



Hong Kong IRC Nationals 2020

Weekends of 7th / 8th March and 14th / 15th March 2020

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. ORGANISING AUTHORITIES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for Day 1 Racing and the Overnight Coastal Race will be Hebe Haven Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority for Day 2 Racing will be Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority for Day 3 Racing will be Aberdeen Boat Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Hong Kong IRC Nationals 2020 will be governed by:
 - The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Hong Kong Sailing Federation Prescriptions.
 - The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 (minus liferaft, and exceptions. Details in Appendix to HHYC Overnight Coastal Race SI's)
 - The 2019 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C.
 - The HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme (PIPS).
 - The PFD Policies of HHYC, RHKYC and ABC.
 - The relevant NoRs & SIs of the constituent events.
- 2.2 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e), the regatta will be run on consecutive days. Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances subject to the discretion of and with the permission of the race committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Hong Kong IRC Nationals 2020 is open to all boats that possess a valid IRC 2019 Rating Certificate:
- 3.2 Subject to entries, racing may be held in the following indicative classes as follows:

- IRC 1: 1.171 and above
- IRC 2: 1.080 to 1.170 inclusive
- IRC 3: 1.079 and below

3.3 The IRC Nationals is a race series held over two consecutive weekends comprising of races organised by Hebe Haven Yacht Club, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Aberdeen Boat Club. Boats shall be required to enter the Day 1, 2 and 3 races individually via the organising club websites, as follows:

- Day 1 https://www.hhyc.org.hk/page.php?page=page4_0.php (Monsoon Spring Series & Overnight Coastal Race)
- Day 2 <https://www.rhkyc.org.hk/BBHarbourSeries.aspx> (Big Boat Class Spring Series)
- Day 3 <http://www.abclubhk.com/Waglan19-20.aspx> (Waglan Series)

3.4 Subject to entries the rating bands may be altered at the discretion of the race committee.

3.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry forms and with payment of the prescribed entry fees.

3.6 Boats which enter any of the constituent races will automatically be entered in the HK IRC Nationals.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry fees for the constituent races are as per the relevant NoRs. There is no additional entry fee for the Hong Kong IRC Nationals 2020.

5. VENUE AND SCHEDULE

5.1 The venue is the waters of Hong Kong

5.2 Day 1 racing (7th March 2020) will take place in the vicinity of Port Shelter and will be organised by HHYC. - Monsoon Spring Series Race(s)

5.3 Day 2 racing (14th March 2020) will take place in the Harbour and will be organised by RHKYC. - Big Boat Class Spring Series Races 4 & 5.

5.4 Day 3 racing (15th March) will take place in waters South, East and West of Hong Kong and will be organised by ABC. - Waglan Series Race 11)

5.5 The Overnight Coastal Race will be started after completion of HHYC Day 1 Race(s) of the Spring Monsoon Series.

5.6 For easy reference, a race summary is shown in the table below:

Date	Race	Venue
Saturday 7 March	HHYC Monsoon Spring Series 2020 Race(s)	Port Shelter
Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 March	HHYC Monsoon Spring Series 2020 Inaugural Overnight Coastal Race	Start – Port Shelter, then eastern, southern & western HK waters
Saturday 14 March	RHKYC Big Boat Class Spring Series Races 4 & 5 (geometric races)	HK Harbour
Sunday 15 March	ABC Waglan Series 2019 – 2020 Race 11 (island race)	Start – Round Island/Lamma, then eastern, southern & western HK waters

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 No alteration to a boat's IRC rating will be permitted after 1800hrs on Wednesday 4th March 2020 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error, in which case the revised rating will apply to all races in the regatta. Evidence in writing must be submitted to the race committee.
- 6.2 A boat's largest headsail and largest spinnaker shall be made available to a representative appointed by the race committee for measurement, if so requested, prior to the first race of the regatta.
- 6.3 IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight, except as required for boats rated as one design's, which shall comply with IRC rule 22.4.1.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The SIs for Day 1 racing will be as per HHYC Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 The SI's for Day 2 racing will be as per Part 1 of the RHKYC Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 The SI's for Day 3 racing will be as per ABC Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4 The SI's for the overnight race will be issued by late February 2020.

8. THE COURSES

The courses for the regatta will be outlined in the relevant SIs. The course for the Overnight race will remain in Hong Kong waters.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Penalty system and protest procedures for each race will be as per the relevant NoR and SIs

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 10.2 Scoring points for the Overnight Coastal Race will be multiplied by 1.4.
- 10.3 No scores will be excluded from a boat's total score.
- 10.4 Results for individual races will be established by a boat's corrected time, calculated using the following:

IRC: The Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on a boat's current valid IRC certificate will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \text{TCC}$$

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio with channel 16 and 72 capability. VHF channel 72 may be used to provide boats with race information. Competitors shall monitor channel 72 at all times above and below deck via loudspeakers or with a handheld VHF radio that is waterproof or enclosed in a waterproof bag. Competitors are strongly recommended to carry at least two working VHF receivers. Failure to hear a radio communication from the race committee or a safety broadcast on channel 72 or failure of the race committee to broadcast any information will not be grounds for redress.

11.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes may be awarded by each Organising Authority for their constituent events. A prize may also be awarded for the overall winner of each division.

12.2 A prizegiving event will be held within a week of the conclusion of the final race. Results for each division will be published and announced. Participants are encouraged to attend and share feedback on the event with the organising authorities and fellow participants with the view of improving and scheduling the next HK IRC Nationals Event.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authorities, race committee, sponsor(s), employees and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.2 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authorities and race committee in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the required deadline dates.

13.3 It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the regatta, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete unless evidence of genuine extenuating circumstances for the lateness is accepted by the race committee.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

By entering this race, each boat owner (or charterer) and crew on the competing boats grant to the organising authority and the sponsor and affiliated companies at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet).

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

16.1 For further information about the event, please contact **Gideon Mowser**, gideon@sky-international.com