

DISCOVERY BAY YACHT CLUB

Sailing Instructions for Doc's Dash
Saturday, 11th Sept. 2010



Sailing Instructions

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1.0 **Rules**

1.1 The DB Regatta will be governed by, in order of precedence:

- The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-12 (RRS);
- The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
- The DBYC Standard Racing Instructions (SRI); and
- These Sailing Instructions.

2.0 **Organising Authority**

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

3.0 **Notices to Competitors**

3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made by issuing a Notice to Competitors up to one hour before each race. Changes to the SI's made on the day of the race will also be signalled 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.

3.2 Notices to Competitors issued before 10th Sept. 2010 will be posted on the Yacht Club Notice Board located in the Discovery Bay Marina Club. Notices to Competitors issued on the day of the regatta will be specifically mentioned at the race briefing.

3.3 MarDep Notices to Mariners, with the exception of the Traffic Separation Scheme, will be considered to be part of these Sailing Instructions. This exception does not in any way mitigate the obligation of boats to observe the Traffic Separation Scheme Regulations.

4.0 **Starting Times and Flags**

4.1 The scheduled times of the warning signals for each race are as follows:

Race	Islands course:	Time	IC Flag
B		approx 11.30 hrs	M
A		10 mins after Div B	L
LBC Division		10 mins after Div A	E

5.0 Courses and Marks

5.2 **The Race** will be staged over an islands course, with marks to port or starboard as described below:

- start
- windward mark (if laid)
- Peng Chau Starboard
- Rock 22°19.31'N 114°04.08'E Starboard
- Kau Yi Chau Startboard
- Peng Chau Port
- finish

6.0 The Start

- 6.1 The Committee Boat will fly a blue flag when in position at the starting line, approx 1 mile SSE of Discovery Bay marina.
- 6.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 A windward mark may be laid approximately a mile to windward of the starting line for the race. In this case the Committee Boat will display a green flag or board to indicate that the mark is to be left to starboard, or a red flag or board to indicate that the mark is to be left to port.
- 6.5 A boat whose class or division warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose class warning signal has been made.
- 6.6 Boats shall not use engine propulsion within 4 minutes of the start.

7.0 Recalls

- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signalled (flag X with one sound) in accordance with RRS Rules 29.2 and 30.1.

- 7.2 When a general recall has been signalled (first substitute with two sounds), a new warning signal for a new start for the recalled division will be made one minute after the first substitute is removed (one sound). Starts for succeeding divisions will follow the new start.

8.0 The Finish

- 8.1 The finish shall be a line between a concrete caisson off Sunshine Island (22°15.96'N 114°03.04'E) at the starboard end of the line, and a buoy laid as an ODM at the port end of the line. Yachts should take their own GPS finishing times. If the port buoy is not in place, yachts should take their finishing time as the caisson bears 225 deg magnetic within 100 m of the caisson.
- 8.2 Each boat shall SMS their finishing time to and obtain an acknowledgment from the Committee Boat that it has either finished or retired. This shall be done by contacting the Race Officer on telephone **97734914**.
- 8.3 After the finish, prize giving will be held in the vicinity of Sunshine Island beach. Snacks and Drinks will be served aboard junks moored off the beach.

9.0 Course Shortening

- 9.1 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course or immediately beyond the mark of the course by visual signal, IC flag S, flown by the Committee Boat or support boat.
- 9.2 Boats should then finish by passing between the Committee Boat / support boat and the mark, or between the Committee Boat / support boat and an ODM, if laid.
- 9.3 The Committee Boat will attempt to communicate any course shortening by broadcast on VHF Ch 72, or 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.

10.0 Time Limits

- 10.1 The time limit for the race shall be 16.00 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.
- 10.2 The race will be abandoned if the leading boat has not crossed the Race finishing line, or shortened course finishing line, by 15.30 hours on the day of the race.

11.0 Retiring

- 11.1 It is important, in the interests of safety, that any boat retiring from the race shall either hail the Committee Boat on channel 72 and receive an acknowledgement, or check-out with the Race Officer on **97734914** before 16.00 hrs.

12.0 Handicapping and Scoring

- 12.1 DBPN or, for visiting boats, HKPN will be used for handicapping, and 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.
- 12.2 DBPN handicaps may be assigned to visiting boats without an HKPN; existing HKPN may also be adjusted by the Race Committee prior to the race. Such handicapping will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13.0 Prizes

- 13.1 Prizegiving will be aboard junks moored off Sunshine Island Beach. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each division in the race on corrected time. A Prize will also be awarded for Line Honours.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may combine or sub-divide or create new divisions, depending upon the number of entries received. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14.0 Safety

- 14.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Fundamental Rules in Part 1 of the RRS, particularly with respect to life-saving equipment. 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.
- 14.2 All boats shall comply with the current edition of the ORC Special Regulations Category 4.
- 14.3 Skippers shall attend, or nominate an experienced crew-member to attend, the race briefing in the DBMC Bilge Bar patio at 09.30 on 11th Sept. 10.
- 14.4 Skippers shall notify the Race Officer of their mobile telephone number at the race briefing. VHF equipped boats shall monitor channels 16 and 72.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 Boats shall not enter the area bounded by the special marks at the Kau Shat Wan explosives storage site.
- 14.7 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.

15.0 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.

16.0 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.