

**Dragons in Hong Kong Invitational
2K Team Racing Regatta
14 - 17 April 2017
Organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
with help from the Hong Kong Dragon Association
working under the auspices of The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE**

Abbreviations:

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| DP | The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. |
| NoR | Notice of Race |
| OA | Organising Authority |
| PFDs | Personal Flotation Devices |
| RRS | Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 |
| SIs | Dragons in Hong Kong Invitational 2K Team Racing Regatta Sailing Instructions |

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- the RRS including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules and the HKSF Prescriptions (available at www.sailing.org.hk);
 - Any Marine Department Notices or Notices to Mariners that may have an impact on the racing;
 - this NoR; and
 - the SIs.
- 1.3 All races will be umpired.
- 1.4 The Dragon class rules will not apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 2.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 3.2 The minimum number of teams needed to hold the event is eight. There is a strict maximum of ten teams.
- 3.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.1.
- 3.4 Invited teams may enter by completing the Entry Form (Addendum A) and sending it, together with the required fee, to dragon@rhkyc.org.hk by 18:00 hours on 14 March 2017 (the entry deadline).
- 3.5 If the minimum number of teams has entered by the entry deadline, the event will proceed.
- 3.6 If there are insufficient entries by the entry deadline, the event will be cancelled, and the entry fee less any bank charges will be returned.

3.7 If at the entry deadline the event is oversubscribed, the OA reserves the right to select a maximum of ten teams to participate in the event. The OA will advise the unsuccessful team(s) concerned. These teams may request to be placed on a waiting list or to have their entry fee (less bank charges) returned. All teams that have entered correctly and are not offered a place will have their entry fee (less any bank charges) refunded.

4 FEES

4.1 Entry fee:

- i) The entry fee is HKD 4,500 per team. The entry fee includes dinner for 3 people on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April. Additional fees will apply for extra crew or guests attending the dinners.
- ii) When a team accepts an invitation and later withdraws before the entry deadline, the entry fee (less any bank charges) will be returned.
- iii) When a team accepts an invitation and later withdraws after the entry deadline, the entry fee will not be returned unless the team is able to find a replacement team that meets the requirements of this NOR.

4.2 Damage deposit:

- i) An initial damage deposit of HKD 30,000 shall be paid by credit card deposit at registration on 14 April. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident per boat.
- ii) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- iii) Any remaining deposit after the event will be returned within 10 days after the event.

5 EVENT FORMAT

5.1 The event will consist of:

- i) Two fleet races for 4 boats each.
- ii) Team racing in a random pairs format. Each participating team will be randomly paired with another team to form a pair for each race. This pair will race against another pair of randomly paired teams. The pair with the boat finishing last loses the race. Each of the winning teams will be given a 'win'. Racing will continue in a round-robin series. The team with the most wins at the end of the series is the champion of Dragons in Hong Kong Team Racing.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

6.1 The event will be sailed in Dragon type boats.

6.2 Boats will be allocated by the race committee.

6.3 This is a 'White Sail' event. Spinnakers will not be used except for the fleet races.

6.4 Competitors are not allowed to add or remove any fittings or ropes but those already in place can be adjusted.

7 TEAMS

7.1 A team shall consist of 3 persons. All registered team members shall sail all scheduled races. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except if an emergency occurs.

7.2 There is no weight limit.

7.3 When a registered team member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

8.1 The provisional schedule is:

| Date | Time | Activity |
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| Friday 14 April | 15:00 – 16:30 | Registration at RHKYC Kellett Island, Causeway Bay |
| | 16:30 – 17:30 | Skippers' Briefing |
| | 17:30 – 19:00 | Welcome drinks at the Main Bar, RHKYC Kellett Island |
| Saturday 15 April | 11:00 – 13:00 | Fleet racing (2 races for 4 boats each) at RHKYC Middle Island. First warning signal @ 11:00. |
| | 13:00 – 16:30 | 2K Team Racing – round robins at RHKYC Middle Island. First warning signal @ 13:00. |
| | 19:00 – 21:00 | Seated dinner in the Gun Room, RHKYC Kellett Island |
| Sunday 16 April | 12:00 | First warning signal for 2K Team Racing – round robins at RHKYC Middle Island |
| | 16:30 | No warning signal after this time |
| | 19:00 – 21:00 | Buffet dinner at Tam Nguyen's home in Repulse Bay |
| Monday 17 April | 10:00 | First warning signal for 2K Team Racing – round robins at RHKYC Middle Island |
| | 14:45 | No warning signal after this time |
| | 16:00 | Prize giving and cocktails at RHKYC Middle Island |

8.2 No race will be started if local Storm Warning Signal No. 3 or higher is in effect. Any race so affected may be rescheduled.

8.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- i) Skippers' Briefing
- ii) Prize giving

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available after 1 April 2017 on <http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/Dragon.aspx>.

10 VENUE

It is intended that the competition will be operated from RHKYC Middle Island with racing taking place in Repulse Bay or Stanley.

11 THE COURSES

The courses will be outlined in the SIs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Team racing: as defined in RRS D2 and as may be amended by the SIs.

13 SCORING

Team racing: RRS D3 and D4 will apply.

14 PRIZES

14.1 The winning team will be awarded the Dragons in Hong Kong Team Racing Trophy.

14.2 Other prizes may be awarded and details will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

15.1 If required by the OA, media equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.

15.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of any OA supplied media equipment.

15.3 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Adequate PFDs shall be worn by all crew members when afloat. Competitors are advised to contact the OA to see if PFDs may be borrowed.

16.2 Teams are encouraged to carry a working marine VHF radio.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race committee, the OA, sponsors, volunteers and employees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

Each participant shall have his or her own adequate personal accident insurance. The boats, supplied by some owners of the HK Dragon Association, will have adequate insurance cover.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Addendum A



Dragons in Hong Kong Invitational 2K Team Racing Regatta Middle Island 14-17 April 2017

Entry Form

Team Members:

Skipper: _____ World Sailing Sailor ID: _____

Crew 1: _____

Crew 2: _____

Guests: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Skipper Declaration

- I agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS).
- I understand that the race committee, the organising authority (the Hong Kong Match Racing Association and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club), sponsors, volunteers and employees do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. I have read and understand RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race.
- Please charge the entry fee of HK\$4,500 to:

my RHKYC Membership account: _____

or

my credit card, please fill in the form on the next page.

For payments by credit cards only:

I agree and authorize the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to charge my VISA / MASTER / JCB card the entry fee of HK\$4,500 + 3% surcharge.

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| Card Number: | - - - |
| Card Expiry Date: | Month : _____ Year : _____ |
| Cardholder's Signature: | |
| Name in print: | |
| Date : | ____/____/____ |

- I will undertake to sign a credit-card slip (or club chit for RHKYC members) to the value of HK\$30,000 as a damage deposit upon registration on 14 April 2017, as per the Notice of Race, on the understanding that this will be returned to me or destroyed if no damage is caused by me or my crew during use of the boat(s).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please send this entry form to dragon@rhkyc.org.hk

ENTRY DEADLINE IS 14 MARCH 2017

Note:

Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID on the entry form.

If you do not have a World Sailing Sailor ID, registering online for this is free, and takes 3 minutes at <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/sailorregistration.php>