

## Notice of Race

# COA Chinese New Year Macau Race Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008

The event will consist of two races; one from Hong Kong to Macau on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and one from Macau to Hong Kong on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008, with the first start scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. The start for the Thursday Race will be to the East of Lamma Island in the vicinity of Yuen Kok Light, while the start for the Saturday Race will be in an area to the south of the Macau Inner Harbour Access Channel Buoy No. 1.

Course details, divisions and starting times etc. are contained in the COA Sailing Instructions for Macau Races, which may be obtained from the COA office or downloaded from the COA web site [www.coahk.org](http://www.coahk.org)

A prize giving party for the first leg of the race will be held in Macau on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February (venue to be announced) and the prize giving party for the second leg of the race and for overall results will be held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The entry fee includes dockside drinks and snacks on arrival in Macau but not at the prize giving parties, which will be charged separately (details to be announced).

All participants are required to berth at the Clube Nautico de Macau Marina or the Government Basin north of the Marina. Berths at the Marina are limited and will be allocated to those boats who have submitted their entry forms the earliest. There is no charge for mooring in the Government Basin.

In order to allow enough time for immigration and Port Clearance arrangements please entries must be submitted by:

**Entry Deadline - 17:00 hours on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.**

Entry forms may be obtained from the COA office or downloaded from the COA web site. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee.

In order to compete, all boats must comply with the insurance and safety requirements contained in the Sailing Instructions and must have an HKPN rating or a valid IRC Certificate. Entrants who do not have an HKPN rating should download an HKPN Rating Application Form from the COA website and should complete and return this along with their race entry form.

Entrants must also comply with all the relevant requirements of the Hong Kong and Macau Marine and Immigration Departments. Entrants who do not comply with these requirements will not be accepted.

<b>Entry Fees:</b>	COA Members:	HK\$650	<b>Berthing Charges:</b>	Under 30ft.	HK\$50 per day
	Non-Members:	HK\$950		30 – 35 ft.	HK\$75 per day
				36 – 40 ft.	HK\$100 per day
	Late Entry:	HK\$250		41 - 50 ft.	HK\$150 per day
<b>HK Port Clearance:</b>		<b>HK\$200</b>		Over 50 ft.	HK\$250 per day

The Hong Kong immigration departure formalities will be carried out in the Geoff Edmonds Room at the RHKYC on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 from 1600 to 1800 hours.

A Skippers Briefing will be held in the Chart Room at the RHKYC on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 commencing at 1800 hours. Weather and tidal information for both Hong Kong and Macau will be issued at the briefing, along with any HK Port Clearance documents that have been arranged via COA.

The Macau immigration arrival formalities will be carried out on arrival at the Clube Nautico de Macau marina. The Macau immigration departure formalities will also be carried out there on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008.