



Discovery Bay Yacht Club

DBYC Islands Race

5th April 2025

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The DBYC Islands Races (IR) will be governed by:
- The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS);
 - The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
 - These IR Sailing Instructions.

2 Organising Authority

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

3 Entries

- 3.1 All entries for the races must be confirmed by 1800 on Friday evening 4th April 2025. Sailors can enter via Sailsys <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/203/entry?tab=entry> or by notifying the Race Committee at commodore@dbyc.net. Late entries may be accepted after that time at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. The entry fee is 200 HKD.

4 Classes and Divisions

- 4.1 There is one division, all boats shall race together under Sailsys PHS. If a boat does not race regularly or doesn't have a Sailsys PHS, the skipper may request the DBYC race committee to assign a rating.

5 Notices to Competitors

- 5.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made by issuing a Notice to Competitors up to one hour before each race. VHF Channel 72 and the Event WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025' will be used to communicate new information.

- 5.2 Marine Department 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.

- 5.3 *The race is registered at RaceQs. Please download the app and have at least 2 phones track the course during the race. In case of a dispute, RaceQs times and data will be used to verify the final result.*

6 Starting Times

6.1

Final start time will be confirmed on Event WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025'.

Start Time

Start will be at 11:00 am in the vicinity of Lantau Yacht Club.

There will be no warning signal.

7 Courses and Marks

7.1 Courses – see Appendix A

Final course will be announced latest half hour before the official start time.

7.2 **Finish:** in the vicinity of Lantau Yacht Club

Send your time to the Event WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025' [see also notes 8.5 and 8.6]

7.5 Course Shortening

The course may be shortened due to light winds or unfavorable weather conditions.

Cut off 1: Cheung Chau Rock mark -- boats MUST take their own GPS time as they pass within the description (see Appendix A).

Cut off 2: West of Hei Ling Chau -- boats MUST take their own GPS time as they pass within the description (see Appendix A).

7.6 The Committee Boat will attempt to communicate any course shortening by calling on VHF Channel 72 and using the Event WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025'. Failure to receive such communication shall not be accepted as grounds for a protest or claim for redress.

7.7 Time Limits

The final cut off will be 16:00.

7.8 Times at cut-off marks will be used to calculate results for shortened course ruling.

7.9 If the race is abandoned, the times at the last valid cut-off marks will be used to calculate positions and prizes.

8 General notes

8.1 Should the start line need to be altered announcement will be made on Channel 72 and Event WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025'.

8.2 The location of a start line shall not be subject to protest or claim for redress.

8.3 Boats shall not use engine propulsion **5 minutes** prior to starting.

8.4 Marine Dept regulations prohibit racing in Restricted Area – Kau Yi Chau Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

8.5 Upon crossing the finish, boats shall note their own GPS time, and as far as practicable, wait in the vicinity of the finishing line to note the time of the next finisher.

8.6 Any boat that decides to retire early from the race must either:

- notify the Events WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025' of their intention to retire, or
- notify the Race Committee by contacting the Race Officer on VHF Channel 72.

9 Handicapping & Prizes

9.1 Boats will be handicapped by Sailsys PHS. The DBYC Handicapping Committee reserves the right to adjust existing Sailsys PHS handicaps using the PIPPS system (as described on the HKSF website), in order to fairly balance the performance of all boats entered.

9.2 Prizes will be awarded for winners.

9.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10 Safety

10.1 All boats shall comply with the current edition of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Special Regulations Category 4 (for short daylight races in protected water).

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

10.4 Skippers are reminded that they must not obstruct traffic in the Fairways or Traffic Separation Schemes. VHF radio equipped boats shall monitor VHF Ch 16 whilst crossing these channels.

10.5 The onus is on pleasure craft to give way to commercial shipping and boats must be prepared to motor if necessary in order to keep clear. Boats shall have their auxiliary engines ready for use, if required. Motoring for safety reasons must be declared, but this will not necessarily constitute a transfer to the Motoring Division and will not result in disqualification. A time penalty may be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee if an advantage is deemed to have been gained.

10.6 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. This Moving Prohibited Zone ranks as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS Rules 18 and 19.

11 Insurance

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

12 Disclaimer

12.1 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.

APPENDIX

F&B. After the race, free beers will be offered to competitors at Nim Shue Wan Pier or DB South Plaza – to be confirmed on Events WhatsApp group 'DBYC Islands Race 2025'.

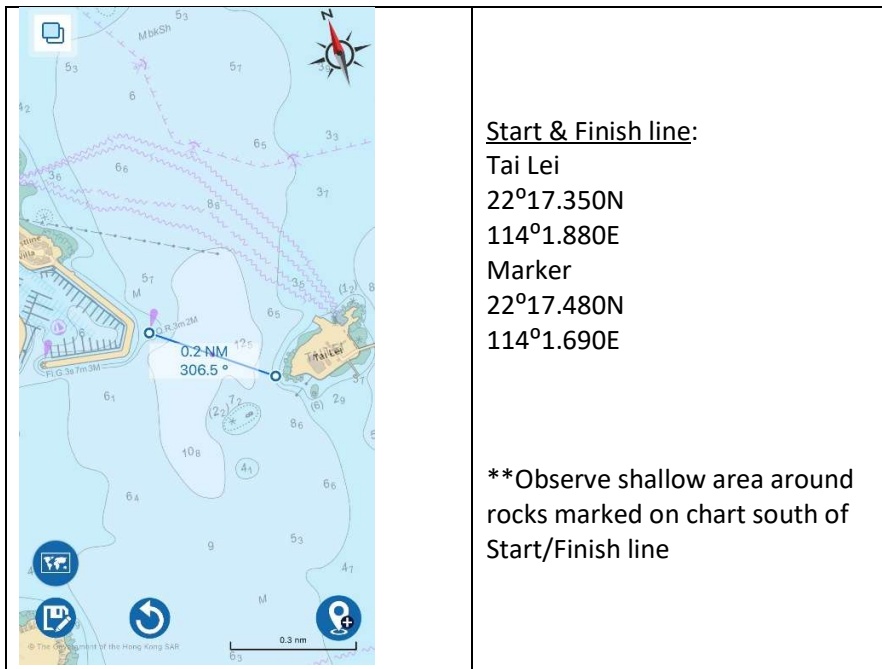
Photos. Please encourage your crew to take photos during the race and post on 'DBYC Islands Race 2025' The best shots will be used on the DBYC website, Facebook page and in the various event write-ups.

For further information, please see <https://www.dbyc.net/racingandrally> or contact DBYC Commodore Stephen Hart on +852 9195 0178 or commodore@dbyc.net

ANNEX A - RACE COURSE MAPS

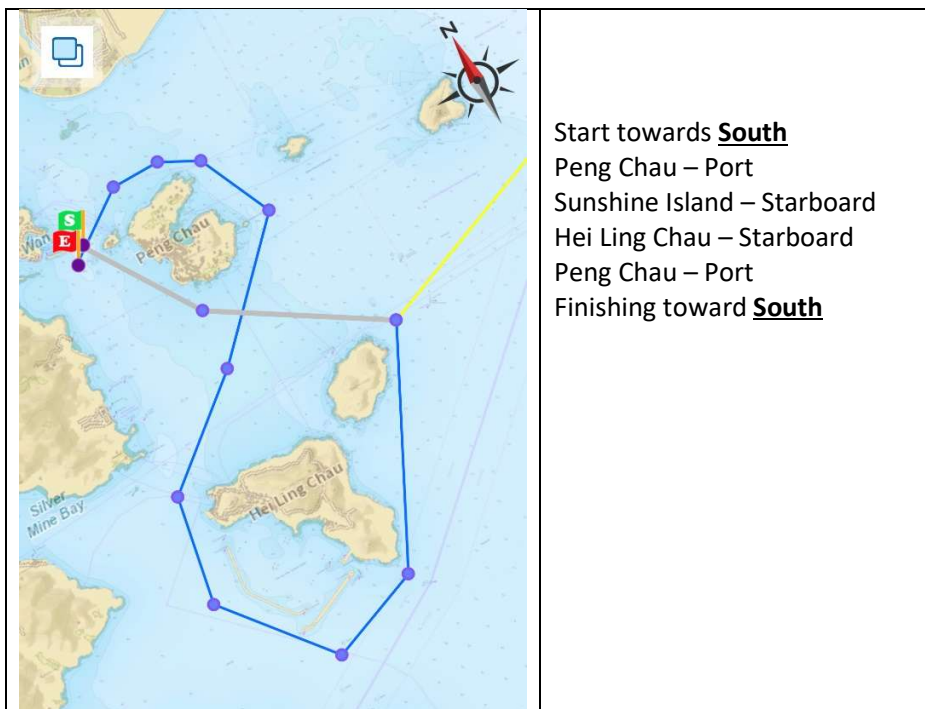
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Start & Finish line for all courses:



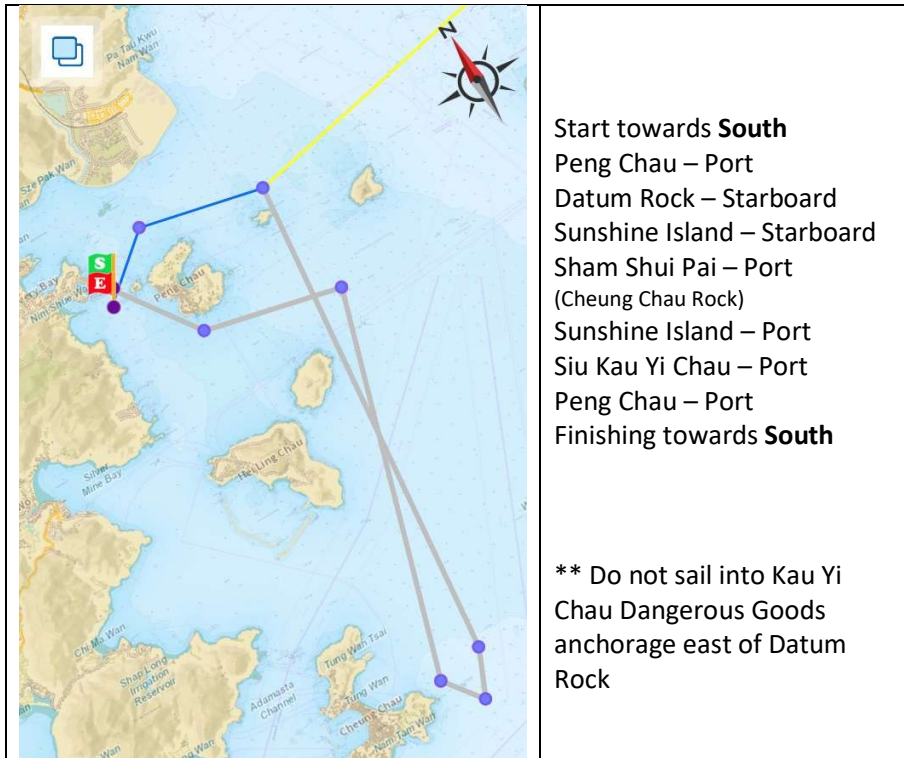
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Course 1: 10nm



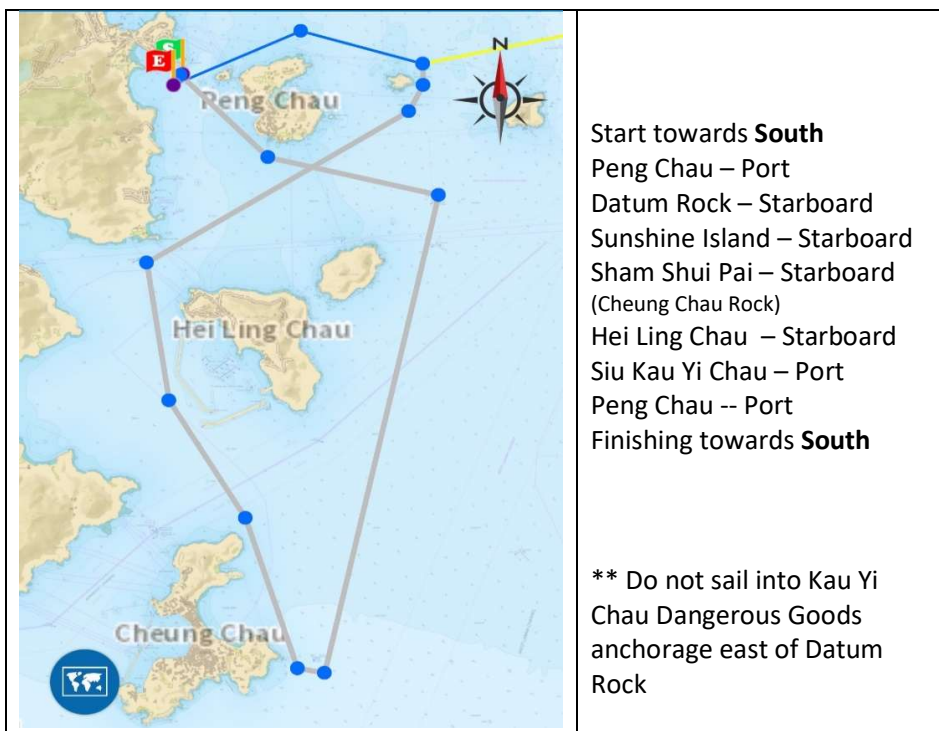
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Course 2: 14nm



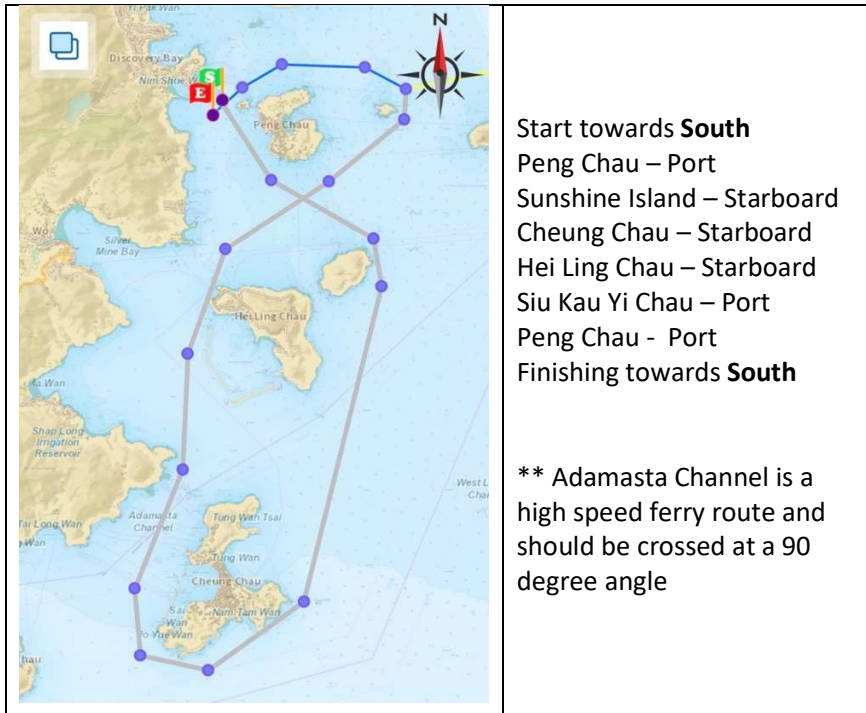
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Course 3: 16nm



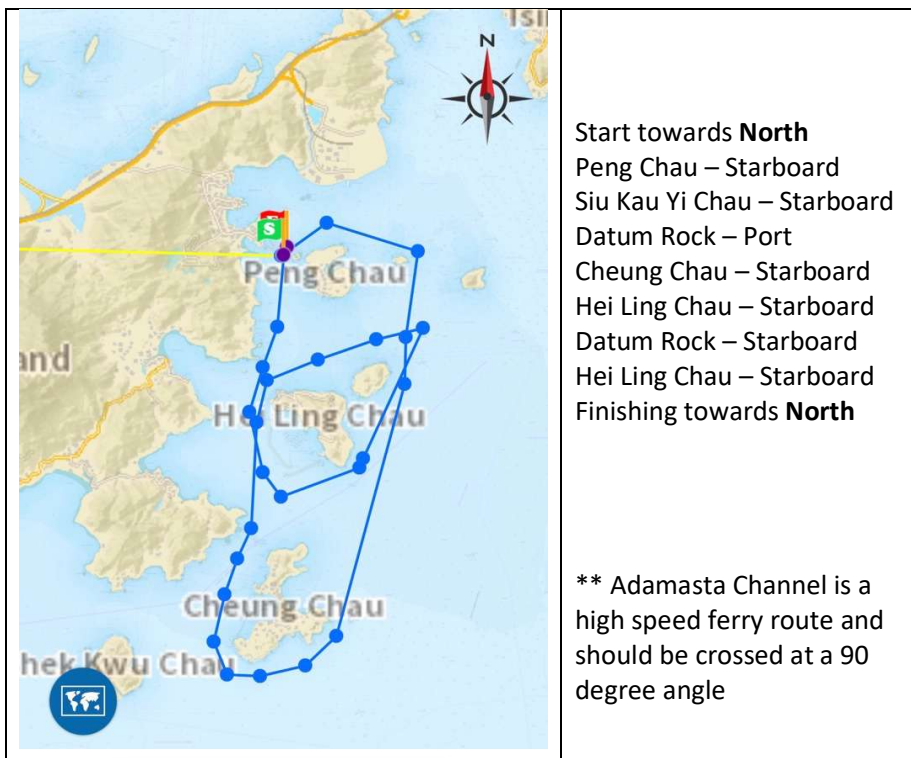
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Course 4: 18nm



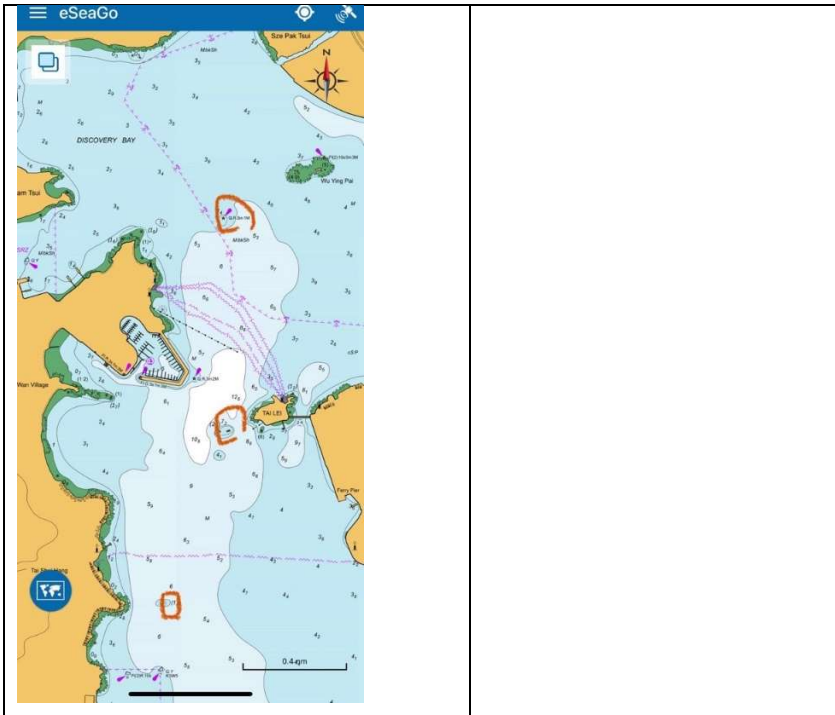
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Course 5: 22nm - strong northerly wind



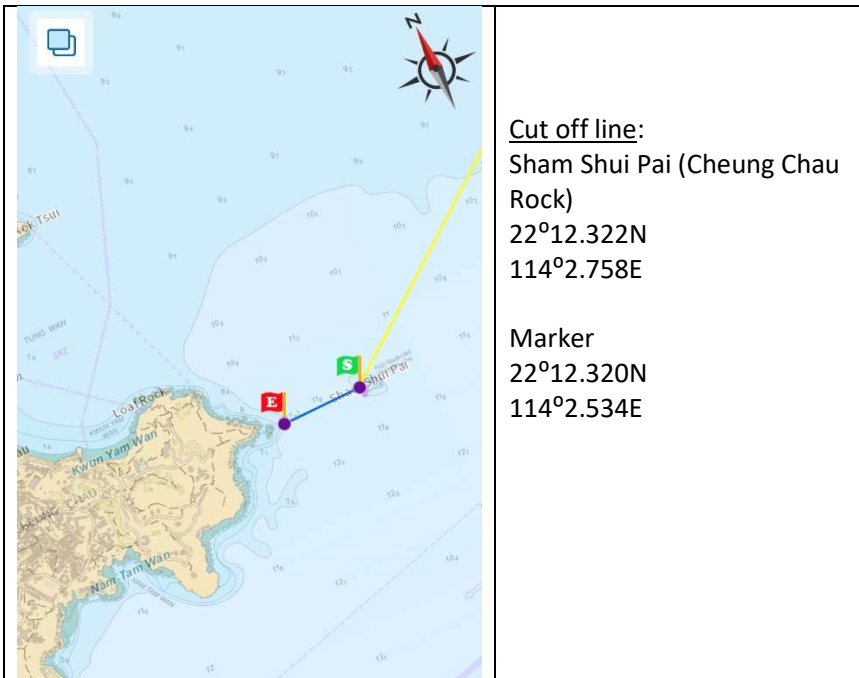
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Obstacles on the course



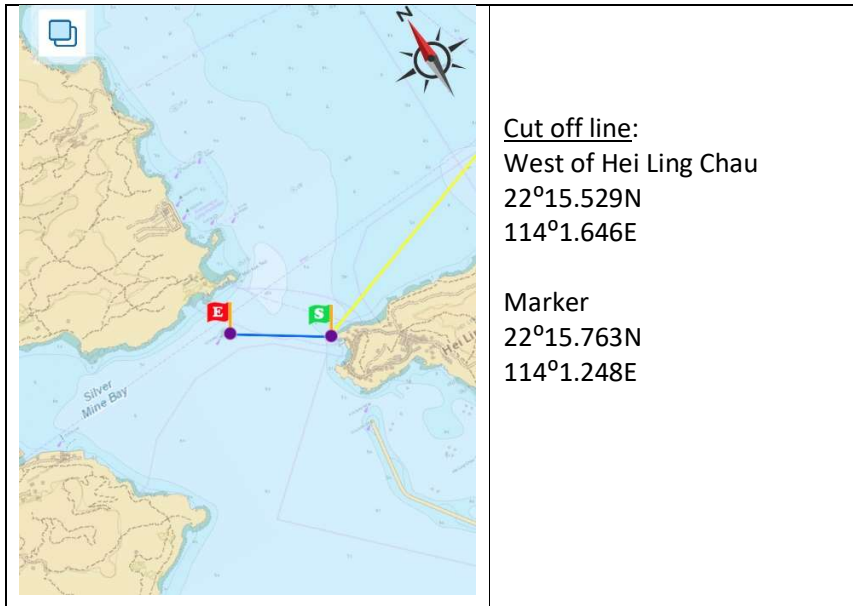
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Time taking or Cut off 1 for courses 2, 3 & 4 if leading boat reaches at or after 2pm



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Taking time or Cut off 2 for courses 3, 4 & 5 if leading boat reaches at or after 3pm



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