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San Fernando Race 2009

Wednesday 8th April 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The San Fernando Race 2009 will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and including:

- The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
- The IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 (IRC-C);
- The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations including RORC prescriptions for Category 1 races, as printed in the RORC 2009 programme (referred to as the 2009 Special Regulations);
- The San Fernando Race 2009 Notice of Race; and
- These San Fernando Race 2009 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 hours and sunrise shall be deemed to be no earlier than 0630 hours.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), Kellett Island until 0900 hours on Wednesday 8th April 2009. The official race notice board will be transferred to the Race Headquarters at the Cabana Beach Resort, San Fernando, Republic of the Philippines after the start of the San Fernando Race.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at RHKYC, Kellett Island before 0810 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect, namely Tuesday 7th April 2009.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the RHKYC. To be eligible all boats (including multihulls) shall be not less than 10 metres overall (LOA), excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.

4.2 Boats may enter the Race in either **IRC Racing Class**, or **IRC Premier Cruising Class**. Boats from either IRC Class may transfer whilst the race is underway to **Cruising Class**, where use of the boats engine will be allowed. Subject to a minimum of three entries, there may be a separate **Multihull Class**, which would run under the HKPN handicap system.

4.3 All boats entered in the IRC Racing and the Premier Cruising classes shall hold either a minimum SSS numeral (SSSN) of 34 (the sum base value plus adjustment value) or minimum STIX value of 32 and AVS minimum $130-0.002 \times m$ (where m is minimum sailing weight in Kg), in compliance with the RORC Stability and Safety calculation scheme. Boats with series date before 1995 may be categorized under either SSSN, or STIX and AVS. Boats with series dates of 1995 or later will be categorized under STIX and AVS only.

4.4 A boat entering in the IRC Racing Class shall have a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.5 or above, or a Displacement/Length Ratio (DLR) of less than 150 and hold a valid IRC certificate.

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- 4.5 A boat entering in the IRC Premier Cruising Class shall have a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.4 or less, or a DLR equal to or greater than 150 and hold a valid IRC certificate.
- 4.6 Notwithstanding the above guidelines, an entry for any class may not be accepted by the Race Committee if it considers that competition would be better served by that boat being in another Class.
- 4.7 For Multihulls, the HKPN numbers will be allocated by the Race Committee. These modified HKPN numbers will be issued and posted by the Race Committee on or before Friday 27th March 2009 on the official race notice board at RHKYC.
- 4.8 The classes may be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands, at the discretion of the Race Committee, in the interests of fairer racing.
- 4.9 All boats shall submit the Crew Experience Form to demonstrate that at least 30% of the crew (including the skipper) have had offshore experience and have undertaken training as outlined in Section 6 Appendix G of the 2009 Special Regulations to the satisfaction of the Race Committee. Documented proof of overseas Section 6 Appendix G training qualifications will be accepted subject to the Race Committee being satisfied with the documentation. The Crew Experience Form shall be submitted to the RHKYC Sailing Office on or before Friday 27th March 2009.
- 4.10 All boats shall submit a copy of their valid life raft certificate(s) either with their Entry Form, or no later than Friday 27th March 2009.
- 4.11 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form and received by Wednesday 18th March 2009. For cancellations notified on or before Friday 27th March 2009 entry fees will be refunded in full. For cancellations after this date no refund will be made.
- 4.12 Late entries may be accepted until 1800 hours on Friday 27th March 2009 upon application to the Race Committee and only upon payment of an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee. However, acceptance will still be subject to satisfactory completion of safety and immigration requirements. Late entrants will be given no dispensation from safety requirements because of insufficient time to complete the safety procedures.
- 4.13 The Registration Form giving details of intended crew members, passport numbers for Immigration purposes and next-of-kin shall be lodged with the Sailing Office on or before Tuesday 31st March 2009. Failure to lodge such form will render the entry, at the discretion of the Race Committee, liable to a late fee and/or other action by the Race Committee.
- 4.14 A boat's Maximum Sustained Motoring Speed in knots is required to be stated in the official Entry Form.
- 4.15 All boats entered in the IRC Racing Division may be required to have the measurements of the mainsail, 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 by the Race Committee, prior to the race.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The San Fernando Race 2009 is scheduled to start on Wednesday 8th April 2009, with the first warning signal at 1210 hours.
- 5.2 The time limit or cut-off provision for the San Fernando Race 2009 will be 1200 hours, Sunday 12th April 09.

6. CANCELLATION

- 6.1 The Race Committee, acting under Rule 76.1, may cancel the entry of any boat for any reason.
- 6.2 Should the race be cancelled for any reason there will be no re-sail.

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 8.2.
- 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. FLAGS

- 8.1 The order of starting of the two Classes, the International Code Flags (ICF) to be used for their respective starting times for a Victoria Harbour Start will be:

| | <u>Division(s)</u> | <u>ICF</u> | <u>Victoria Harbour Start Time</u> |
|----------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Start 1: | IRC Racing Class | U | 12:20 |
| Start 2: | IRC Premier Cruising Class | V | 12:30 |

- 8.2 Code Flag C signalled on the Race Committee boat and on the roof flag-mast of the RHKYC at Kellett Island will signify that the Shek O Rock Start area shall be used and all participants should proceed to the alternative location for the start of the race. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.3 Code Flag N signalled on the Race Committee boat and on the roof flag-mast of the RHKYC at Kellett Island means the race is cancelled. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.4 Boats may fly their ensigns whilst racing.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 signals but with the warning signal given **TEN** minutes before the starting signal for each class. The preparatory signal will be hoisted 4 minutes prior to the starting signal and lowered at 1 minute prior to the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line for a Victoria Harbour Start or Shek O Rock Start will be between the signal staff or mast carrying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and an orange Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the port end. The Race Committee boat (together with any Inner Distance Mark (IDM), if laid) shall be left to starboard when approaching the line to start.
- 9.3 The Race Committee boat shall fly a blue flag or shape when on station. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 9.4 A boat shall not start later than 30 minutes after her designated start signal unless the Race Committee Boat has been notified and allows a longer starting interval.

10. COURSE

- 10.1 The course will be:
- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Start Line | Starting west to east |
| Windward Mark (if laid) | P* or S* (*as signalled) |
| Tan Kan Shan (Danyan Dao) | S/ Passing |
| Finish Line (see SI 12) | |
- Approximate course length: 480 nm

11. WINDWARD MARK

- 11.1 In the case of a Shek O Rock Start, a windward mark may be laid as the first mark of the course. The windward mark will be a black inflatable buoy. If used, it will be laid within 3 miles of the start line. The approximate compass bearing from the start line to the mark will be displayed on the Race Committee boat and a red or green flag/board will be displayed no later than the first warning signal to indicate that the windward mark is to be left to port or starboard respectively.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be laid in the vicinity of Latitude 16 degrees 32 minutes North, Longitude 120 degrees 17 minutes East. The ends of the line will be marked by a Race Committee Boat to be left to starboard and an ODM to be left to port. The Committee Boat may display two white flashing lights.
- 12.2 All boats shall try to radio/call the Race Committee at the finishing line on VHF Channel 72 or by telephone on: +852 6773 -2066 approximately one hour before their expected finish time.
- 12.3 Each boat shall take its own finishing time and the sail numbers of the boats immediately ahead and astern, if any, to the best of its ability and, after correcting it against a GPS or radio time signal, shall enter the corrected finishing time on the Declaration Form. Finishing times taken by the Race Committee at the finishing line will have precedence over submitted times.
- 12.4 Boats finishing in darkness shall illuminate their sail numbers as they cross the line. In addition, boats shall, after crossing the finishing line, report directly to the Race Committee Boat at the finishing line by radio on VHF Channel 72 or by hailing and receiving an acknowledgement.
- 12.5 The location of the finishing line and times taken by the Race Committee will not be subject to a claim for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 If a boat is recorded as OCS (on the course side of the starting line and not having returned to start correctly), a place penalty of 20% will be applied based on the declared entry in her division or class, rounded up to the nearest whole number, except in no case will a boat be scored worse than DNF.
- 13.2 Except as noted in SI 13.3, the Scoring Penalty under Rule 44.3 shall apply for penalties for breaking rules of RRS Part 2. The penalty shall be the number of places equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in the relevant division, per infringement.
- 13.3 For penalties for breaking rules of RRS Part 2, Rule 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) shall apply for incidents occurring within twenty minutes (20 mins) of the preparatory signal for the relevant division's/class start.
- 13.4 Any penalties imposed under SIs 13.1 and 13.2 will be additional to any imposed under any other Rule, or under Sailing Instructions regarding safety, radio reporting, and declarations.

14. RETIREMENT

- 14.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement at the next radio schedule. In addition, boats retiring and returning to Hong Kong shall report immediately upon arrival to the RHKYC Sailing Office, or on arriving at San Fernando to the Race Committee at the finishing line or to the Race Headquarters, Cabana Beach Resort, San Fernando.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests under Rule 78 (Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates) shall be lodged by 1800 hours on Monday 6th April 2009. The protest fee for such protests will be HK\$2,000, which may be refundable at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 15.2 Except for protests under SI 15.1 above, a protest shall be written on the official Protest Form and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 4 hours of the finishing time of the protesting boat,

or to the Race Headquarters, Cabana Beach Resort, San Fernando within 1 hour after its next posted opening, whichever is later.

- 15.3 Protests will be heard at the RHKYC Kellett Island and at a time which is convenient to the parties to the incident.
- 15.4 The onus is upon each competitor to ascertain whether or not he/she is party to a protest (Rule 63.3).
- 15.5 The Protest Notice will inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to an incident or named as witnesses. Such notice will constitute a requirement that a representative attend the hearing as indicated.

16. SCORING

16.1 The RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring System will apply.

16.2 The corrected time for each boat in the division results will be calculated using the following, for:

IRC Racing and IRC Premier Cruising Class: The Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on a boat's valid 2009 IRC certificate will be applied to its elapsed time:

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

Cruising Class: When TMT is not greater than PMT:

$$\text{CT} = (\text{ST} \times 1000/\text{HKPN}) + (\text{TMT} \times (\text{MS} - 2) / 3)$$

When TMT is greater than PMT:

$$\text{CT} = (\text{ST} \times 1000/\text{HKPN}) + (\text{PMT} \times (\text{MS} - 2) / 3) + (\text{PT} \times (\text{MS} - 2) / 1.5)$$

Where: CT = Corrected Time.

ET = Elapsed Time

ST = Sailing Time

TMT = Total Motoring Time

PMT = Permitted Motoring Time = 15% of ET

PT = Penalty Time = TMT - PMT

MS = Motoring Speed (as set under SI 17.3)

- 16.3 The Race Committee will determine the Motoring Speed for each boat to be used to calculate the Corrected Time in SI 16.2 and post this on the official race notice board on or before 1800 hours on Monday 6th April 2009. Motoring Speeds so posted will not be subject to redress.
- 16.4 For the purposes of scoring, notwithstanding a boat entering the Cruising Class after starting, such boat will rank as a starter in and be included in the declared entry of its original entered class.

17. SAFETY

17.1 The 2009 Special Regulations for a Category 1 race apply to the San Fernando Race with the following modifications:

17.1 (a) Clause 3.21.2(a) - Drinking Water: Boats without water makers shall start with no less than 12 litres of fresh water per crew member. Boats with water maker installations shall start with no less than 5 litres of fresh water per crew member.

17.1 (b) Clause 3.21.3 - Emergency Water: Emergency drinking water of at least 5 litres per crew member shall be carried in dedicated and sealed container(s).

17.1 (c) Clause 3.28.3(b) – Engines, Generators, Fuel: Boats shall carry sufficient fuel to enable the boat to motor at least 200 miles, in addition to any fuel required for charging batteries, running generators, or other such installations.

17.1 (d) Clause 3.29.1(g) - Marine Radio, Navigational Position-Fixing Device: All boats are required to carry a working SSB HF Radio and preferably a fixed Satellite telephone, with email capability. A mobile Satellite phone must be carried, if no permanently fixed Sat com unit is fitted onboard. The satellite number and/ or email address shall be given to the Sailing Office no later than Friday 3rd April 2009.

17.1 (e) Clause 4.02.1(b) - Hull Marking: Underwater hull markings of highly visible colour are strongly recommended for any boats having installation of new hull coating before the race.

- 17.2 All entrants shall submit the Race Special Regulations Checklist and Declaration to the RHKYC Sailing Office no later than Friday 27th March 2009 declaring compliance with the requirements of these Sailing Instructions and the 2009 Special Regulations.
- 17.3 Following receipt of each boat's Checklist, the Race Committee will review this and may request clarifications. On the basis of an acceptable Checklist, the Race Committee will arrange for an Official Scrutineer to inspect each boat at a time and place to be arranged directly between the Official Scrutineer and the boat's representative, such inspection to be completed by Saturday 04th April 09. The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce a boat's responsibility under RRS Rule 4.
- 17.4 Failure to materially comply with the Special Regulations as required by these Sailing Instructions may lead to penalties being applied or disqualification by the Race Committee at its absolute discretion. This changes Rule 60.
- 17.5 In addition, boats shall be liable to inspection without warning prior to the race and until 12 hours after their completion of the race. Boats found not complying at such inspections may be disqualified or be given any other penalty as prescribed by the Protest Committee.
- 17.6 Notwithstanding any inspections or compliance with the Special Regulations, each competitor is reminded of his sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing. The attention of all competitors is drawn to RRS Rule 4.

18. SAIL LIMITATIONS

- 18.1 Sail limitations will be in accordance with the rating system(s) under which the boat is racing.

19. ENGINES

- 19.1 An engine may be used for charging batteries, pumping bilges or supplying power for weighing anchor or refrigeration while in neutral.
- 19.2 In addition, an engine may be used when appropriate to avoid collision or in grave emergency provided that the facts are reported on the declaration (this changes Rules 42.1 and 42.3 (d)). The Protest Committee may apply a penalty of 10% (minimum 1 place) except when the boat at a protest hearing shows that the circumstances that led to her use of the engine were entirely outside her control (when the penalty may be waived). However, the Protest Committee, after a hearing may disqualify the boat if it judges significant advantage was gained.

20. CRUISING CLASS (Engines and Engine Log)

- 20.1 In addition to the use of engines as defined in SI 19, participants electing to transfer to Cruising Class may use an engine for propulsion up to a maximum of 15% of its elapsed time, the permitted motoring time (PMT).
- 20.2 A boat transferring to Cruising Class shall record the actual times (to the nearest second) and her position (to the first decimal place of a minute) using a GPS, on each occasion a motoring period commences and ends. These times and positions shall be recorded on the declaration form to be submitted within 4 hours of finishing to the Race Headquarters Office, San Fernando or within 3 hours of the next posted opening of the race office, whichever is later.

20.3 For purposes of calculating the Cruising Class results, the Race Committee will count each motoring period less than 30 minutes, as a 30 minute period to calculate the total motoring time. Motoring periods in excess of 30 minutes will not be rounded and actual times will be used to calculate the results.

21. BOATS MOORED AFTER THE PREPARATORY SIGNAL

21.1 Any boat still moored after the time scheduled for the first preparatory signal of the race shall report this and the circumstances to the Race Committee by radio or by telephone (Kellett VI – 9326 5908). The Race Committee may then at its discretion allow an extended starting interval and waive Rule 45 as it applies to a boat not off its moorings at her preparatory signal.

21.2 A boat that has not previously come to the starting area and has the permission of the Race Committee may arrive late using an engine provided that, after she stops her engine, she completes a Two Turns Penalty as described in Rule 44.2 before starting.

22. BOARDING, LEAVING AND GOING ASHORE WHILST RACING

22.1 Crew may board their boat by any means and at any time up to two hours after the starting signal and may during the course of the race leave their boat by any means and take no further part in the race. Otherwise crew, gear and stores may be taken to and from shore only in the boat's dinghy propelled by oars. This changes Rule 47.2.

23. SELF-STEERING AND POWERED DEVICES

23.1 RRS Rule 52 – Manual Power will apply in respect of the use of electronic, mechanical and wind-vane devices for steering. Such devices are prohibited. (This changes IRC Rule 14.1).

23.2 RRS Rule 52- Manual Power will not apply in relation to the use of stored power devices for the adjustment of sails and such movable appendages that do not include rudders. (This changes Rule 52).

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

24.1 There are no specific restrictions on radio and electronic aids to navigation that may be used while racing, or on the linking of such aids.

24.2 There are no limits on communication from a boat provided the boat does not receive information (other than that publicly available to all) that might help her in the race. Nothing prohibits telephone or similar calls made for private business or emergency purposes. A boat may receive information about severe weather without infringing Rule 41 (outside help).

24.3 Every boat shall report her position in accordance with the Radio Reporting Schedule. Failure to comply may result in the imposition of a penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee having regard to the circumstances.

24.4 As a guide, a scoring penalty of one place may be applied where a boat misses any schedule without reasonable cause, such penalty to be additional to any imposed under any other Rules or Sailing Instructions. This changes Rule 60.2.

24.5 All radio messages received, transmitted, or attempted to be transmitted shall be entered in the boat's log, or in a separate radio log.

24.6 Each boat shall demonstrate to the Race Committee that her VHF and SSB radio equipment is working satisfactorily not later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the race by calling the nominated radio control boat. A boat starting without functioning radios shall be subject to disqualification.

24.7 In the event of subsequent failure to make regular radio reports, a boat shall report the cause of this failure in its declaration.

24.8 The Race Committee may broadcast information to the fleet on VHF Channel 72 at the start and finish of the Race. Boats are strongly advised to monitor VHF Channel 72 with a loudspeaker or handheld VHF on deck. A boat may, without infringing Rule 41 (outside help), request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

24.9 All boats are strongly advised to maintain a listening watch on 4060 kHz for the duration of the race.

25. POSITION REPORTING SCHEDULE

25.1 All boats shall report their positions when called in alphabetical order by the radio control boat on SSB 4060 kHz. The 8 kHz frequency may be used by the radio control boat as a backup in the event that boats are unable to communicate on 4060 kHz. In addition to the radio control boat, the Race Committee will designate at least one other boat to help relay positions to the radio control boat.

25.2 Specific radio frequencies will be in the Radio Instructions which will be contained in the skippers packs, distributed at the skippers briefing on Tuesday 07th April, prior to the start of the race.

25.3 Boats retiring are required to continue radio reporting until reaching port, where they shall report their arrival to the Race Committee representatives.

25.3 Boats shall report their 0800 hours position to the radio control boat when called in alphabetical order beginning at 0833 hours for the morning schedule, and their 2000 hours position beginning at 2033 hours for the evening schedule. All boats are requested to listen out for the positions of other boats and to help the radio control boat if there are reception or transmission difficulties.

26.3 The weather forecast will be broadcast by the Radio Control boat at 0820 hours and 2020 hours.

26. CREW

26.1 Boats entered in the IRC Racing Class shall comply with the crew numbers limit as stated on their rating certificate.

27. ADVERTISING

Boats intending to carry their own Category C advertising on hulls, spars and/or sails shall submit a copy of their national authority advertising license, where applicable, to the Organising Authority no later than Friday 27th March 2009.

28. PRIZES

28.1 Prizes will be awarded for:

- Line Honours;
- 1st 2nd 3rd in each Class;
- 1st 2nd 3rd IRC Overall;

28.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

29. DECLARATION

29.1 The skipper, navigator and one crewmember of each boat shall sign a declaration that they have completed the race in accordance with the Rules or, conversely, shall report any infringements on the declaration. The declaration shall be delivered to the Race Headquarters Office, Cabana Beach Resort, San Fernando as soon as possible but in any case within 4 hours of finishing, or within 1 hour of the next posted opening time of the race office, whichever is later.

29.2 The penalty for non or late compliance will be entirely at the discretion of the Protest 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.

30. ADDITIONAL RULES ON SAFE NAVIGATION (Cruising Class only)

30.1 **Obligations to Boats Racing Under Sail.** At any time when a boat in the Cruiser class is making way under power, or under sail and power, that boat has no rights under Part 2 of the RRS. On all occasions when a boat making way under power, or under sail and power, meets another boat, then the IRPCAS apply and form part of these Sailing Instructions.

30.2 **General Obligations.** For a boat in the Cruising class using its engine as allowed under these Sailing Instructions, IRPCAS Rules 21, 22, 23, 25(e) and Annex I form part of these Sailing Instructions. These rules require that a steaming light (as defined in IRPCAS Rule 21) be exhibited between sunset and sunrise.

31. INSURANCE

31.1 Each boat shall have third party liability insurance cover to a minimum of HKD \$ 1 million.