk)).

## **10. RACING AREA AND COURSES**

Racing will take place in HKSAR territorial waters. The courses will be outlined in the China Coastal Race 2021 SIs.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

A protest committee will be appointed.

## **12. SCORING**

The scoring system will be the RRS Low Point System of Appendix A using boats' corrected times as calculated under their rating/handicap system.

## **13. PRIZES**

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

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race committee, the organising authority (RHKYC) and sponsor(s) 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.
- 14.2 Persons in charge, owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authority, race committee and 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. INSURANCE**

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

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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