



SAN FERNANDO RACE 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2009

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is proud to announce the running of the 2009 San Fernando Race, a biennial classic race from Hong Kong to the Philippines over the Easter holidays. This 480 nm Category 1 ocean race across the South China Sea is now in its 32nd year and has many an old tale to tell and a wealth of experiences for new competitors.

- DATE:** The Race will start on Wednesday 8th April 2009
- ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** The San Fernando Race is organized and conducted by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) under the auspices of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).
- RULES:** The San Fernando Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), 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);
 - This Notice of Race; and
 - The San Fernando Race 2009 Sailing Instructions.
- Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Racing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.
- The Organising Authority reserves the right to modify this Notice of Race. Any modification will be notified in the San Fernando Race 2009 Sailing Instructions and/or in Notices to Competitors.

CLASSES/DIVISIONS:

Subject to entries, the San Fernando Race will have the following classes:

IRC Racing Class: Keelboats with a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.5 and above or a Displacement/ Length Ratio (DLR) of less than 150.

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

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.

Boats may enter only one of the classes above.

Cruising Class: The Cruising Class will permit limited use of engines. Boats from either IRC Class may transfer to this class whilst the race is underway subject to a transfer penalty.

Subject to the number of entries, the classes may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Subject to a minimum of three entries, there may be a separate Multihull Class, which would run under the HKPN handicap system.

In addition, the Race Committee may waive the above guidelines or not accept an entry for a class if it considers that competition would be better served by that boat being in another class.

COURSES:

Subject to the number and nature of entries, the Race Committee may include a longer course with additional mark or marks for a class, or division of a class.

ELIGIBILITY:

All boats including multihulls shall be not less than 10m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin.

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 Appendix G of the 2009 Special Regulations to the satisfaction of the Race Committee.

Offshore Special Regulation 4.08.4 has been amended for 2008-2009. In accordance with this regulation, two members of the crew shall hold a Senior First Aid Certificates, or alternatively it will be acceptable that 30% of the crew hold Standard First Aid Certificates.

Documented proof of overseas Appendix G training qualifications will be accepted subject to the documentation meeting the satisfaction of the Race Committee.

The crew experience and next of kin forms shall be submitted to the RHKYC Sailing Office on or before 1800 hours on Friday 27th March 2009.

ENTRY

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 Wednesday 18th March 2009.

The entry fees will be HK\$3,000 per boat for the San Fernando Race 2009. Entry fees will not be refundable after Friday 27th March 2009.

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 and satisfactory completion of scrutineering and immigration requirements.

Boats entered in the IRC Racing and IRC Premier Cruising Classes shall submit a copy of their valid or in date IRC rating certificate either with the entry form, or no later than Friday 27th March 2009. No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

All boats entering the San Fernando Race shall submit a copy of their valid liferaft certificate(s) a copy of their EPIRB registered number and/or INMARSAT MMSI number(s) either with the entry form or no later than Friday 27th March 2009.

SAFETY:

All boats entered in the IRC Racing or IRC Premier Cruising Classes shall have a minimum SSS numeral (SSSN) of 34 (the sum base value plus adjustment value) or a 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 Safety and Stability calculation scheme. Boats with series date before 1995 may be categorised under either SSSN, or STIX and AVS. Boats with series dates of 1995 or later will be categorized under STIX and AVS only.

The 2009 Offshore Special Regulations for a Category 1 race, when published, with RORC prescriptions, shall apply to the San Fernando Race with the following modifications:

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

There have been changes to the Offshore Special Regulations; competitors are therefore advised to study the full text of the current regulations and to complete the Race Special Regulations Checklist with reference to the full text or Category 1 extract (available from the RORC website: www.rorc.org)

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 this notice, the Sailing Instructions and the 2009 Special Regulations.

MEASUREMENT:

All boats entered in the IRC Racing Class may be required to 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.

Arrangements may be made by the Race Committee for sail measurements and boat weight to be checked prior to the race as a check against compliance with the IRC certificate data.

REGISTRATION:

The registration form giving immigration and next-of-kin details of the skipper and crew shall be submitted to the RHKYC Sailing Office on or before 1000 hours on Tuesday 31st March 2009.

RACE SCHEDULE:

The San Fernando Race is scheduled to start on Wednesday 8th April 2009, off the RHKYC club line in Victoria harbour with the first warning signal at 1210 hours. In the event that weather conditions are not suitable for a Harbour start, there will be provision for an alternate start location in Hong Kong waters at a later time that day, which will be specified in the San Fernando Race 2009 Sailing Instructions.

ADVERTISING CATEGORY

As provided for in ISAF Regulation 20, the Race Committee may require all boats to display the event organiser's advertising on their bows.

Boats intending to carry their own advertising on hulls, spars and/or sails shall submit a copy of their national authority advertising license, where applicable, with their entry.

PENALTIES:

Except as provided hereunder, the scoring penalty under Rule 44.3 shall apply to the San Fernando Race 2009. The penalty will be the number of places equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in the appropriate division.

Rule 44.1 (Two Turns Penalty) shall apply for incidents occurring within twenty minutes (20 mins) after the Preparatory Signal for a division's start.

SCORING:

The scoring system to be used will be specified in the San Fernando Race 2009 Sailing Instructions.

PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded for line honours for the San Fernando Race 2009 in addition to class prizes as determined by the Race Committee.

Multihull shall be eligible for line honours prizes.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners 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 owner, or owner's representative..."

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 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.

INSURANCE:

All competing boats shall carry third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law (\$1,000,000 HKD).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All other details and requirements will be set out in the San Fernando Race 2009 Sailing Instructions which will be issued separately, as well as being published on the San Fernando Race website: www.sanfernandorace.com and will be available from late February 2009 from the RHKYC Sailing Office.