



CHINA COAST RACE WEEK 2009 OFFSHORE RACE

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th October 2009

A Category Three Race around islands and marks in the waters surrounding Hong Kong organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The CCRW Offshore Race 2009 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 -2012 (RRS), including;

- the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) prescriptions;
- the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 (IRC -C);
- the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) during the hours of darkness;
- the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 races (referred to as the 2009 Special Regulations);
- the China Coast Race Week 2009 Notice of Race
- these Sailing Instructions.

Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.

1.2 Between local sunset and sunrise navigation lights shall be lit and RRS Sections A, B & C of Part 2 will cease to apply and are replaced by Part B: Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). Sunset shall be deemed to be no later than 1800 and sunrise shall be deemed to be no earlier than 0630.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located at RHKYC Kellett Island.

2.2 Any notices to Mariners, which are applicable to boats, with the exception of the Traffic Separation Scheme, will be considered to be part of these Sailing Instructions. This exclusion does not in any way mitigate the obligation of competitors to observe the Traffic Separation Scheme Regulations.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official race notice board in the course room in the sailing centre at Kellett Island no less than two hours before the start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of race will be posted on the official race notice board by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore for the race will be displayed on the RHKYC Kellett Island Starters box and the clubhouse flag pole.

4.2 When made ashore, the signals will have the following meanings:

ICF 'AP' "Racing for today is postponed". The warning signal for the race will be made not less than 2 hours after the signal is lowered. (This changes RRS Race Signals).

ICF 'N' "Racing today is cancelled". (This changes RRS Race Signals).

ICF 'L' "A Notice to Competitors has been posted". (This will be displayed over a numeral pennant to signify the change number).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Racing A, B and Premier Cruising class on Friday 23rd October 09 is 1600 hours. The scheduled time of the warning signal for Racing C and Cruising Class on Saturday 24th October 09 is 1000 hours.

5.2 The race committee, acting under rule 76.1, may cancel the entry of any boat depending upon the prevailing or forecast weather or sea conditions. Notwithstanding, no race will be started if local Storm Warning Signal No.3 or higher is hoisted.

5.3 Should the race be abandoned for any reason there will be no re-sail.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 Warning signal IC flags and division streamers for all races when divisions are starting in the same area will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>ICF</u>	<u>Streamer</u>
Premier Cruising	U	Black
Cruising	W	White
Racing Div A	G	Yellow
Div B	V	Pale Blue
Div C	K	Purple

6.2 Code Flag N signalled on the Race Committee boat means that the race is cancelled. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6.3 Boats shall display the appropriate coloured streamer, as supplied by the Sailing Office, on their backstay (or starboard shrouds in the case of boats not having backstays) at all times whilst racing. Protests for failure to display the appropriate streamer may only be lodged by the race committee. (This changes Rules 60.1 and 62.1).

7. POSSIBLE STARTING AREAS

7.1 Victoria Harbour Start: It is the intention of the Race Committee that the starting area will be in Victoria Harbour in the vicinity of the RHKYC.

7.2 Shek O Rock Start: Notwithstanding SI 7.1, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the weather is such that a harbour start will not result in safe or satisfactory racing conditions through Victoria Harbour to the eastern approaches of Hong Kong, the starting area will be moved to the area off Shek O, to the south and east of Shek O Rock (Tai Long Pai). The change in starting area will be signalled in accordance with SI 10.1.

7.3 In the case of a Shek O Rock Start, the race will be delayed by a minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes.

7.4 The location of the start line will not be subject to a claim for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a)

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be selected from the list of courses in Appendix A to these sailing instructions.

- 8.2 Boats shall not pass through Fat Tong Mun passage between Clearwater bay and Tung Lung Chau.
- 8.3 The position of **Buoy One** in courses one and three listed in Appendix A is: **21', 29" N, 113', 59" E**. If the buoy is not present, the position will become a virtual mark and GPS proof of rounding will be required on the race declaration.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 All boats are required to observe the 100m exclusion zone surrounding Waglan Island.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 signals, with the warning signal given FIVE minutes before the starting signal for each class or a division of a class. The warning signal for any subsequent class or division of a class may be made with, or after, the starting signal of the preceding class or division of class.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the signal staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the RHKYC club line or the race committee boat (under normal conditions this will be the RHKYC Kellett VI start boat) at the starboard end of the line and an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy as the port end Outer Distance Mark (ODM). An orange cylindrical Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid and, in which case, boats shall start by passing between the IDM and ODM in the direction towards the first mark of the course. The committee boat will fly a blue flag or shape when on station at the starting line (changing RRS Race Signals).
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and keep out of the way of boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats which contravene this requirement may be protested by the race committee.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A4.1.
- 10.5 The race committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF Channel 72 before, at and/or after the start of all races in respect of delays/postponements, course selection, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or General Recalls. Boats are strongly advised to monitor Channel 72 with a deck loudspeaker or handheld VHF radio.
- 10.6 A boat, without infringing Rule 41 (outside assistance), may request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the race committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RHKYC Club line and an orange mark at the starboard end. Boats shall cross the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last mark.

12. PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 12.1 If a boat is recorded as an OCS (on the course side of the starting line), a place penalty of 20% may be applied based on the declared entry, rounded to the nearest whole number, except in no case shall a boat be scored worse than DNF (did not finish).
- 12.2 Except as provided in SI 11.3, the Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 20% per infringement. Any penalties imposed under this clause will be additional to any other imposed under Sailing Instructions regarding safety and declarations.
- 12.3 Rules 31 (Touching a Mark) and 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) shall apply for incidents occurring within the twenty minutes (20 mins) period after the Preparatory Signal for a class' start.

13. CUT OFF AND TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The GPS position and time of passing the cut-off shall be taken and shall be reported on the Declaration Form.

- 13.2 For Racing Classes A, B and Premier Cruising Class; if the leading boat in a class has not passed the cut-off by 2200 hours on Saturday 24th October 2009, the race will be abandoned for that class. The leading boat in a class shall make a VHF radio announcement to the fleet on Channel 72 if she has or has not passed the cut-off within the time limit.
- 13.3 For Racing Class C and Cruising; if the leading boat in a class has not passed the cut-off by 0100 hours on Sunday 25th October 2009, the race will be abandoned for that class. The leading boat in a class shall make a VHF radio announcement to the fleet on Channel 72 if she has or has not passed the cut-off within the time limit.
- 13.4 For All Classes; if the leading boat in a class has not finished by 1000 hours on Sunday 25th October 2009, the race will be decided on times taken at the cut-off time.
- 13.5 Any boat not having finished by 1600 hours on Sunday 25th October 2009 will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests under rule 78 (Certificates) shall be lodged on the official protest form and shall be delivered to the Race Committee at the RHKYC Sailing Office by fax (2239 0364) or by hand no later than 1200 hours on Friday 23rd October 2009. The protest fee will be US\$250 or HK\$2,000 which may be refundable at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 14.2 Other protests and request for redress shall be delivered to the RHKYC Sailing Office by fax (2239 0364) or by hand no later than one hour after the last boat has finished.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the protest board located in the RHKYC Course Room no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Such notices will constitute giving notice that a boat's representative is required to attend the hearing as indicated. The onus is on competitors to check the status of such notices for themselves, either in person, or by calling the Sailing Office on 2239 0362. (The Sailing Office may endeavour to give telephone or fax notice to those named on the protest hearing notices, but cannot guarantee that this will be done on a timely basis.)
- 14.4 Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, beginning approximately 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired or such other later time as notified by the Race Committee and heard in approximately the order of receipt.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system will be the RRS Appendix A Low Point system.
- 15.2 The Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on a boat's current valid IRC certificate shall be applied for the Race.

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

16. CREW

- 16.1 There will be no limitation on crew numbers.
- 16.2 IRC Rule 27.4.3 will not apply.

17. SELF STEERING AND POWERED DEVICES

- 17.1 The use of electronic, mechanical and wind-vane devices for steering are prohibited.
- 17.2 However, in accordance with IRC Rule 14.1, RRS Rule 52 shall not apply to boats using stored power for adjustment and operation of sails and moveable appendages.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Any boat **retiring** from the race shall inform the Sailing Manager on + 852 6773 2066 or on land by making a written declaration on the sheet provided in the RHKYC Kellett Island Race Office.

19. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 All boats shall be equipped with adequate and functioning equipment to satisfy Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 requirements. The onus is on the owner or person in charge of each boat to ensure that adequate equipment is carried.
- 19.2 The attention of all boats is drawn to SI 10.5. Notwithstanding the event being designated Category 3, the carrying onboard of a permanently installed VHF radio capable of receiving on Channel 72 is a requirement to receive race committee on-the-water announcements.
- 19.3 Boats shall not race with an anchor stowed on the bow. Any boat that does not comply with this requirement may be subject to disqualification by the race committee without a hearing. (This changes Rule 63.1).

20. SAFE NAVIGATION

- 20.1 At all times, including when not racing, boats shall be careful to avoid any close-quarter situations with commercial vessels. Any report to the organising authority that this has not been complied with will be investigated and action may be taken by the race committee by protesting the results of the boat involved and, if found justified thereafter, by barring her entry in further races, or future events, of the organising authority.
- 20.2 All commercial vessels of over 40 metres length overall (for vessels under tow, this length is from the bow of the towing vessel to the stern of the towed vessel) will be given a "Moving Prohibited Zone" around the vessel when the vessel is under way, as detailed below. This Moving Prohibited Zone ranks as an obstruction for the purposes of Rules 18.5 and 19.
- 20.2.1 Whilst navigating outside of the harbour, the Moving Prohibited Zone shall be: -
- Ahead of the vessel, 200 metres or Two Lengths of the vessel, whichever is greater. For vessels under tow, 100 metres.
 - Abeam of the vessel, 100 metres or Two Widths of the vessel, whichever is greater.
 - Astern of the vessel, 50 metres.
- 20.3 It is the intention of SI 20.2 to provide a framework for safe and fair sailing, in accordance with the spirit of the Racing Rules of Sailing and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions shall relieve a boat from its obligations not to impede the passage of any commercial vessel that can navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.
- 20.4 When a boat is considered to have infringed any part of SI 20.2, another boat or the race committee may lodge a protest against it. If the protested boat is found to have contravened SI 20.2, the Protest Committee may let the results stand, adjust the score or finishing times of the boat or make some other arrangement, including disqualification.

21. DECLARATIONS

- 21.1 The Person in Charge, skipper, navigator, and one crew member of each boat shall sign a Declaration Form that they have completed the race in accordance with the Rules or, alternatively, shall report any infringements on the Declaration Form. GPS positions and times of passing the cut-off and the finish line shall also be reported. The completed Declaration Form shall be delivered to RHKYC Sailing Office no later than 1 hour after finishing by hand or by fax to 2239 0364 (receipt to be checked and confirmed by telephone to 2239 0314).
- 21.2 Penalty for non or late compliance will be entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the circumstances. As a guide, this may be disqualification, or a scoring penalty in the order of one place, such penalty to be additional to any imposed under any other Rules or Sailing Instructions.

22. ADVERTISING CATEGORY

- 22.1 Advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 There are no specific restrictions on radio and electronic aids to navigation which may be used in the race, nor on the linking of such aids.

- 23.2 Notwithstanding, a boat shall neither make radio nor telephone transmissions while racing nor receive special radio or telephone communications not available to all boats, other than as prescribed in these Sailing Instructions. This does not prohibit telephone or similar calls made for private business or emergency purposes.
- 23.3 The race committee will, where possible, communicate relevant information to the fleet such as position/relocation of the start line, identification of OCS starters and any such other information deemed to be relevant to the competitors by VHF radio (Channel 72). Provision or lack of provision of such information shall not be subject to protest.
- 24. PRIZES**
- 24.1 There will be prizes awarded in each class subject to the number of entries and the decision of the race committee.
- 25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 25.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in charge and skippers 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..."
- 25.2 The organizing authority and RHKYC 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.
- 25.3 Persons in charge 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 these Sailing Instructions. 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 Offshore Race, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete **unless** evidence of genuine extenuating for the lateness is accepted by the Race Committee.
- 26. INSURANCE**
- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000.

APPENDIX A

COURSE No 1 (approx. length – 311 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Buoy One	S	
Wenwei Zhou	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 2 (approx. length – 286 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Wenwei Zhou	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 3 (approx. length – 318 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Buoy One	S	
Wenwei Zhou	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 4 (approx. length – 293 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Wenwei Zhou	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 5 (approx. length –260 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Xidan Dao	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

Appendix A: Contd

COURSE No 6 – (approx. length – 267nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Xidan Dao	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 7 – (approx. length – 199 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Xidan Dao	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 8 – (approx. length – 206 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Xidan Dao	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 9 – (approx. length – 93 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Dangan Dao	S	
Er Zhou	P	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 10 – (approx. length – 100 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 11 – (approx. length – 154 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Dangan Dao	S	
Er Zhou	P	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

Appendix A: Contd

COURSE No 12 - (approx. length – 141 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Dangan Dao	S	
Er Zhou	P	
Pedro Blanco	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

Waglan Courses

COURSE No 13 - (approx. length – 230 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Waglan	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 14 - (approx. length – 237 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Waglan	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 15 - (approx. length – 169 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Pedro Blanco	S	
Waglan	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		

COURSE No 16 - (approx. length – 176 nm)

Starting line		
Club windward mark (if laid)	P/S	(As signalled)
Tuoning Leidao	S	
Pedro Blanco	S	
Waglan	S	
Tuoning Leidao	S (Cut off)	
Tung Lung	S	
Finish Club line		