



# China Coast Race Week 2009



## CHINA COAST REGATTA 2009 and CATEGORY 3 OFFSHORE RACE 2009

*The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invites entries from yachts for its well-established 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 a series of inshore races, the China Coast Regatta 2009, sailed over three days in Hong Kong waters and an Offshore Category 3 Race around marks in the South China Sea.*

## CHINA COAST RACE WEEK 2009 NOTICE OF RACE

The China Coast Race Week 2009 is organised by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC). The inshore regatta will be held out of RHKYC Middle Island over the period of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and the offshore race will be held in the waters of the South China Sea, adjacent to Hong Kong, from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The China Coast Race Week will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Categories 3 & 4, the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF), the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 (IRC-C), Impala Class Rules, this Notice of Race and the China Coast Race Week 2009 Sailing Instructions. Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race may be modified by the China Coast Race Week 2009 Sailing Instructions.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with ISAF Advertising Code - Regulation 20, the race committee may require all boats to display the event organizer's advertising on their bows.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with the ISAF regulation 20.4.1.1."

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The China Coast Race Week 2009 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:
    - A: IRC 1.200 and above.
    - B: IRC 1.080 and above.
    - C: IRC 1.079 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 15.1m.
  - 3.1.4 **Impala One Design Class**: Impala one design class boats only with a valid IRC certificate.
- 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 Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.
- 3.5 Entry fees will not be refundable after Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted until 1800 hours on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 upon application to the race committee and only upon payment of an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.

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3.7 All boats shall be not less than 9m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin and must be fitted with a functioning VHF Radio transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16 and 72.

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1 All boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 for the China Coast Regatta 2009 and the Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 for the offshore race.

4.2 The Safety and Scrutineering Check – list shall be submitted to the RHKYC Sailing office by Friday 09 October 2009.

4.3 **Scrutineering for the offshore race will be on the following dates:**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Shelter Cove and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009 - Kellett Island. All boats are required to be inspected at either facility on the appropriate date.

#### 5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be: HK\$2,000 HKD per boat for the China Coast Race Week 2009.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The race schedule for the China Coast Regatta 2009 will be as follows:

##### 6.1.1 Racing

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 3 Races – Windward/Leeward

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

##### 6.1.2 Cruising & Premier Cruising

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 1 Race – Islands Course

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races - Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

##### 6.1.3 Impala One Design

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Course

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 2 Races – Windward/Leeward

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009: 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 Race Week 2009 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.

6.4 The race schedule for the Offshore race will be as follows:

##### 6.4.1 Racing - Division A & B and Premier Cruising

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

##### 6.4.2 Racing C and Cruising

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

6.5 The Offshore race will start off the RHKYC club line in Victoria Harbour with the location of courses set in the South China offshore waters adjacent to Hong Kong.

6.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Racing Class A & B and Premier Cruising Class on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 is 1600 hours. The scheduled time of the warning signal for Racing Class C and Cruising Class on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 is 1000 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009. 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.

7.2 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.

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- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Boats racing in IRC Racing Class A for China Coast Race Week 2009 will be required to submit an endorsed IRC cert with Stix number.
- 7.5 According to ISAF Category 3 all boats competing in the offshore race with a series date of 2000 and later will be **categorised under STIX only**.
- 7.6 According to ISAF Category 3 all boats competing in the offshore race with a series date before 2000 may be **categorized under either STIX or SSS**.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available in mid-September 2009.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses for the China Coast Race Week 2009 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 scoring system to be used will be specified in the China Coast Race Week 2009 Sailing Instructions. One discard will be allowed for the series. However a score of DNC may not be discarded.

## 12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Subject to entries, prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places overall in each class, or division of a class in the China Coast Race Week 2009, there will also be day prizes for the China Coast Regatta 2009.
- 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 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.
- 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, and/or 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.

## 14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 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 Race week 2009 will be set out in the China Coast Race Week 2009 Sailing Instructions and available from mid September 2009 from the RHKYC Sailing Office as well as published on the China Coast Race Week website: [www.chinacoastraceweek.com](http://www.chinacoastraceweek.com)