

California Insurance
Match Racing Hong Kong International
22 to 24 April 2016

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 World Sailing Grade 2.

This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing. 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, 12 March 2016 | Deadline for request of invitations from overseas Skippers to be received by OA. |
| | (b) | 1800 hrs, 18 March 2016 | Deadline for overseas skippers to confirm their entry. |
| | (c) | 1000 to 1730 hrs, 21 April 2016 | Crew weighing and Registration. |
| | (d) | 1000 to 1630 hrs, 21 April 2016 | Practice. |
| | (e) | 19:00 hrs, 21 April 2016 | Briefing at Kellett Island |
| | (f) | 08:30 hrs, 22 to 24 April 2016 | Pre-Race Briefing, Main Lawn. |
| | (g) | 09:30 hrs, 22 to 24 April 2016 | First Attention Signal, vicinity of Kellett Island. |
| | (h) | 60 minutes after the last race of | Press Conference, Main Lawn each day, 22 & 23 April |
| | (i) | 18:00 hrs, 24 April 2016 | Prize Giving, 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) Prize giving 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 on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing 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 12 March 2016.
- (b) The top four skippers from the Hong Kong Match Racing Nationals 2016 will be offered an invitation.

6.2 Entering

- (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 (or via Club account for HK based skippers)
- (b) Eligible skippers are entered in accordance with NOR 5. Once an entry has been confirmed as accepted the RHKYC J80' s may be booked for hire to undertake training by contacting Joanne Ho in the RHKYC Marine Office. The J80 charter fee is HK\$656/half day. *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.

6.3 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of HK\$2000 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, 18 March 2016 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 the World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.5 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.

6.6 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 (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 that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major alterations to the RRS:

**Under RRS 86.3 this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.

- (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 C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

Note that ISAF has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1, 2015 as follows: Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: **C2.9** Rule 22.3 is deleted.

- 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.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in J80 type boats.
- 8.2 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 no less than four and no more than five, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, 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 stage or the event, when in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

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, World Sailing 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 competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15 SPARE

16 DISCLAIMER Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 - Decision to Race. The OA, Sponsors, Race Officials, 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.

17 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please submit the request for invitation** by 12 March 2016 via email to matchracing@rhkyc.org.hk

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Kellett Island

Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

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NoR ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES version 2*

These rules will all be in the 2017 - 2020 rulebook!

Marginal markings indicate changes from the 2015 test rules.

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must change *tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she changes *tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a change of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.

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REQUEST FOR INVITATION:

I would like an invitation to the California Insurance Match Racing Hong Kong International

Name:

Country:

Address:

E-mail:

Cell phone:

Alternative phone:

Fax:

World Sailing Match Race Ranking and **World Sailing** Sailor ID Number:

Member National Authority:

Please enter a brief summary of recent sailing accomplishments.

Please email to: matchracing@rhkyc.org.hk

Deadline for submission: 12 March 2016