

DISCOVERY BAY YACHT CLUB



Notice of Race for the Tsing Ma Regatta Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th April 2008

Entries are invited for the **2008 Tsing Ma Regatta**, racing from Discovery Bay to the Gold Coast and return, over the weekend of 26/27 April 2008. Employing a slightly modified route, the Regatta is sponsored by the Discovery Bay Marina Club (DBMC), the Gold Coast Yacht and Country Club (GCYCC) and HSBC International.

The outline of events is as follows:

Friday, 25th April	1900	Meet-and-greet at the DBMC Bilge Bar 'happy hour'.
Saturday, 26th April	0930	Race briefing in the Discovery Bay Marina Club.
	1100	Race 1 - DB to Ma Wan. Starting off DB and rounding Peng Chau, Cheung Chau rock, Kau Yi Chau and finishing south of Ma Wan.
		Dockside meet-and-greet on arrival at Gold Coast Marina.
	1900	Buffet dinner at GCYCC Voyagers Restaurant (\$160 tbc or \$110 tbc age 12 and under).
	2100	Prize-giving party at the Gold Coast Marina Clubhouse.
Sunday, 27th April	0800	Buffet breakfast in the Gold Coast Voyagers Restaurant (\$60 tbc).
	0900	Race briefing in the Gold Coast Marina Clubhouse.
	1030	First start, Race 2 – pursuit race from Ma Wan to DB. Starting South of Kap Shui Mun and rounding Kau Yi Chau, Cheung Chau rock and Hei Ling Chau to finish off DB.
	1400	Beer-call alongside at DBMC.
	1500	Headland party at DB Marina Club.

(GCYCC restaurant prices to be confirmed.)

Due Mar Dep restrictions, all racing will be completed on the South side of Ma Wan, with boats positioning individually through the channel from Finish-Gold Coast after Race 1, and from Gold Coast-Start for Race 2. See more conditions in Appendix "Marine Department Conditions"

The regatta entry fee of \$400 (\$200 for single-race entry) includes dockside beers and the Headland buffet for all the crew back at DB, courtesy of Discovery Bay Marina Club.

Discovery Bay and Gold Coast Marina Clubs are kindly sponsoring the event and **berthing at both marinas will be free for competitors during the weekend of the race**. Motor vessels are welcome (entry gratis), assisting as guard vessels. Race entries will be accepted up to Wednesday, 23rd April. Entries after that date may still be accepted with payment of a late entry fee, but please book as soon as possible, so that berthing, shore power and catering can be arranged.

Boats may join the Regatta at any stage – at Discovery Bay on Friday evening for the Bilge Bar 'happy hour', Saturday morning in time for Race 1, or South of Ma Wan on Sunday for Race 2. Prizes will be awarded for each of two Divisions in each race under DBPN. Prizes will also be awarded for Line Honours and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall, employing the modified Low Point scoring system.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved in the adjacent Gold Coast Hotel at a special regatta rate of \$880 plus tax (single/double/twin), available on a first come, first served basis. Contact the Reservations Department direct (tel 2452 8833, fax 2440 7783, ask for Joyce if necessary) to get this special rate.

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Category 4 safety regulations, as amended by the Sailing Instructions, will be enforced. Boats should have a reliable auxiliary engine, a mobile phone and be VHF equipped if possible.

Download the Entry Form and Sailing Instructions from www.dbyc.net or contact TMR@dbyc.net.

Appendix

Marine Department Conditions

- I. To ensure the safety of the yachts and the passage of high speed ferries and ocean going vessels in the vicinity not to be impeded; (all boats)
- II. The race shall not cause interference to other vessels, the Aids to navigation and the marine works in the area; (all boats)
- III. At least 2 control/rescue boats should be arranged to monitor the race; (Race officer)
- IV. To remind the participants to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and keep watch on VHF Ch. 14 or 67 in the respective areas at all times. (all boats)
- V. To inform Vessel traffic Centre of Marine Department at 22337810 at the commencement and at the completion of the race; (Committee boat)
- VI. No yacht race shall be held when the visibility is less than 2 miles and No.3 typhoon signal or above is issued. (Race officer) This permission does not confer any right to exclusively use any water area by yachts participating in the race; and (all boats)
- VII. Safety is always top priority. (all boats)