



HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB 24HR CHARITY DINGHY RACE 2012

6th – 7th October 2012



GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to help describe the race and events surrounding it. They are provided to assist competitors and do not form part of the Sailing Instructions.

The Venue

Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

Start Time

14:00 Hours on Saturday 6th October 2012.

Penalties

There are changes from previous years to the penalty system for infringements of the rules, please read the Sailing Instructions carefully to understand these changes.

Avoiding Penalties

- It is vital to avoid all incidents! (A boat length to avoid another boat is small compared to having to take a penalty).
- Identify boats ahead of you that you may need to overtake.
- The crew should provide active feedback on the position of other boats.
- It is vital to keep an extra special watch at night. Also talking notice keeps you awake.
- Avoid the temptation to "rock and roll" the boat in light airs (the Race Marshalls will be watching - with cameras! - and will award penalties).

Life Jackets

Life Jackets must be worn at all times whilst sailing. The organizers will attempt to supply lifejackets upon request on an as available basis. However competitors are advised to supply their own life jackets.

PLEASE do not "borrow" anyone else's life jackets.

Team Members

There is no maximum limit in any team, however it is strongly advised that you have a minimum of 6 members in your team. If you wish to have less than 6 members in your team, you **MUST** write to the event committee to get permission. No guarantee is given that this will be sanctioned and it is up to the committee to make this decision only. Team sailors should not swap and sail for another team, however, it will be sanctioned by approval from the race committee by requesting this in person by the team Manager. Only crew who are registered at the event committee booth will be permitted to sail. The Safety Committee has the authority to remove any sailor from the water who has not registered & signed the event disclaimer.

Changeovers and Docking

- These must take place in the designated area, under the watchful eye of the HHYC dock masters. Pushing off is OK, so long as it is done by the crew in the boat, or by the crew that have just been relieved. **When pushing a boat you may not take more than one step.**
- You need a workable system to call boats in for changeover. If you want to be quick, ensure that the new crews have their lifejackets on when they are waiting at the dock.
- Space on the changeover pontoon is limited – it is located along the centre of the southern side of the southern pontoon. Space is on a "first come, first served" basis - avoid collisions with other boats that are changing crews, and take care not to damage the boats against the pontoons please.



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The Boats

Most of the boats used are supplied either by the HHYC, ABC or RHKYC. We urge competitors to treat the boats with respect, avoid collisions and unnecessary damage. Teams will be held responsible for any damage.

Sailing In the Hours of Darkness

Firstly, it is not exactly "dark". The Club Site and Pak Sha Wan provide some light over most of the course. Even so, navigation lights (1 complete set will be provided) must be activated, as advised in the Sailing Instructions. Spare sets will be available from the dock master or from HHYC safety boats.

Return of Boats

After the finish of the race it is the duty of the team to ensure that their boat is washed and properly packed up and back on the hard-standing. All loaned equipment must be returned to the race office/information desk.

Prizes

- There are numerous prizes!
- Prizegiving will be at HHYC as soon as is practical after finish of racing. Target time for the prizegiving is 16:00 hrs on the Sunday.

It's a Charity/Fun Event

- This is a charity event, and we really want to emphasise the importance of fund raising for the Children's Cancer Foundation and other nominated charities.
- The objective is to provide an enjoyable, fun, unique and safe race and a great weekend for all concerned.

Boat Preparation

- Every effort has been made to ensure that the boats supplied are of a racing standard, and are in good condition.
- Teams are advised to arrive early to allow the maximum time for setting up their boats prior to the race and may work on their boats to ensure that they are in race worthy condition. Depending on entries there may be one spare boat for each class in case of major breakdowns. Teams would be well advised to bring some spare equipment and basic tools to assist with simple maintenance.

Team Management

- Five helms and five crew would be a suggested minimum. Any fewer will be hard work in all but the quietest conditions. Six of each is even better, but bring light and heavy weather expertise!
- Pre determined sailing stints of 1 1/2 hours are probably a good approach. It allows everyone to relax until they are required (best to be ready thirty minutes before you are due to sail). It also provides an opportunity to slot in less experienced team members during daylight hours.

A Non-Sailing Manager?

- A wise requirement
- Someone to look after the team during the Race (Ideally three individuals, in shifts).
- Can sign off the laps as required.
- Involve non-sailors.

Security

Whilst HHYC will have arranged for additional security on site during the event, competitors are reminded that they must be responsible for their personal belongings and equipment. Also please co-operate with HHYC and security staff by carrying or wearing your ID tags at all times.



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Conduct on Club premises

- Anyone repeatedly causing a nuisance or behaving badly will, after a verbal warning, be asked to leave the club premises for the remaining duration of the race.
- Please use the toilet facilities provided at all times. Anyone relieving themselves elsewhere will be asked to leave the club premises.
- Alcohol will be available throughout the event but anyone seen to be in an unfit state through alcohol abuse will not be allowed to race.

Obstructions

- Inner Port Shelter is primarily a berthing area and many boats and mooring buoys are present. Please avoid hitting any of these.
- Please respect large motor vessels coming in and out of the marina **who** do have right of way in the fairway.

Parking

Parking at HHYC will be very limited, with some car parking spaces already lost to the event. Each boat entered will receive one Car Park Label at registration. We suggest that the car is used as a secure lock up for team gear. No additional car parking is available in the club. However, from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM (non-metered parking time) may be available in the long car park on the main road close to the Club. RHKYC members may be able to park at Shelter Cove and sampan over.

Team Base / Covered Area

- HHYC will endeavour to provide each team with a covered area. It is intended to have this in the garden bar area away from the noise and lights of the main event. We anticipate using open fronted tents, approximately 4m x 3m. These can be used as a team base - somewhere to meet / keep equipment, sit under cover etc. If teams plan to sleep here it is recommended that they bring some form of floor covering (cardboard, old carpet, canvas awning) as well as sleeping bags etc.
- There will be no sleeping permitted within the clubhouse. Competitors are urged to make their own arrangements be it in the car, at a friend's house nearby, on a friend's boat or in the teams covered area. Every effort will be made to allow the berthing of a mother ship or similar alongside the new marina. Please contact Jimmy Chow the HHYC Marine Manager on 2719 3673 for further details.

Food & Drink

Members of HHYC, RHKYC and ABC may sign for all food and drink. We strongly recommend that other teams should purchase cash coupons when they register. These can be distributed by the team manager and billed to individual team members. Any unused coupons can be returned to the Club for a cash refund after the event (or donated to the charity). This should keep the requirement to carry cash (with all the security implications) during the event to a minimum. Coupons will be available from the food locations should they be required. The main clubhouse shall be open for normal operating hours on both days and those preferring to dine in style may do so in the upstairs restaurant.

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available throughout the duration of the event. Take it easy!!!

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available, plus hot snacks and drinks throughout the night and for most of the day outside the scheduled set food times.



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Activities

There will be many activities on and around the Club on both Saturday and Sunday during the event. Face painting, bouncy castle, kid's entertainment, handy craft stalls etc so please make sure the family come down to join in the fun. It is hoped that this will be well supported.

0.1 Ton Cup

Other popular activities on the water will include the 0.1 Ton Cup Race in Optimists where the sole requirement is that the crew must weigh in excess of 100 kgs.

Raft Race

We will also be running raft races intended for children and adults, if there is sufficient interest. A course will be laid in front of the main spectator area where the rafts will be paddled round a course. The raft race will be a pursuit race where slower boats start first. Teams will be handicapped on the day according to age and size of the crew. The first to finish will be the winner. Deliberate contact or impeding another raft will be penalised. The judges will have the power to disqualify outright or award place penalties for infringements. Prizes will be awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd. Depending on the entries received, there may be heats and a final to decide the winner.

T-Shirts

Plenty of event T-shirts have been produced at a very reasonable cost. Proceeds go to the charity, so get in early - they will be available at registration.

Useful contact details

- Race Office 6113 3059
- Sailing Office 2719 0926 E-mail sailing@hhyc.org.hk

And Finally....

To repeat.....at the end of the regatta teams are reminded that their boats must be washed, de-rigged, sails folded and left in a tidy manner.

If you have any questions after reading these notes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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