



CHINA COAST REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE

CHINA COAST REGATTA 2010 and VINACAPITAL HONG KONG TO VIETNAM OFFSHORE RACE 2010

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invites entries from yachts for our well-established annual China Coast Race Week. The Race Week, which is held in the best of Hong Kong's sailing conditions with winds consistently in the 10–20 knots range, under blue skies and on warm friendly waters, comprises of the China Coast Regatta 2010, sailed over three days in Hong Kong waters followed – this year – by the VinaCapital Hong Kong to Vietnam Race 2010 which is a 656 mile, biennial ('downhill') fast passage to Nha Trang, on the south eastern coast of Vietnam, which is the longest Asian Category One Offshore Race. The current race record is held by Grant Wharington's "Skandia Wild Thing" in 42h 45m 41s at an approximate average speed of 15.45 knots. In addition Nha Trang is a great jumping-off point for boats intending to continue on to other seasonal sailing events in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Australia.

Boats are welcome to enter the full China Coast Race Week 2010 or to enter either of its constituent parts, to suit their own time schedule. Both the China Coast Regatta 2010 and the VinaCapital Hong Kong to Vietnam Race 2010 are stand-alone events and have their own Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions.....and parties and prizes.... but boats competing in both events will be eligible for overall China Coast Race Week 2010 prizes!

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1. RULES

1.1 The China Coast Race Regatta will be governed by:

- the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 (RRS),
- the ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Category 5,
- the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF),
- the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 (IRC-C),
- HKPN handicap system (including the HKPN Potential Increase in Performance Penalty Scheme),
- J 80 Class Rules,
- this Notice of Race and the China Coast Regatta 2010 Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

1.3 This Notice of Race may be modified by the China Coast Regatta 2010 Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitors advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew – wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Skippers shall produce a copy of their boat's HKSF advertising license to the race committee prior to the first race in which they intend to display the advertising.

2.2 If so required by a notice posted two hours prior to the warning signal of the first start of racing; Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority in accordance with the ISAF regulation 20.4.1.1.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The China Coast Regatta 2010 is open to all boats of the following classes:

3.1.1 **Racing Class** : Keelboats with a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.5 and above or a Displacement/Length Ratio (DLR) of less than 150. The class will be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands, at the discretion of the Race Committee, in the interests of fairer racing:

IRC A: 1.200 and above.

IRC B: 1.080 to 1.199.

IRC C: 1.000 to 1.079

IRC D: 0.999 and below.

3.1.2 **Cruising Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 7.4 or less or a DLR equal to or greater than 150.

3.1.3 **Premier Cruising Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 7.4 or less or a DLR equal to or greater than 150 **and** an LOA equal to or greater than 14.98m.

3.1.4 **J 80 One-Design Class.**

3.1.5 **HKPN Class:** Boats with a current HKPN number issued by the COA who have not held a recent IRC certificate.

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- 3.2 Boats may enter one Class only. Subject to the number and nature of entries, the rating bands outlined in 3.1.1 are preliminary and subject to change at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 In addition, the Race Committee may waive the above guidelines or not accept an entry for a class or division of class if it considers that competition would be better served by that boat being in another class or division of class.
- 3.4 Eligible boats will be entered by completing the Entry Form and returning this with the entry fee to the RHKYC Sailing Office on or before Monday 04th October 2010.
- 3.5 Entry fees will not be refundable after Monday 11th October 2010.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted until 1800 hours on Monday 11th October 2010 upon application to the Race Committee and only upon payment of an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.
- 3.7 All boats shall be not less than 8m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin and must carry a functioning VHF Radio transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 72.

4. CLASSIFICATION

All boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 for the China Coast Regatta 2010.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be: HK\$1,500 HKD per boat for the China Coast Regatta 2010.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The race schedule for the China Coast Regatta 2010 will be as follows:

6.1.1 Racing

Friday 15 th October 2010:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course
Saturday 16 th October 2010:	3 Races – Windward/Leeward
Sunday 17 th October 2010:	2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

6.1.2 Cruising & Premier Cruising

Friday 15 th October 2010:	1 Race – Islands Course
Saturday 16 th October 2010:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course
Sunday 17 th October 2010:	2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

6.1.2 J 80 One-Design

Friday 15 th October 2010:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course
Saturday 16 th October 2010:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward
Sunday 17 th October 2010:	2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

6.1.3 HKPN

Friday 15 th October 2010:	1 Race – Islands Course
Saturday 16 th October 2010:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course.
Sunday 17 th October 2010:	2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

6.2 The Regatta will be based at RHKYC Middle Island and the location of the courses and the starts will be in the vicinity of the south-eastern approaches to Hong Kong, to the south of Hong Kong Island and to the east of Lamma Island, as detailed in the China Coast Regatta 2010 Sailing Instructions.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day of the China Coast Regatta will be 10:25 hours.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 All boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC rating certificate either with the entry form or no later than Monday 11th October 2010. No alteration to a boat's rating will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error. Evidence in writing must be submitted to the Race Committee.
- 7.2 COA HKPN PIPPS (Potential Increase in Performance Penalty Scheme) shall apply to the HKPN Division. Any boat intending to enter in that division shall submit a completed declaration form to the Sailing Office before 1800 on Monday 11th October 2010.
- 7.3 All boats shall have the measurements of LL and LP of the largest headsail and the SLU, SLE, SF, SHW and SPA of the largest spinnaker as stated on the IRC certificate verified by an authority acceptable to the Race Committee. These sails shall be made available for measurement if so requested prior to the first race of the Race Week.
- 7.4 All boats shall restrict the number of crew carried on board whilst racing to comply with the Declared Initial Crew Number (DICN) on their entry forms, subject to the permitted limited variations to be detailed in the sailing instructions. If no DICN is included on a boat's entry form, the number of crew shall be restricted to the number specified on its rating certificate.

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7.5 Boats racing in IRC Racing Class A for China Coast Regatta 2010 will be required to submit an endorsed IRC Certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in mid-September 2010.

9. COURSES

The courses for the China Coast Race Week 2010 will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTIES

10.1 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. The decisions of the Jury will be final, and will not be subject to appeal, in accordance with Rule 70.4.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will be employed.

11.2 Provided all scheduled races for a division or class are completed, one discard will be allowed for the series. A score of DNC can not be discarded. However, if fewer than the scheduled number of races for a class or division of class are completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her scores for all races completed.

11.3 Results for individual races will be established by a boat's corrected time, calculated using the following:

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

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

11.3.2 HKPN: The boat's HKPN number will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times 1000/\text{HKPN}$$

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

12.1.1	Number of Class/division entries	Prizes
	3 - 5	3
	6 - 9	3
	10 - 14	4
	15 or more	5

12.2 Day prizes for the individual classes or divisions of a class will also be awarded.

12.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..."

13.2 The Organising Authority (RHKYC), 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 event.

13.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and 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 Notice of Race. 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 the minimum cover required by Government (HK SAR) regulations.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

15.1 Other details and requirements for the China Coast Regatta 2010 will be set out in the China Coast Regatta 2010 Sailing Instructions and available from mid September 2010 from the RHKYC Sailing Office as well as published on the China Coast Race Week website: www.chinacoastraceweek.com