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NOTICE OF RACE

Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC), being the Organising Authority (OA) is pleased to again present the Hong Kong Open Ladies'/Girls' Champs Regatta 2025 as part of the Steering the Course Women's Sailing Festival. Racing will be held in the scenic waters of Port Shelter, over geometric courses.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that a breach of that rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 together with:
 - The prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China;
 - The Sailsys PHS Handicap System (PHS);
 - World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation Appendix B, Special Regulation for inshore racing. Sportsboat has dispensation for Clause 3.02 of these Regulations;
 - The prevailing Hebe Haven Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions (HHYC SSI) (*for keelboat classes and divisions only*);
 - This Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) for the Hong Kong Open Ladies'/Girls' Champs Regatta 2025.
- b. The J/80 Class Rules will not apply to this event.
- c. Competitors on J/80, DC29 and dinghies shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available online from 14:00 on Wednesday, 28 May 2025.

3 COMMUNICATION

- a. Notices to Competitors, Protest Time Limits, penalty information and other pertinent information will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10770/event>, or by scanning the QR code on the right.
- b. **[For Keelboats Only]** On the water the Race Officer will monitor and communicate with competitors on Channel 72. In accordance with HHYC SSI 25 all boats are required to carry a VHF radio and keep a listening watch on Channel 72. Channel 77 may be used as a back-up.
- c. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all keelboats of the following classes and divisions:
- Keelboat:
PHS Division – big boats holding a PHS rating;
One-design Classes – J/80, DC29
 - Dinghy:
Double-handed Classes – RS Quest, Hansa 303
Single-handed Class – Optimist
- b. A minimum of three entries is required for each class by the deadline stated in NoR 4.3. Any keelboats not able to meet this minimum entry requirement will compete in the PHS division. The Race Committee reserves the rights to combine classes to compete in open divisions at their discretion. A Notice to Competitors will be issued to effect any change in this respect, no later than 17:00 on Thursday, 29 May 2025.
- c. Eligible boats may enter using the entry form on <https://steeringthecoursehk.com/booking-page/>, or by scanning the QR code on the right. Entries will only be complete when BOTH entry and payment are made before the entry deadline of 12:00 on Thursday, 29 May 2025. Incomplete entries will be deemed invalid.
- d. All crew members must complete the online crew registration before the entry deadline.
- e. Parent/Guardian Consent Forms shall be completed for all sailors under 18 years of age during the event. These forms, available from the ONB, must be completed and submitted to the OA before the entry deadline as a part of the entry process.



5 ENTRY FEE

- a. The entry fees are:

	Number of Crew & Skipper per boat	Entry Fee
Keelboats		
J/80	Minimum 5	\$400 per sailor Includes boat hire, entry fee, one event T-shirt and one buffet ticket
PHS, DC29		\$400 per boat Includes entry fee, one event T-shirt and one buffet ticket
Dinghies		
RS Quest	2	\$650 per boat Includes boat hire, entry fee, two event T-shirts and two buffet tickets
Hansa 303	2	\$150 per boat Includes entry fee and one event T-shirt
Optimist	1	\$150 per boat Includes entry fee and one event T-shirt

The prize for an additional buffet ticket for a competitor is \$150 per head.

- b. At least one crew member on keelboats must possess the Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 License while on board at all times when afloat.
- c. **Damage Deposit:** Upon registration, skippers must complete and sign the Booking Request Form and Charter Agreement upon registration and pay the damage deposit. The damage deposit for a J/80 is \$3,000 and \$500 for a RS Quest. Non-Hong Kong residents must pay the damage deposit in cash. Any bank transfer fees are the responsibility of the person making the transfer.
- d. **One HHYC-owned J/80 will be reserved for one team from each of the Hong Kong Sailing clubs (i.e. ABC, HHYC and RHKYC).** If any of the reserved boats are not taken up by a club by 18:00 on Monday, 26 May 2025, these boats may be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Skippers interested in reserving a J/80 should register at <https://steeringthecoursehk.com/booking-page/>.
- e. The entry fees are non-refundable except the event is cancelled by the OA.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- a. Competitors Eligibility:
 - All competitors must be female.
 - For the avoidance of doubt, there are no restrictions on assistance provided before the first warning signal or after a boat finishes.
- b. [DP] PHS Boats Exception:
 - For PHS Boats, one owner or bosun of each participating boat may be allowed on board during the race.
 - Prior application must be made to the OA in writing on or before the entry deadline.
 - The owner or bosun is strictly prohibited from providing any assistance or instructions to the team during racing.
- c. Novice Sailor Requirement for J/80:
 - Each J/80 must have at least one novice sailor on board during all races.
 - To qualify as a novice, a sailor must meet the following criteria:
 - Have have been learning to sail within the last 12 months
 - Not have participated in more than 5 races in dinghies or keelboats prior the event.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- a. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the OA.
- b. The OA reserves the right to publish or broadcast anywhere, names, images, video footage and audio recordings taken before, during or after the regatta.
- c. By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped during the period of the regatta 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- a. Schedule

Date	Time	
Wednesday 28 May 2025	1400	Sailing Instructions available
Thursday 29 May 2025	1200	Entry deadline
Sunday 1 June 2025	08:30-09:30	Sailor registration for dinghy & J/80 entries
	1055	First warning signal
	ASAP after racing	Buffet & prize giving

- b. Three geometric races are scheduled for keelboat classes and divisions. Four geometric races are scheduled for dinghy classes.

9 VENUE

- a. The race office will be at the HHYC.
- b. The racing area will be in the vicinity of Port Shelter and/or outside of Shelter Island.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

- a. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. No discard will be applied.

12 [DP][NP] BERTHING PARKING

All chartered boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the club.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- a. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, heat stroke, or other causes. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk.
- b. The OA and its associates and appointees accept no responsibility or liability for any inconvenience, loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- c. Whilst racing, no boat shall sail with an anchor, or similar equipment, positioned or projecting outside the sheer line of the boat.
- d. All boats must comply with the HHYC Policy on Personal Flotation Devices.

14 INSURANCE

All boats taking part in the regatta shall have a valid insurance including third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover as required by the HKSAR legislation.

15 PRIZES

- a. Overall Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third boats for each class/division. Where there are less than four boats entered in a class/division prizes will be awarded for the first and second.
- b. A prize giving with ticketed buffet will be held on Sunday, 1 June 2025 as soon after all fleets are ashore, as is reasonable.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the event, please contact the HHYC Sailing Centre in person at 10.5 miles Hiram's Highway, Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, Hong Kong; by email regatta@hhyc.org.hk; or by calling 2719 0926.