



Hong Kong International
Match Racing
17 to 19 April 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Kellett Island.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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| 4.1 | (a) | 1800 hrs, 25 th March | Deadline for request of invitations from overseas skippers to be received by OA. |
| | (b) | 1800 hrs, 25 th March | Deadline for overseas skippers to confirm their entry. |
| | (c) | 1000 to 1730 hrs, 16 th April | Crew weighing and registration. |
| | (d) | 1000 to 1630 hrs, 16 th April | Practice. |
| | (e) | 1900 hrs, 16 th April | Initial briefing at Kellett Island. |
| | (f) | 0830 hrs, 17 th to 19 th April | Daily pre-race briefing, Main Lawn. |
| | (g) | 0930 hrs, 17 th to 19 th April | First warning signal, vicinity of Kellett Island. |
| | (h) | 60 minutes after the last race of the day | Press conference, Main Lawn, 17 th & 18 th April |
| | (i) | 1800 hrs, 19 th April 2015 | Prizegiving, Kellett Island. |
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
 - (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
 - (c) Prizegiving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS' ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 A maximum of twelve skippers will be accepted. Selection is at the sole discretion of the OA. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID on the entry form.

6 INVITATION AND ENTRY

6.1 Invitations

- (a) The OA encourages all interested skippers to send in writing by email to matchracing@rhkyc.org.hk a request for invitation before 25th March 2015.
- (b) The top two skippers from the Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals 2015 will be offered an invitation.

6.2 Entry

- (a) The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card.
- (b) Eligible skippers are entered in accordance with NOR 5. Once an entry has been confirmed as accepted, the RHKYC J80s may be booked for hire to undertake training by contacting Joanne Ho in the RHKYC Marine Office. The J80 charter fee is HK\$595/half day.

6.3 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of HK\$525 shall be paid by credit card (or via Club account for HK based skippers) with the acceptance of invitation no later than 18:00 hrs, 30th March 2015 unless extended by the OA.

6.4 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of HK\$10,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This will take the form of a signed credit-card slip (or RHKYC chit for RHKYC members). This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.5 Insurance

Insurance for the provided boats includes third party cover but all competitors are strongly recommended to have adequate personal accident insurance.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) including Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply (see Addendum C of Sailing Instructions), and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority (NA) that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 Major alterations to the RRS:
- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
 - (b) RRS 31, C6.3 and C8.6 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 An IJ will be appointed and (approved by the NA) in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

7.4 There shall be a Hong Kong Pleasure Vessel Operator Licence holder on-board each sailboat at all times to satisfy the licensing and insurance requirements. For this event the OA will organise a licence holder to be on-board to satisfy this requirement. In this case, both teams in a match will carry weight-equalized licence holders on-board and they will stand in the companionway while racing.

7.5 The RHKYC PFD Policy shall apply.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in J80 type boats.

8.2 Up to six boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa and Symmetric Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 A maximum of 12 skippers will be accepted.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages

Stage 1 – Skippers will sail a single round robin.

Stage 2 – Semi-Finals (first to score at least 2 points).

Stage 3 – Finals and 3rd & 4th (first to score at least 3 points).

10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be in Victoria Harbour near Kellett Island.

12 ADVERTISING

As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

13 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

By entering the competition competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped whilst participating in any race and/or using the competition facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15 SPARE

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17 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 - Decision to Race. The OA, sponsors, race management, including volunteers, accept no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.