



AUDI CHINA COAST REGATTA 2014

10th, 11th and 12th October



The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club cordially invites entries from yachts for its well established annual China Coast Regatta – Hong Kong's premier Big Boat event, supported by internationally renowned title sponsor, Audi.

The Regatta is based at Middle Island in Deepwater Bay on the south side of Hong Kong Island. Competing yachts can expect the best of Hong Kong's sailing conditions with winds consistently in the 10–20 knot range, blue skies, warm friendly waters, great parties at Middle Island and a poolside prizegiving at the RHKYC's main club house at Kellett Island in the heart of Causeway Bay.

Boats racing in the Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 will also be competing in the regatta.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 will be governed by:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016 (RRS);
 - the ISAF Special Offshore Regulations Category 4;
 - the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF);
 - the IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
 - the HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increased Penalty Scheme (PIPS);
 - this Notice of Race (NoR); and
 - the Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 Sailing Instructions (SIs)
- 1.2 Succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.
- 1.3 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the regatta is run on consecutive days. Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 1.4 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise (as defined in the Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 SIs) and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.
- 1.5 When the protest committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 1.6 Boats racing in the Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014, of which this regatta is a constituent event, will comply with any separate NoR and SIs for that event.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A yacht wishing to display advertising on her hull, sails or spars shall be in possession of a valid Advertising License, issued by her National Authority as provided in ISAF Regulation 20 – (Advertising Code). Advertising displayed on boats and/or on crew-wear during the event shall be entirely in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 When registering, each boat may receive battle flags or bow decals. If lost they shall be replaced. Replacements may be obtained at the regatta office. Decals shall be fixed at the bow on both sides and shall be visible during the entire event. Battle flags shall be displayed whilst not racing or in transit to or from racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - 3.1.1 **IRC Racer Class:** Keelboats with a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.5 and above or a Displacement/Length Ratio (DLR) of less than 150. The class will be divided into divisions based on suitable rating bands, at the discretion of the Race Committee, in the interests of fair racing. Subject to 3.2, the rating bands shall initially be:
 - IRC Racer 0** : 1.301 and above
 - IRC Racer 1** : 1.100 to 1.300
 - IRC Racer 2** : 1.010 to 1.099
 - IRC Racer 3** : 1.009 and below

- 3.1.2 **IRC Premier Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 7.4 or less or a DLR equal to or greater than 150 and an LOA equal to or greater than 14.98m.
- 3.1.3 **IRC Cruiser Class:** Keelboats with a HF of 7.4 or less and/or a DLR equal to or greater than 150 or a series build date prior to 1990.
- 3.1.4 **HKPN Class:** Boats with a current HKPN number issued by HKSF that have not held an IRC certificate in effect within 90 days before the start of racing.
- 3.2 Boats shall enter one class only. Subject to the number of entries, the classes and rating bands in IRC Racer Class may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee (e.g. Maxi & TP52 Class). In addition, the Race Committee may waive the above guidelines or not accept an entry for a class if it considers that competition would be better served by that boat being in another class or division of a class.
- 3.3 Eligible boats will be entered by completing and returning the entry form with the entry fee to the RHKYC Sailing Office on or before Friday 26th September 2014. Boats entering the Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 will be entered automatically and will race in the appropriate IRC Racer Division.
- 3.4 Entry fees will not be refundable after Friday 26th September 2014.
- 3.5 Late entries may be accepted until 1800hrs on Monday 6th October 2014 upon application to the Race Committee and only upon payment of the entry fee plus an additional fee of 50% of the entry fee.
- 3.6 All boats shall be not less than 9m overall (LOA) excluding bowsprit and/or bumpkin and must carry a functioning VHF radio transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 16 and 72.

4. CLASSIFICATION

All boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be HKD \$1,800 per boat. Boats entered in the Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 will not be required to pay an additional regatta entry fee.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The race schedule will be as follows:

6.1.1 IRC Racer

Friday 10 th October:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Courses
Saturday 11 th October:	3 Races – Windward/Leeward & Geometric Courses
Sunday 12 th October:	2 Races – Windward/Leeward & Islands Courses

6.1.2 IRC Premier & IRC Cruiser

Friday 10 th October:	1 Race – Islands Course
Saturday 11 th October:	2 Races – Geometric & Islands Courses
Sunday 12 th October:	2 Races – Geometric & Islands Courses

6.1.3 HKPN

Friday 10 th October:	1 Race – Islands Course
Saturday 11 th October:	2 Races – Geometric & Islands Courses
Sunday 12 th October:	2 Races – Geometric & Islands Courses

- 6.1.4 The race schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Race Committee and Race Officer if the weather conditions dictate otherwise on any day of the regatta.

- 6.2 The race schedule for boats entered into the Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 is defined under the Audi Hong Kong Kettle Notice of Race, Item 7.1.
- 6.3 Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 will be based at RHKYC Middle Island and the location of the courses and the starts will be in the designated Hong Kong waters sailing areas as detailed in the Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 SIs.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day of the Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 will be 1025hrs.
- 6.5 Prizes for each day of racing on Friday 10th October and Saturday 11th October will be awarded after racing at Middle Island. The Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 Overall prizegiving will be held poolside at RHKYC Kellett Island on Sunday 12th October.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 All boats (with the exception of Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 boats) shall submit a copy of their current IRC rating certificate either with the entry form or no later than 1800hrs on Monday 6th October 2014. No alteration to a boat's rating will be permitted after this date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error. Evidence in writing must be submitted to the Race Committee.
- 7.2 HKSF HKPN PIPS shall apply to the HKPN Division. Any boat intending to enter in that division shall submit a completed declaration form to the Sailing Office before 1800hrs on Monday 6th October 2014.
- 7.3 All boats shall have the measurements of LL and LP of the largest headsail and the SLU, SLE, SF, SHW and SPA of the largest spinnaker as stated on the IRC certificate verified by an authority acceptable to the Race Committee. These sails shall be made available for measurement, if so requested, prior to the first race of Audi China Coast Regatta 2014.
- 7.4 All boats shall restrict the number of crew carried on board whilst racing to comply with the Declared Initial Crew Number (DICN) on their entry forms, subject to the permitted limited variations to be detailed in the SIs. If no DICN is included on a boat's entry form, the number of crew shall be restricted to the number specified on its rating certificate. This modifies IRC Rule 22.4.2.
- 7.5 Boats competing in the Hong Kong Kettle 2014 must comply with the **Audi Hong Kong Kettle 2014 NoR: 8 – Measurements** for that event.
- 7.6 Boats racing in Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 IRC Racer Class 0 and 1 will be required to submit an endorsed IRC Certificate.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available from late September 2014.

9. COURSES

The courses for Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 will be outlined in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 An International Jury may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. The decisions of the Jury will be final, and will not be subject to appeal, in accordance with rule 70.5.
- 10.2 Where no other penalty is provided for, the International Jury may waive any penalty, or award a lesser penalty than disqualification, when it decides that a boat has infringed a rule, other than a rule of Part 2, and the infringement has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race (changes RRS 64.1 (a))

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 11.2 Provided all scheduled races for a class or a division of a class are completed, one discard will be allowed for Audi China Coast Regatta 2014. A score of DNC cannot be discarded. No discards will be allowed in the overall scoring for Audi China Coast Race Week 2014. However if fewer than the scheduled number of races for a class or a division of a class are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores for all races completed.
- 11.3 Results for individual races will be established by a boat's corrected time, calculated using the following:
 - 11.3.1 **IRC:** The Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on a boat's current valid IRC certificate will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times \text{TCC}$$
 - 11.3.2 **HKPN:** The boat's HKPN number will be applied to its elapsed time, as follows:

$$\text{Corrected Time} = \text{Elapsed Time} \times 1000/\text{HKPN}$$

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with RHKYC insignia and flags.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 All boats are required to carry a marine VHF radio with Channel 72 capability. VHF Channel 72 may be used for radio recalls, courses to be sailed and race information. Boats are strongly recommended to have waterproof loudspeakers by which to monitor VHF on deck or a handheld VHF radio in a waterproof bag will be acceptable.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows for the overall regatta:

14.1.1 First, second and third for a class or division of class.

14.2 Day prizes for individual classes or divisions of a class will also be awarded.

14.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..."

15.2 The Organising Authority (RHKYC), Race Committee, Audi or sub sponsor(s), employees and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate closely with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and RHKYC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR.

15.4 It is the sole responsibility of the owners and/or skippers to comply with the deadline dates and failure to do so in respect of any aspect will be treated as a failure to enter the Regatta, in which case, boats will not be eligible to compete **unless** evidence of genuine extenuating circumstances for the lateness is accepted by the Race Committee.

16. INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000 HKD.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

By entering this race, each boat owner (or charterer) and crew on the competing boats grant to the Organising Authority and the sponsor and affiliated companies at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses and biographical material, as well as representations of their boats in any media (including television, print and internet).

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

18.1 Yachts entering from overseas, please contact the **RHKYC Marine Services Manager** at: marine@rhkyc.org.hk, Tel: +852 2239 0308, Fax: +852 2572 5399, for all details regarding facilities, berthing and commissioning prior to the race and/or regatta.

18.2 For Race Management please contact **Alex Johnston – RHKYC Sailing Manager** at: alex.johnston@rhkyc.org.hk Tel: +852 2239 0362, Fax: +852 2239 0364.

18.3 For Race/Regatta promotion please contact **Lindsay Lyons – RHKYC Race & Regatta Promotion** at: lindsay.lyons@rhkyc.org.hk, Tel: +852 2239 0391, Fax: +852 2239 0364.

18.4 Other details and requirements will be set out in the Audi China Coast Regatta 2014 SIs which will be available from late September 2014 from the RHKYC Sailing Office, together with the Audi China Coast Race Week 2014 NoR. All documents will be published on the Audi China Coast Regatta website: www.chinacoastregatta.com