

DISCOVERY BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing Instructions for the
DBYC Disney Islands Regatta
Sunday, 11th November 2007



Sailing Instructions

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The Discovery Bay Yacht Club Disney Islands Regatta will be governed by:
- The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-08 (RRS);
 - The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation Association (HKSF);
 - The DBYC Standard Racing Instructions (SRI); and
 - These Sailing Instructions (SI).

2 Organizing Authority

- 2.1 The organizing authority is the Discovery Bay Yacht Club (DBYC).

3 Entries

- 3.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the DBYC by 1700 hrs on Fri, 9 Nov 07.
- 3.2 Late entries may be accepted after that date at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and only upon payment of the late entry fee.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made by issuing a Notice to Competitors up to 10 minutes before each race. Changes to the SI made on the day of the race will be signaled on the water, before the warning signal, by hoisting IC flag L from the Committee Boat and communicating the change to each boat when it comes within hailing distance.

5 Starting Times and Flags

- 5.1 The event will consist of two races on Sun, 11 Nov 07, with Start times as follows:

Race	Division	Start Time	IC Flag
1	All Divisions	1030 hours	K
2	All Divisions	1400 hours (approx.)	K

6 Courses and Marks

- 6.1 Each race may be sailed over a choice of two reciprocal courses as selected by the Race Officer. The marks of each course shall be left to Port or Starboard, as signaled by the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal for each start, as follows:

- 6.2 **COURSE 1** **IC flag No 1** **All marks to Port ***
 (* Excepting windward mark, if laid - see para 7.5)
- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Start | |
| Windward mark | (if laid) |
| Club mark | (triangular orange buoy approx. ¼ nm N of Hei Ling Chau) |
| Peng Chau | |
| Wu Ying Pai Rock | (SW Disney) |
| Pun Shan Shek Rock | (NE Disney) Note para 9, Course Shortening - Prior to Start |
| North Cardinal Mark | (approx. ½ nm N of Kau Yi Chau) |
| Kau Yi Chau | |
| Datum Rock | |
| Finish | (approx. area of Start) |

6.3	COURSE 2	IC Flag No 2	All marks to Starboard * (* Excepting windward mark, if laid - see para 7.5)
		Start	
		Windward mark	(if laid)
		Datum Rock	
		Kau Yi Chau	
		North Cardinal Mark	(approx. ½ nm N of Kau Yi Chau)
		Pun Shan Shek Rock	(NE Disney) Note para 9, Course Shortening – Prior to Start
		Wu Ying Pai Rock	(SW Disney)
		Peng Chau	
		Club mark	(triangular orange buoy approx. ¼ nm N of Hei Ling Chau)
		Finish	(approx. area of Start)

7 The Start

- 7.1 The Committee Boat will fly a blue flag when in position at the starting line.
- 7.2 The race will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 7.3 The start / finish line will be common and will be laid approximately 1 nm SE of Discovery Bay marina, midway between Peng Chau and Hei Ling Chau. The location of the start line shall not be subject to protest or claim for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.4 The starting line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a buoy laid as an outer distance mark (ODM) at the port end of the line. An inner distance mark may also be laid, in which case boats shall pass between the inner distance mark and the outer distance mark when starting.
- 7.5 A windward mark may be laid approximately half a mile to windward of the starting line. In this case the Committee Boat will display a green flag or board to indicate that the windward mark is to be left to starboard, or a red flag or board to indicate that the windward mark is to be left to port.
- 7.6 Boats shall not use engine propulsion within 5 minutes of the start.

8 The Finish

- 8.1 The Committee Boat will fly a blue flag when in position and on station at the finishing line.
- 8.2 The finish will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line, and a buoy laid as an ODM at the port end of the line.
- 8.3 Each boat shall obtain an acknowledgment from the Committee Boat that it has either finished or retired. If the Committee Boat is not on station, this shall be done by contacting the Race Officer on VHF Ch 72 or telephone as advised at the Race briefing.

9 Course Shortening – Prior to the Start

- 9.1 The Race Officer may elect to shorten the course prior to each start. In such an event, the Committee Boat will fly IC flag S no later than the warning signal for each race, indicating that the **North Disney mark (Pun Shan Shek Rock) is to be deleted as a mark of the course.**

10 Course Shortening – After the Start

- 10.1 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course or immediately beyond a mark of the course by visual signal, IC flag S, flown by the Committee Boat.
- 10.2 Boats should then finish by passing between the Committee Boat and the mark, or between the Committee Boat and an ODM, if laid. In the latter case, the ODM will be laid not more than 100 m from the Committee Boat on the same side as the mark. This may result in the ODM being laid at the starboard end of the line, changing Para 8.2.
- 10.3 The Committee Boat will attempt to communicate any course shortening by calling the mobile telephone number declared on the entry form for each boat. Failure to receive such a communication shall not be accepted as grounds for a protest or claim for redress.

11 Time Limits

- 11.1 The time limit for Race 2 shall be 1730 hours on the day of the race. A boat that does not finish before the time limit shall be deemed to have retired. This does not alter a retired boat's responsibility to 'sign off' with the Race Officer.
- 11.2 Race 2 will be abandoned if the leading boat has not crossed the finishing line, or shortened course finishing line, by 1630 hours.

12 Retiring

- 12.1 It is important, in the interests of safety, that any boat retiring from the race shall inform the Committee Boat immediately by telephoning **9273 1766**.

13 Handicapping & Prizes

- 13.1 Boats will be handicapped by HKPN, or DBPN (issued by the DBYC) if no HKPN is available. The DBYC Handicapping Committee reserves the right to adjust existing HKPN handicaps as required by conditions, in order to fairly balance the performance of all boats entered.
- 13.2 Prizes will be awarded for Line Honours and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each race on handicap-corrected time. Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall, employing the modified Low Point scoring system.
- 13.3 The Low Point scoring system will apply, modified such that first place will be awarded three quarters of a point. All other placings will be awarded points equivalent to their finishing position.
- 13.4 The Race Committee may sub-divide a class or create new divisions depending upon the number of entries received. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14 Safety

- 14.1 All boats shall comply with the current edition of the ORC Special Regulations Category 4.
- 14.2 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Fundamental Rules in Part 1 of the RRS, particularly with respect to life-saving equipment and the wearing of personal buoyancy. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the Skipper, who must ensure that the boat is seaworthy and properly equipped and that the crew are able to cope with emergencies and poor weather conditions. The Skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

- 14.3 A boat shall not race with its anchor or other similar piece of equipment positioned outside the sheerline of the boat. Any offending boat may be disqualified and such penalty will not be subject to protest.
- 14.4 Skippers are reminded that they must not obstruct traffic whilst crossing Fairways or Traffic Separation Scheme lanes. VHF radio equipped boats shall monitor VHF Ch 16.
- 14.5 All commercial vessels or towing combinations of over 40 metres length overall will be granted a "Moving Prohibited Zone" around the vessel when the vessel is under way, as detailed in DBYC SRI's. This Moving Prohibited Zone ranks as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS Rules 18 and 19.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 All boats shall hold valid third party insurance and shall produce a valid Certificate of Insurance if requested by the Race Committee.

16 Disclaimer

- 16.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Each boat is solely responsible for the decision to race or to continue racing. Entrants shall note and advise all crew members that competitors participate at their own risk and that the DBYC does not accept any liability for any loss or damage to persons or property that may result from such participation.

ANNEX A – COURSE OVERVIEW

The following diagram is for general indication purposes only and shall not be considered part of the Sailing Instructions. As such, any errors contained there-in shall not be subject to protest or claim for redress. All positions are approximate and should not be used for navigation.

