



Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020

Starts Friday 23 October 2020

The Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 is organized by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) in co-operation with the Bureau of Culture, Broadcast & TV, Publication and Sports of the Sanya Municipal Government with the finish hosted by Serenity Marina in Sanya, Hainan. The Hong Kong to Hainan Race is a qualifier race for the 2020 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

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. RULES

- 1.1 The Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation ('HKSF');
 - the IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2 and 3 ('IRC-C');
 - the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme ('PIPS');
 - the MOCRA Rating Rules current as of 15 October 2020;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2020-21 – Category 1 Monohulls or Category 1 Multihulls ('WSOSR');
 - the 2020 RHKYC Prescriptions to the WSOSR;
 - the RORC Prescriptions to the WSOSR;
 - this NoR; and
 - the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 Sailing Instructions (SIs).

- 1.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1 (number of spinnakers onboard) is changed by the HKSF's prescription to RRS 88.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible boats shall enter online using the Hong Kong to Hainan Race TopYacht entry system by 1800hrs on Friday 18 September 2020.
- 3.2 The Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 will have the following classes:
- 3.2.1 **IRC Racer Class:** Keelboats with a Hull Factor (HF) of 8.5 and above. The class will be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands at the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.2.2 **IRC Premier Class:** Keelboats with a DLR equal to or greater than 140 and an LOA equal to or greater than 14.98m.
- 3.2.3 **HKPN Class:** Keelboats which satisfy safety and stability requirements as defined under the ISO Design Category A.
- 3.2.4 **MOCRA Multihull Class:** Multihulls which satisfy the WSOSR – Category 1 Multihull and satisfy all safety and stability requirements as outlined therein.
- 3.3 Boats shall enter one class only. The race committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, rating bands and divisions for the IRC Racer Class, which shall be published in the SIs. Subject to the number of entries, the classes, divisions and rating bands in IRC Racer Class may be altered at the discretion of the race committee. In addition, the race committee may not accept any entry for a class and may allocate any entry to another class or to any division if it considers that the competition would be better served by such change.
- 3.4 All boats shall be 10 meters or above overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.
- 3.5 Boats racing in IRC Racer Class Divisions 0 & 1 shall have endorsed IRC certificates.
- 3.6 Boats racing in IRC need not comply with the crew numbers listed on their endorsed IRC certificate. This amends IRC Rule 22.4.1. The race committee however reserves the right to refuse an entry to the race if they believe there is insufficient experienced crew racing on the boat.
- 3.7 All boats shall submit the crew experience form to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the race committee, that they have undertaken training as outlined in Section 6 of the WSOSR and as amended by the 2020 RHKYC Prescriptions to the WSOSR.
- 3.8 Crew shall be a minimum of 18 years of age in order to race. Crew aged 16 - 18 years may be accepted by the race committee as long as a parent or legal guardian is present onboard during the race.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be HK\$5,000 per boat for the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020, which includes crew and skipper tickets for the Welcome Party at RHKYC Kellett Island on Thursday 8 October 2020, the finish location party in Sanya on Sunday 25 October 2020 and the prize giving on Wednesday 4 November 2020 at RHKYC, Kellett Island, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Entry fees will not be refundable after Friday 18 September 2020.
- 4.2 Late entries may be accepted until 1800hrs on Friday 25 September 2020 upon application to the race committee and only upon payment of an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee and satisfactory completion of all of the scrutineering and immigration requirements.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

The schedule for the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 will be:

Friday 18 September 2020	Entry deadline	1800hrs
Friday 25 September 2020	Document submission (see NoR 6.1) & late entry deadline	1800hrs
Monday 12 October 2020	Crew Immigration/NoK Forms registration deadline	1800hrs
Thursday 8 October 2020	Welcome Party, Kellett Island	1900-2100hrs
Friday 16 October 2020	IRC and MOCRA Rating Certificate submission & HKPN PIPS Declaration deadline	1800hrs
Thursday 22 October 2020	Immigration (Departure) Formalities Skippers' Briefing at RHKYC	1500-1900hrs 1830-1900hrs
Friday 23 October 2020	Warning Signal	1110hrs
Sunday 25 October 2020	Location prize giving in Sanya	1700hrs
Wednesday 4 November 2020	Prize giving, Kellett Island	1900-2100hrs

6. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- 6.1 All boats entering the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 shall upload to the online registration system for Hong Kong to Hainan Race the following documents by Friday 25 September 2020:

- World Sailing Building Plan Review Certificate – as per WSOSR 3.03.1a)ii)
- Race Special Regulations Checklist;
- Safety Declaration;
- Initial Scrutineering Checklist (Note: Boats are not required to fully pass all elements of scrutineering at this time);
- Stability declaration (required if STIX or AVS not applicable);
- Liferaft certificate(s) - as per WSOSR 4.20.5 all liferaft servicing shall be undertaken by an original manufacturer's authorized service station;
- Sat phone details;
- Crew Experience Form;
- Personal Life Beacon (PLB) Form;
- First Aid and CPR certificates;
- Sea Survival certificates; and
- HF/GMDSS/DSC Long Range Radio Operator Licence.

Boats from outside Hong Kong and in transit at this date may be granted dispensation by the race committee.

- 6.2 The online registration form giving Immigration and Next-of-Kin (NoK) details of the skipper and crew shall be completed by 1800hrs on Monday 12 October 2020.

- 6.3 No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after 1800hrs on Friday 16 October 2020 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating errors. Any alteration within the stated parameters must be put in writing to the race committee with written supporting evidence.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Arrangements may be made by the race committee for sail measurements and boat weight to be checked prior to the race as a check against compliance with the IRC and MOCRA certificate data.
- 7.2 Boats entering the HKPN Class shall submit a completed HKPN PIPS declaration form to the Sailing Office no later than 1800hrs on Friday 16 October 2020.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 There have been changes to the WSOSR. Competitors are therefore advised to study the full text of the current version and to complete the Race Special Regulations Checklist with reference to the full text of Category 1.
- 8.2 The 2020 RHKYC Prescriptions to the WSOSR introduce several amendments to the WSOSR that apply to the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020. Some of the more significant amendments are summarized below, but it is imperative the RHKYC Prescriptions to the WSOSR are read in detail and applied.

- **Satellite Phone.** Shall have a hand-held satellite telephone, watertight or with waterproof cover and internal battery that shall not be reliant on connecting to an external device to send/receive voice calls. Shall have a satellite phone that is to be permanently connected to an external antenna and power source. A satellite phone is to be switched on for the duration of the race.
- **MF/HF SSB.** Shall carry a MF/HF SSB transceiver with permanently installed antenna and ground.
- **Emergency Tiller.** Shall demonstrate the use of the emergency tiller (picture/video preferred).
- **Rudderless Steering.** Shall demonstrate the rudderless steering method and present evidence that it is fit for purpose to the race committee (pictures/video preferred).
- **Liferaft Type.** May use a <24hr ISO liferaft but a grab bag shall contain the missing items (one for each liferaft). Replacement items shall be of the same specification as those in the liferaft i.e. SOLAS/WheelMark approved.
- **Liferaft Servicing.** Shall be serviced at a manufacturer authorized service station for that make of liferaft i.e. Viking liferaft by a Viking authorised service agent.
- **Pyrotechnics.** Changes to the number and type of pyrotechnic signals.
- **Storm Trysail.** All yachts shall carry a storm trysail.
- **Lifejacket Servicing.** Person in charge shall personally check lifejacket servicing and make a record.
- **WS Offshore Personal Safety Course.** At least 50% of the crew (and at least 2) shall have undertaken the WS Offshore Personal Safety course (see WSOSR Appendix G) within the 5 years before the start of the race.
- **First Aid Certificates.** At least 30% of the crew (and at least 2) shall have a valid first aid certificate completed within the last three years.

- 8.3 A late fee of HK\$2,000 may be charged to boats which fail to comply with the deadline for submission of the Initial Scrutineering Checklist. Boats that require multiple visits from the official scrutineer may be charged an additional fee for the scrutineer's time at the discretion of the race committee. Failure to properly comply with scrutineering requirements may be grounds for exclusion of a yacht from the race at the discretion of the race committee.

9. COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 All boats will be provided with a working Yellowbrick tracking unit which will be tested for correct installation and use before the start of the race. The unit must remain operational and switched on throughout the entire race. Boats which fail to comply shall be subject to a protest by the race committee, unless reasonable written and or photographic evidence is provided.

- 9.2 All boats shall carry an AIS unit as outlined in the WSOSR Category 1. The unit shall remain operational and switched on at all times. Boats which fail to comply shall be subject to a protest by the race committee, unless written and/or photographic evidence is provided. [DP]
- 9.3 All boats shall comply with the MF/HF SSB daily radio schedule which will be outlined in the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 SIs. Failure to report a position to the radio control boat within ten minutes of the scheduled time by either radio relay (VHF) or other means of communication (e.g. satellite phone) may result in a protest by the race committee.
- 9.4 Boats shall leave primary their VHF radio and satellite phone on at all times during the race for safety purposes.
- 9.5 Each boat shall demonstrate to the race committee that her MF/HF SSB radio equipment is working satisfactorily and that at least one competent and licenced radio operator is included in the racing crew.
- 9.5.1 If the MF/HF SSB is DSC enabled, boats shall arrange a DSC test of their MF/HF SSB radio prior to the start of the race and submit evidence of a successful test to the race committee.
- 9.5.2 All the race fleet MMSI numbers shall be pre-programmed into the boat's MF/HF SSB radio in advance. Details of how to achieve this will be sent to all competitors well in advance of the start of the race.
- 9.5.3 A boat starting without a functioning MF/HF SSB radio or qualified radio operator may be subject to disqualification.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 SIs will be available in early October 2020.

11. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be outlined in the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 SIs.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 A protest committee may be appointed in accordance with RRS 89.
- 12.2 When the protest committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

13. SCORING

The scoring system to be used in the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 for all IRC Classes will be the IRC Handicap Rating system and the MOCRA Handicap Rating system for Multihulls.

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

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x TCC/TCF.

For HKPN Class, the boat's HKPN number will be applied to its elapsed time as follows:

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x 1000/HKPN.

14. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places both in Hong Kong prior to the start and at their assigned place in Serenity Marina after the finish.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Subject to entries, prizes will be awarded for line honours, first, second and third places overall in each class, or division of a class.
- 15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority RHKYC, Serenity Marina, the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 race committee,

the sponsor(s) (including its/their affiliated companies), their respective staff, members, volunteers or persons working for or on behalf of the above will not accept any responsibility for any loss of life or injury to members of crew or other parties, or for the loss of, or damage to a vessel sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

- 16.2 Persons in charge, owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the organising authorities, race committee and the RHKYC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR. It is the sole responsibility of the persons in charge 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 offshore race, 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.

17 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of the minimum cover required by HKSAR law.

18 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).

19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1 Yachts entering from overseas please contact: **RHKYC Marine Manager, Alan Reid** at: Tel: +852 2239 0308, Fax: +852 2572 5399, for all details regarding facilities, berthing and commissioning prior to the race and/or regatta.
- 19.2 For other race enquiries please contact the: **RHKYC Sailing Manager, Ailsa Angus** at: ailsa.angus@rhkyc.org.hk, Tel: +852 2239 0395, Fax: +852 2239 0364.
- 19.3 All other details and requirements will be set out in the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 SIs which will be available from early October 2020 from the RHKYC Sailing Office and will also be published on the Hong Kong to Hainan Race 2020 website: www.chinacoastraceweek.com.