

# DISCOVERY BAY YACHT CLUB



## Notice of Race for the Tsing Ma Regatta Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th April 2010

Entries are invited for the **2010 Tsing Ma Regatta**, 13<sup>th</sup> edition, racing from Discovery Bay to Tai O and then on to **circumnavigate Lantau**, over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The Regatta is sponsored by the Discovery Bay Marina Club (DBMC).

### *Please note:*

This year the **course is different, much more exciting**. This will be a total *circumnavigation of Lantau* done in two legs.

Leg 1: Discovery Bay, under Tsing Ma bridge to Tai O. Overnight in Tai O.

Leg 2: Tai O, past the Soko islands and back to Discovery bay.

We have spoken for years of a race around Lantau and finally here it is. The existence of a large sea-wall that encloses a large dredged area bigger than D.B. Marina ensures safe overnight anchorage for the whole fleet even for those skippers who lift their elbows while holding mugs to their lips.

The ancient character of this particular village with it's houses on stilts, it's friendly inhabitants and the waterways winding through the habitat earned it the name of "Venice of the Pearl River". Spending the night there will be enjoyable.

Hotel facilities in Tai O are non existent and we will have to rely on the old spirit of self sufficiency on board as we are used to doing at the Sokos. If the Rear Commodore can sleep on Rosemary you should not complain. In any event Tai O is on Lantau and only 30 minutes to Tung Chung by taxi. One could easily stay for dinner return to DB for the night and be back for the pursuit race in the morning.

The outline of events is as follows:

Friday, 23rd Apr 2010	1900	Meet-and-greet at the DBMC Bilge Bar "Happy Hour"
	1930	DBYC Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 24th Apr 2010	0900	Race briefing in the Discovery Bay Marina Club.
	1030	Race 1: DB to Tai O. Starting off in front of Disneyland, Ma Wan Channel, rounding The Brothers, past the airport and finishing in the vicinity of Tai O.
	1600	Anchorage east of the sea wall where a minimum of 3.5m depth is guaranteed and space is available for the whole fleet to anchor. General raft-up and beers. (NO swimming lest we get thrown out of Tai O as well) A sampan will be available for ferrying people to shore.
	1900	Dinner at Chung Lok Yuen Restaurant ( 100HKD plus drinks) where an 11 course meal will be served. Cold beer will be available on a pay as you go basis but bring your own wine. There will be no prize giving. Prizes for both races will be awarded in DB at the end of the second race
Sunday, 25th Ap 2010	0800	The sampan will be available for people who wish to go ashore from.
	0900	Start times will be given to each skipper in the morning but the first boat will start at
	1000	First start, Race 2 – pursuit race from Tai O to DB. Starting in the vicinity of Tai O harbour entrance, passing the Sokos, passing Cheung Chau Chau to finish off DB.
	1400	Beer Call at DBMC
	1500	Headland party at DB Marina Club. Bar and succulent BBQ and buffet menu. HKD 160 pay as you go. The party will commence at 4:30 but the hour is flexible depending upon arrival time of the Committee Boat and the calculations by the handicapping committee.

The regatta entry fee of \$400 (\$200 for single-race entry) includes dockside beers.

Discovery Bay Marina Club is kindly sponsoring the event and berthing at DB marina will be free for registered boats from the 23rd to the 26th. Berths are subject to availability and allocated on a first book basis. Please register at the Marina front desk. Motor vessels are welcome (entry gratis), assisting as guard vessels. Race entries will be accepted up to Wed 21st Apr. 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’ and AGM, Saturday morning in time for Race 1, or Tai O on Sunday for Race 2. Prizes will be awarded for each of two Divisions in each race. Prizes will also be awarded for Line Honours and for overall, employing the modified Low Point scoring system.

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 from [www.dbyc.net](http://www.dbyc.net) or contact [TMR@dbyc.net](mailto:TMR@dbyc.net).

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