

Tolo Harbour Coastal Rowing Regatta 2024

2024 吐露港海岸賽艇賽

Sunday, 24th March 2024

Race Course and Rules of Racing

The Tolo Harbour Coastal Rowing Regatta is an open-water race in coastal rowing boats. The race course and rules of racing are listed as follows for your perusal.

1. Race Course

It is an approximate 525m race course and it is shown in following map.



2. Rules of Racing

The Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) Coastal Rowing Regulations shall apply, except as modified below.

3. Race Start

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. Crews will be given a time penalty of 30 seconds for clashes or interference with other crews and for causing a false start.

The starting procedure is as follows:

- 3.1 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. The Starter may start the race without reference to absentees.

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- 3.2 Crews must ensure that no part of their boat is over the Start Line at the time the start signal is given. The Aligner at the Start will not give any instructions to crews in this regard prior to the start signal being given.
- 3.3 Each crew must be aware of the time remaining before the start. 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.
- 3.4 The Starter shall be standing clearly visible near the Start line before the start time. The Starter will call the **Crew Name** “.....**Attention**.....”. The Starter dropping in one downward motion the start flag and simultaneously saying “**GO**”. At the word **GO**, each crew must start rowing.
- 3.5 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.
- 4. Racing: Interference & Overtaking**
- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 A crew, which for any reason does not complete the full course as designated by HKCRA, including not rounding all or any of the turning markers, is responsible to declare this to the Finish Judge or other Umpire or to HKCRA at the end of the race. All visible rocks surrounding Center Island are regarded as turning markers and all crews must stay clear of and outside these rocks.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.

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4.5 Overtaking: it is the responsibility of a crew overtaking another crew to avoid a severe collision with the crew being overtaken; a crew which is being overtaken must not obstruct the course of an overtaking crew. If a crew being overtaken obstructs or causes a severe collision with the overtaking crew by changing its course or in any other manner, the Umpire may penalize the crew causing obstruction or severe collision by awarding a time penalty of 30 seconds, or may exclude the crew or take other appropriate measures under the rules.

4.6 Rounding of a Turning Marker: at the turning markers crews should avoid collisions with other crews and observe the rules of overtaking. Crews are responsible for their own steering and shall follow the direction given by Umpires, including Umpires at the turning marker. 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 as designated by HKCRA.

5. Race Finish

There will be a hooter sound as each boat crosses the finish line. Times will be taken for each crew and adjusted for any time penalties.

6. Penalties

The Umpires may penalize a crew for any contravention of the rules. Penalties shall include reprimand, time penalty, exclusion, disqualification.

The standard time penalty for a false start is 30 seconds.

The standard time penalty for causing a collision, obstruction or interference is 30 seconds.

The Umpires shall apply their discretion in applying alternative time penalties.

7. 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.

8. Stoppage of Race

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