



# 慶祝香港回歸祖國25周年 - 第9屆香港海岸賽艇錦標賽

## Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR - 9th Hong Kong Rowing Coastal Championships

Saturday, 9 July 2022

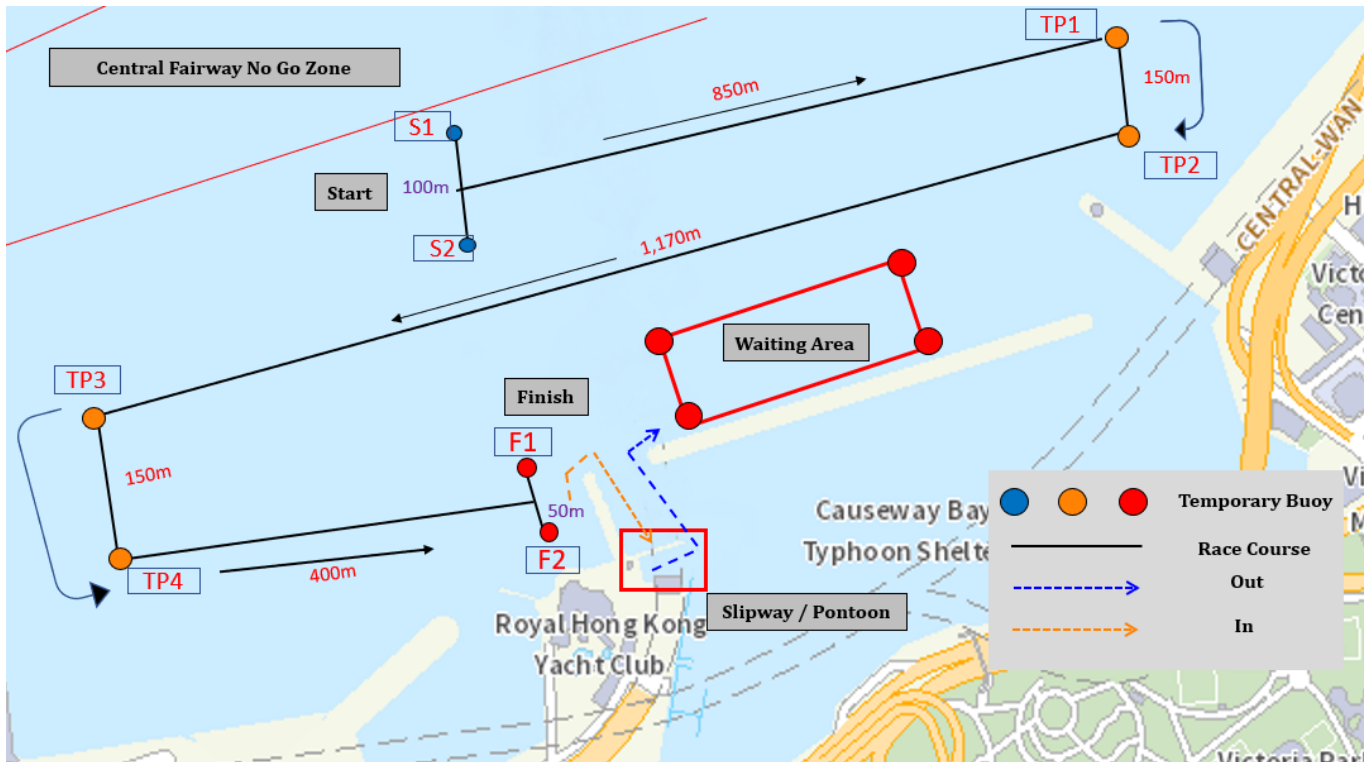
### Guidelines to Competitors

The Championships is an open-water race in coastal rowing boats. The following sets out some guidelines for competitors.

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## 1. Race Course



The 2.7km course will be used for all races.

Start Line is from a pair of buoys in Victoria Harbor the water area outside the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC).

Boats begin by heading east and go through the pair of buoys.

Competitors then go eastward and need to go around the buoy close to East Coast Park Precinct (TP1 & TP2).

Staying close shore and head to west and turn around near the Wan Chai Ferry Pier (TP3 & TP4) before head back to the Finish Line.

Competitor will need to go pass both exits of the north side of causeway bay typhoon shelter. There will be busy traffic among the Harbor; all competitors will need to stay alert.

The buoys used to mark the start line and finish line will be temporary buoys.

Buoy's colour and size will be made clear in the updates at registration on the day.

There are other buoys (both permanent and temporary) close to the line of the course; these do not form a part of the formal race course, and are not expected to be directly on the line of the course, but competitors should nevertheless keep aware of them and steer accordingly.

The courses are subject to change according to conditions on the day. Racing will be only being cancelled in exceptionally adverse conditions, however.



## 2. Procedures on the Race Day

- 2.1 **There is Crew Captain's Meeting on Friday night 08:00pm via zoom.** All essential information will be provided in meeting and by this document. Updates of the event and assistance can be found in Registration Counter on the day as well.
- 2.2 Please follow the following procedure on the race day: -

Arrive at the race venue at least 1 hour before your race time showed on the race schedule



Register at the registration area when you arrived



Get changed and warm up at the rowing boathouse



**Coxswains shall weighted on tested scales not less than 1 hour and not more than 2 hours before their first race in each event**



Crews should report to the Boat Marshalls **30 minutes** before the start of their race, and must launch at least **15 minutes before** the start of their race.

***Please help yourself and each other for boat launch, be a nice competitor***



Get yourself & the allocated boat ready and go to the starting area  
(Refer to point 3. Route from Boat Marshall to the Starting Area)



Have a good race

(Refer to point 4. The Race Course Details)



Row the boat back to the pontoon, there are boat handlers to help out  
(Refer to point 7. Route from Race Finish to Boat Parking Area)

***Again, help yourself and each other to get the boats back to slipway when complete***



Check your results and repeat from points 4 to 7 if you had progressed to the Finals

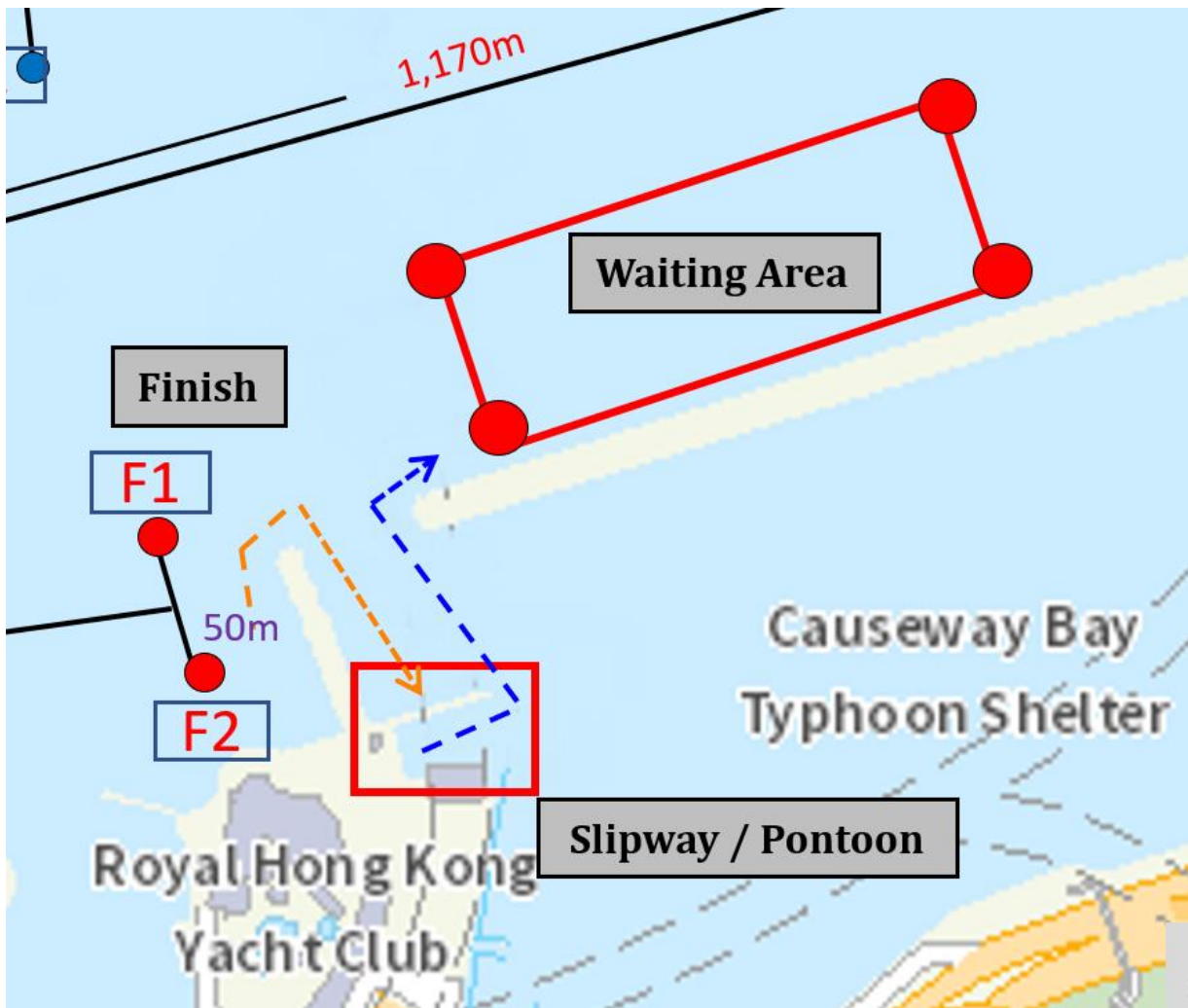


Medal collection will be on the roof top at 16:30 after the last race.



### 3. Route from Boat Marshall to the Starting Area

- 3.1 As indicated in the map below, boats will launch from the RHKYC pontoon. Exact locations for your boat class will be advised at the Registration.
- 3.2 Crews should report to the Boat Marshalls 30 minutes before the start of their race, and must launch at least **15 minutes before** the start of their race.
- 3.3 After launch, they should proceed and wait behind the start line or warm up area as indicated in the map below.





#### 4. Race Start

4.1 Boats should line up behind the Start Line. It is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that it does not obstruct or interfere with any other crew waiting to start and to ensure that its boat is not over the start line when the start signal is given.

4.2 Crews will be given a time penalty for clashes or interference with other crews and for causing a false start.

4.3 The **starting procedure** is as follows:

1. Crews must be in the vicinity of the start line and under the control of the Starter three minutes before the starting time of their race.
2. Crews must ensure that no part of their boat is over the Start Line at the time the start signal is given. The Umpire at the Start will not give any instructions to crews in this regard prior to the start signal being given. After giving the 3-minute, 2-minute and 1-minute signals the Starter may start the race at the given time without reference to the position of any crew.
3. Three minutes before the start, the Starter shall verbally notify all crews with the words "THREE MINUTES!" and shall sound a hooter in 3 clear, very short blasts. (At the expiry of the 3 minutes after this signal the start will be given even if some boats are not ready.)
4. Crews must not interfere with other crews near the start line and must not cause a false start. There will be no instructions given to crews concerning alignment.
5. Two minutes before the start time, the Starter shall verbally notify all crews with the words "TWO MINUTES!" and shall sound a hooter in 2 clear, very short blasts.
6. One minute before the start, the Starter shall verbally notify all crews with the words "ONE MINUTE!" and shall sound a hooter in 1 clear, very short blast.
7. Standing clearly visible behind the Start line, the Starter shall raise a red flag before the Start time. The Start will be designated by the Starter dropping in one downward motion the start flag and simultaneously sounding a hooter in one long blast. The start signal shall be given exactly 3 minutes after the above three-minute signal. **The official start of the race is the moment the flag starts to be dropped.**
8. False Start: any crew which is over the start line when the start signal is given shall have caused a false start and shall be allowed to continue with the race but shall be subject to a time penalty. Where wind, wave or other conditions make it so appropriate, the Umpires might at their sole discretion permit a crew that was over the start line when the start signal is given to continue racing without penalty or apply a penalty other than a time penalty to such crew (for example, to require the crew to stop rowing for a given period such as to allow otherwise disadvantaged boats to recoup their disadvantage).

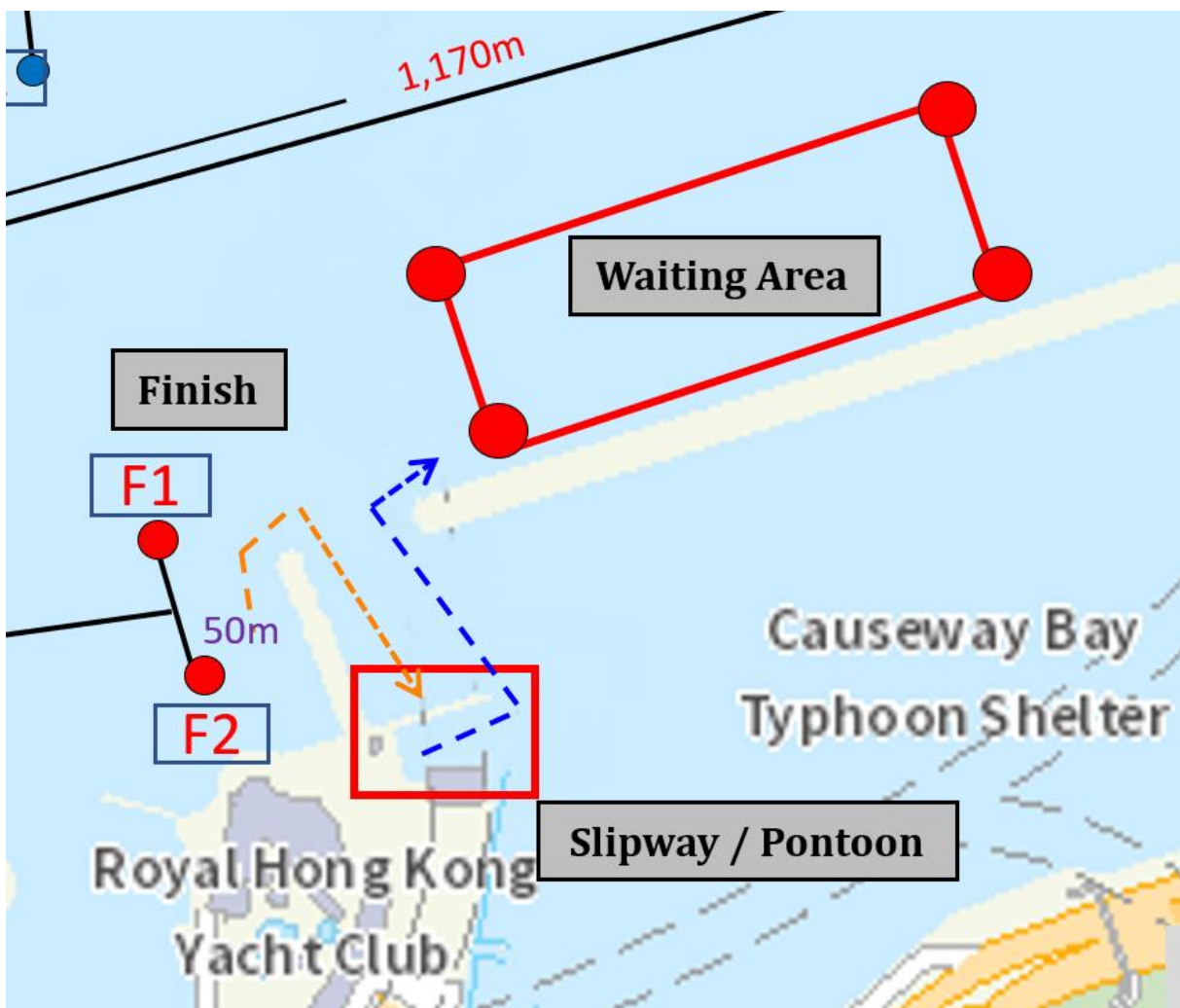


## 5. Race Finish

- 5.1 The Finish line will be drawn from outside the RHKYC with buoys to mark the finish line for indication.
- 5.2 Boat must cross in between the 2 finish line buoys and a hooter sound as each boat crosses the finish line. Do not stop before you hear the hooter sound.
- 5.3 A crew, which for any reason does not complete the full course as designated by the Organizing Committee, including not rounding all or any of the turning markers at the end of the race. The result of such crew shall show DNF.

## 6. Route from Race Finish to the Boat Parking Area

- 6.1 As indicated in the map below, competitors are required to return to the RHKYC Pontoon for the next race.





## **7. Rules of Racing**

The Hong Kong Coastal Rowing Regulations shall apply, except for any modification to fit the local environment.

## **8. Racing: Interference & Overtaking**

8.1 All crews shall compete in accordance with the rules. If a crew does not comply with the rules, including if it impedes or interferes with another boat or gains any advantage thereby, it may be penalized by the Umpires.

### **Interference**

A crew causes interference to another crew if it changes course to prevent another crew from passing, if it does not give way when required under this regulation, or if it causes a collision with another crew through not giving way when required by this regulation.

### **Collisions**

In case of collisions (of boats or oars), the Umpires may decide who is at fault and may impose a penalty on the boat responsible for the collision.

### **Overtaking**

All crews have a responsibility to avoid collision whether they are overtaking, or being overtaken. Coxswains and Steers should in principle maintain that which they consider to be their best course. An overtaking crew should establish its intended overtaking line as early and as clearly as possible, stick to that line, and not push out the slower crew. A slower crew is expected to give way to a faster overtaking crew where it can do so without endangering itself or other crews and without having to take excessive evasive action, and **MUST NOT** actively impede or move towards the course of an overtaking crew. Crews may be penalized for causing obstruction or interference, either by the awarding of a time penalty, excluding the crew, or by taking other appropriate measures as allowed under the rules.

### **Rounding of a Turning Marker**

At the turning marks no crew is permitted to collide with or obstruct another crew while turning around a turning marker. If two or more crews are at risk of collision or obstruction, all crews must take due and reasonable care to avoid collision or obstruction. If a crew causes or irresponsibly contributes to a collision or obstruction in whatever manner, the Umpires may penalize the crew by awarding a time penalty, or may exclude the crew or take other appropriate measures under the rules. It is the responsibility of all crews not to collide with other boats.

In order to be placed in the final ranking for the event, all crew must round all turning markers and must complete the full course.

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## **9. Penalties**

- 9.1 The Umpires may penalize a crew for any contravention of the rules. Penalties shall include reprimand, time penalty, exclusion, disqualification.
- 9.2 The standard time penalty for a false start is 1 minute.
- 9.3 The standard time penalty for causing a collision, obstruction or interference is 1 minute
- 9.4 The Umpires shall apply their discretion in applying alternative time penalties

## **10. Forced Withdrawal**

The Umpires reserve the right to require a boat to withdraw from a race if the boat is slow to the degree that the race schedule would be delayed by the boat continuing or if there would be a risk to safety from the boat continuing.

## **11. Stoppage of Race**

The Umpires and / or Organizing Committee reserve the right to stop a race for reasons of safety.

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