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Hebe Haven Yacht Club
24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race 2022
22-23 October 2022

(For immediate release) Hong Kong, 22-23 October 2022—for the 19th year, the fun and inclusive Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC) annual event, *the 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race*, returns—this time with a Hawaiian theme.

The 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race is the longest-running, and indeed the only 24 hour endurance dinghy race event in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. Since its inception in 2002, the event has raised over HK\$12 million for its chosen charities. The event takes place over a two-day weekend, attracting visitors, dinghy race teams, volunteers and supporting sponsors. This year, visitors will dive into a tropical getaway and get an opportunity to join in the fun at the Club in an awesome ‘luau’ aka Hawaiian-themed party, entertainment and decorations. A spacious race village will feature a wide variety of stall where visitors can shop around, enjoy the weekend with families and friends, and raise money for local charities to boot.

Raced in the sheltered waters immediately in front of HHYC, *the 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race* offers a challenging lap race sailed around a short course (over approximately one nautical mile). The race is kept within sight of the Club and caters for both adults and children who wish to just ‘sail for charity’ as well as those looking for the challenge of a competitive weekend racing out on the water.

The event is open to the public, so bring a friend or two ... and it’s free admission. There are donation boxes set up around the event and at the entrance, everyone is encouraged to make a contribution to the five designated charities that will benefit from the event: **Children’s Cancer Foundation, TREATS, IDEAL, Sailability Hong Kong and the Sai Kung District Community Centre**—all of whose services have been deeply impacted over the last three years. Simply scan the QR code below to make a donation from now until midnight on **31 October 2022**.

All visitors must maintain appropriate social distancing and comply with relevant COVID-19 rules including wearing masks at all times except when eating/drinking and scanning in with the ‘LeaveHomeSafe App’ upon entry to the Club and being up to date with your vaccinations.

Mr Paul Arkwright, General Manager, HHYC, said, “With the recent relaxing of social-distancing measures, the city is now gradually opening up again to allow more visitors and members of the public to actively engage in various activities. The Club’s annual 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race event has always been a key event that helps promote dinghy sailing as a sport and is a great opportunity to get people together from different walks of life to learn more about sailing and interact with local charities. The event also raises much-needed funds for deserving local charities—supporting the underprivileged and those with differing abilities.”

HHYC is once again grateful for the full support of club members together with sponsors and supporting partners including, Knight Frank, Honour Lane Shipping Limited, St James' s Place, Royal King International Limited (Eikowada), Bon Café, CLP, Carlsberg, Spectra Technologies and SoFaBo Limited.

Programme highlights

1. 24-hour dinghy racing event
2. Live music performance by bands: *Crazy Lemon, Levelling Out, Don't Panic, The Red Stripes, Jimmy2Times, Mark Roper and Lou Houghton*
3. Sports on stage: Hong Kong Piloxing Master Trainers and Sally G of Sally G Fitness
4. Music group class: Yebooo drum performance
5. Charity stalls
6. Over 30 local vendor stalls including Not Only Olives, Gabe Photography, Winerack and many more
7. Entertainment activities including a Bouncy Castle and Penguin Paint Force

Event schedule

Activity	Saturday 22 October 2022	Sunday 23 October 2022
Dinghy Race	2 pm – 2 pm (24 hours)	
Race Village	12 pm (22 Oct) till 5 pm (23 Oct)	
Live Music Performances & Activities	4 pm – 11 pm	9 am – 5.30 pm
Results Announcement & Prize-giving	N/A	4 pm onwards

Event website www.hebehaven24hour.com/	Make your donation online http://donate.hebehaven24hour.com/
	

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About Hebe Haven Yacht Club

Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a private members club established in the Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung area in 1963. The Club provides first-class yacht racing and boating facilities for members. The Club also works closely with local schools and organisations, to offer training facilities and professional instruction to develop youth sailing in Hong Kong. In addition, as a 'Caring Organisation' member, the Club proactively contributes to the local community with regularly organised events.

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