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Dear all affiliated Clubs,

New Procedure for Organization of Regatta by Affiliated Clubs

First of all, thank you very much for your staunch support to the sport of rowing. With the New Year coming, we would like to introduce the new procedure to all the affiliated Clubs for organizing any regattas/events under the HKCRA's premises in order to ensure the safety and smooth operations of the events as follows.

As the Shing Mun River is used by different sports associations or organizations including Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association, Hong Kong Canoe Union, Sha Tin Sports Association and HKCRA (including her affiliated clubs), all the above parties are required to coordinate on the usage of the river to facilitate the best safety. In most of the occasion when regatta of one party is hosted, the other parties will try to avoid intervene the related parties with their water sports activities. Therefore, if any affiliated Clubs would like to organize a regatta along the Shing Mun River, the Clubs must notify the HKCRA in writing at least six months in advance allowing sufficient time for the liaison works. The contact person of your Club, all the detailed information of regatta, such as preliminary schedule with approximately lanes required, race information, race distance and related documents should be sent to the HKCRA at least 2-3 weeks before the regatta so that the HKCRA will get in touch with your contact person for all the logistics arrangements. The final race schedule, start list should send to the HKCRA at least one week before the regatta. All regattas organized after July 2018 will need to notify the HKCRA before the end of January. For regatta organized from now to July, please contact the HKCRA the soonest and we will liaise with concerned parties the soonest.

Meanwhile, please also note that for any form of the regatta, no matters a fun or formal regatta, we will assume the pontoon will be closed for the related event and no other rowing activities will be allowed at the event period. The HKCRA will charge \$3300/session* (4 hours) for the facility usage and the associated administrative and liaison works.

If you think your event is relatively small and need not to have exclusive usage of the pontoon and the river, please provide detailed information (start list, no. of lanes, operation hours, etc) for the HKCRA to consider. Those who are allowed to organize their event with shared usage of the pontoon will be waived the \$3300 per session cost.

If you have any further enquiries on the new arrangement, please feel free to contact our Sports Executive, Ms Ang LAU by e-mail at ang.l@rowing.org.hk or by phone at 2699-7229. We look forward to work together with your Clubs for promoting the sport of rowing.

Hong Kong, China Rowing Association