



CRUISER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Sailability Charity Seafood Rally **Saturday, 22 August 2026** **Event and Sailing Instructions**

1. Entries

- 1.1 The COA 2026 Sailability Charity Seafood Rally will be held under PHS on 22 August 2026.

2. Schedule of the Rally

- 2.1. The COA 2026 Sailability Charity Seafood Rally is on Saturday, 22 Aug 2026, structured in two parts:
- **Part I: Sailing Session:** The race starts from the Shek O Start Line at 10:00 a.m. and will finish within the designated Finishing Area at 12:00 noon (please refer to details in the Course Map).
 - **Part II: Charity Luncheon:** After finishing, all boats should proceed to Po Toi O Fat Kee Seafood Restaurant for the Charity Luncheon for Sailability.

3. Classes and Divisions in the Rally

- 3.1. This Rally will be held under the PHS system.
- 3.2. Boats entering the Rally with family members on board can enter the additional Family Class. A separate photo must be taken and sent to the race WhatsApp chat group before the start of the race on 22 Aug 2026.
- 3.3. Sailing Results - Boats' Sailsys PHS Corrected time will be used as their class results in the Sailing Session. IRC boats will have IRC corrected time for reference.

4. The Start

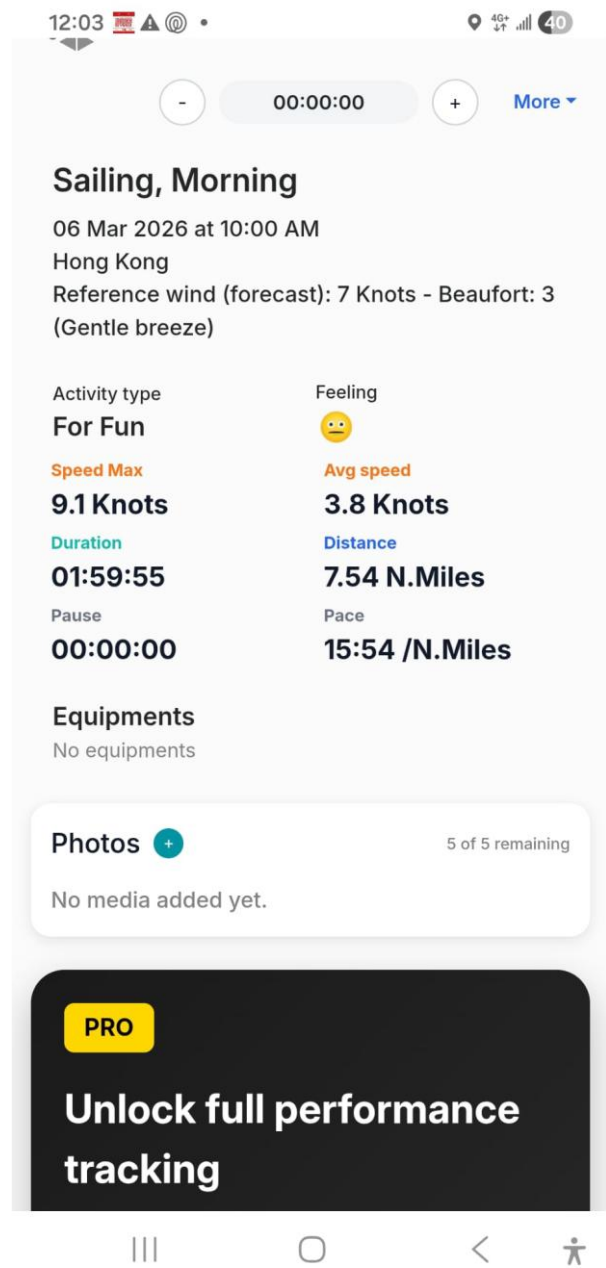
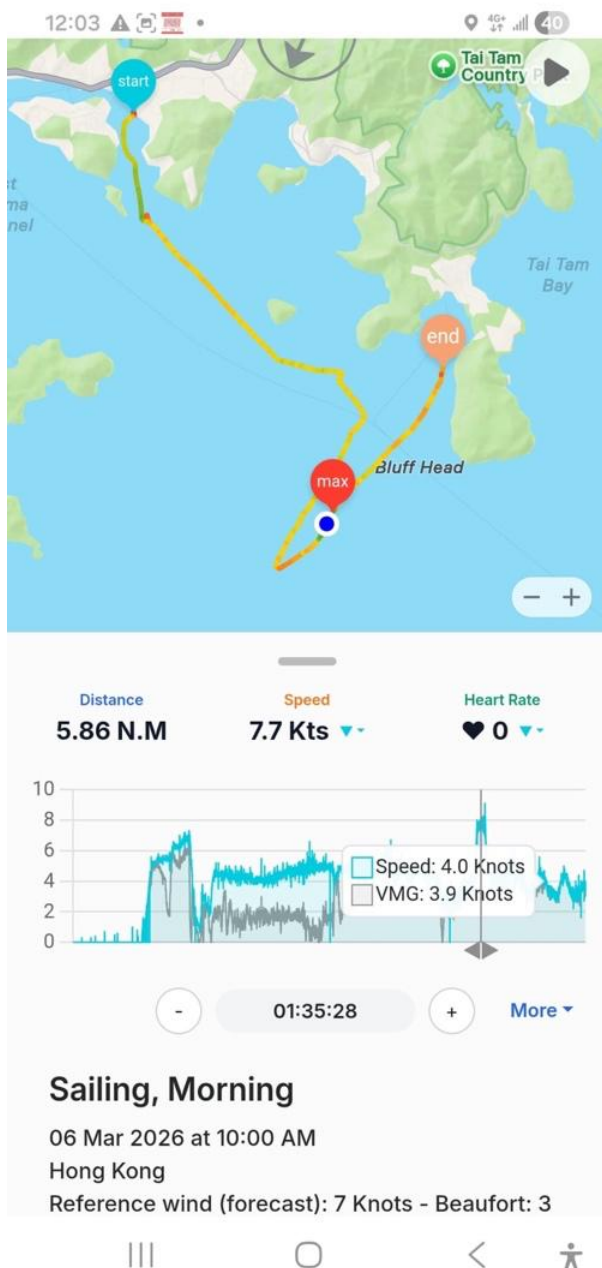
- 4.1. The scheduled time of start is **1000 hr on 22 August 2026**.
- 4.2. Stop the engine and activate the phone App "eStela" sailing track recording function 5 mins before the start time.
- 4.3. Start before 1000 hr will score OCS and add 5% to Elapse Time. OCS more than 5 minutes will score DSQ.
- 4.4. Start after 10:30 hr will score DNS.
- 4.5. After the start, all boats should pass Mark 1 South Ninepin (Port) and Mark 2 North Ninepin (Port), then followed by a Speed Cruising Session within the designated Speed Cruising Zone.

5. The Finish

- 5.1. All boats must finish within the Finishing Area at 1200 hr.
- 5.2. Boats outside the Finishing Area will score "DNF" for the race.
- 5.3. Boats should stop their "eStela" sailing track recording 5 minutes after the 12:00 noon finish time.
- 5.4. Boats should save the track record(s) and upload them to the "eStela" system (No record equals no result).

6. Results and Declaration

- 6.1. **A boat's PHS Corrected Distance sailed within the 2 hours from 1000 hr to 1200 hr will be her class result in the sailing session.**
- 6.2. There will be two apps used for the results declarations. Waterspeed for tracking of the Speed Cruising Session and eStela for monitoring the finish line.
- 6.3. Both apps can run on one phone but two phones are better. Consider using one phone for each app respectively.
- 6.4. Before starting your Speed Cruising Session log onto **eStela** and start tracking.
- 6.5. At GPS time 10:00:00 sharp activate **Waterspeed** and start tracking.
- 6.6. At GPS time 12:00:00 sharp stop tracking your boat.
- 6.7. **Take a screen shot of your Speed Cruising Session and the data results page and share it with the events WhatsApp group before 13:30:00. A boat who fails to submit their Waterspeed track record before 13:30:00 will be scored DNF in the Speed Cruising Session without a hearing and is not subject to protest.**
- 6.8. Below two examples for your reference. Please submit both pictures together and clearly label them with your boat's name.



7. The Course, Marks and Lines

7.1. The Part I Sailing Session will start at 1000 hours on 22 August 2026.

Course, Marks and Lines	Remarks
Start Line	A virtual Start Line at Latitude 22°14.040'N between Shek O Rock Light to port and Hong Kong Island to starboard. Boats to pass the virtual Start Line from North to South at 1000 hr.
Marks	South Ninepin (Port) and North Ninepin (Port)
Speed Cruising Zone	Freestyle cruising in the <u>Speed Cruising Zone</u> (<i>Refer to Course Map for GPS boundaries</i>) for sailing the longest distance.
Finishing Area	All boats must finish with the virtual <u>Finishing Area</u> (<i>Refer to Course Map for GPS boundaries</i>) at 1200 hr.

8. Time Limits, Target Times and Cut Short Provisions

- 8.1. All boats must finish within the Finishing Area at 12:00 noon. Any boat outside the Finishing Area at 12:00 noon will be scored DNF for the race.
- 8.2. Special Cut Short Provision: If the leading boat is unable to reach the Finishing Area by 12:00 noon, all boats' distance sailed from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon will be used for counting the result.
- 8.3. There will be NO Motoring Division. Any boat electing to motor at any time (except in an emergency for safety reasons) is deemed to have retired and will be scored DNF.

9. Retirals

- 9.1. Each boat shall as far as practicable call to advise if it wishes to retire by posting a message to the Event WhatsApp Group as soon as possible.

10. Declarations

- 10.1. Declarations for the Rally will be in the format of uploading the boats' Rally Track Records recorded by the free phone app "sStela" after finishing.
- 10.2. The time and position records of the boats for the Rally as recorded in "eStela" will be used to calculate the results and distance sailed.

11. Protest & Request for Redress

- 11.1. Protest is not encouraged in COA events unless boats are involved in a collision and damaged.
- 11.2. Boats can report any irregularity events to the Charity Rally WhatsApp Group for the Rally Committee to follow up.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. Results for the race will be based on the boats' PHS Corrected Distance sailed in the 2 hours of the race (from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon). This will be used as their class result.

13. Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals and Other Severe Weather Conditions

- 13.1. The Rally Committee will not start the Rally if tropical cyclone warning signal number 3 or higher is issued or is likely to be issued.
- 13.2. The Rally Committee will have the discretion to postpone or cancel the race in the event of low visibility, extraordinary wind conditions, thunderstorm signals, or other unexpected weather conditions.

14. Safety

- 14.1. Boats are reminded to observe the requirements of the Fundamental Rules in Part 1 of the RRS, particularly in respect of safety and the decision to Rally, including having all Cat 4 equipment in working order.
- 14.2. A boat may use a motor if necessary to keep clear of hazards. This must be declared but will not result in disqualification. A time penalty may be applied if an advantage is gained, at the discretion of the Rally Committee.

15. Self-Steering and Powered Devices

- 15.1. The use of electronic, mechanical, and wind-vane devices for steering is only allowed on double-handed boats.

16. Radio Communications

- 16.1. There will be no official communication via VHF, but boats are recommended to monitor VHF Channel 72. Communications during the Rally will be via the Charity Rally WhatsApp Group.

17. Results and Prizes

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded based on the PHS Corrected Distance results. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Rally Committee.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1. Participants have entered this Rally entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Committee and COA will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the Rally.

19. Insurance

- 19.1. All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of the minimum cover required by HKSAR Law.

20. Right to use Name and Likeness

- 20.1. By participating, participants grant the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show any photography, audio, and video recordings made of them without compensation.

Course Map

<u>Course, Marks & Lines</u>		<u>Leading Boat Cut-Off Time</u>
<u>Start Line</u>	Start at 1000 hr at the Virtual Start Line at Latitude 22°14.040'N between Shek O Rock Light to port and Hong Kong Island to starboard <u>Boats should pass the virtual start line from North to South</u>	
Mark 1	South Ninepin (pass by Port)	
Mark 2	North Ninepin (pass by Port)	
Speed Cruising Zone	Freestyle cruising within the following <u>Speed Cruising Zone</u> - 22°17.800'N / 114°18.700'E - 22°17.800'N / 114°21.800'E - 22°14.200'N / 114°18.700'E - 22°14.200'N / 114°21.800'E <u>Boats sail outside the boundary of the Speed Cruising Zone will have 5% added to their Elapse Time.</u>	
Finishing Area	Boats should finish within following <u>Finishing Area</u> at 1200 hr. Those outside the boundary of the Finishing Area will score DNF. - 22°17.800'N / 114°18.700'E - 22°17.800'N / 114°20.000'E - 22°16.700'N / 114°18.700'E - 22°16.700'N / 114°20.000'E	1200 hr
Remarks	● If the leading boat cannot reach the Finishing Area by 1200 hr, distance sail from 1000 hr and 1200 hr will be used for counting the result. ● All boats should motor to Po Toi O after 1200 hr as soon as possible.	

Course Map (Cont'd)

1. **Shek O Rock (Start at 1000 hr) =>**
2. **Mark 1 South Ninepin (Port) =>**
3. **Mark 2 North Ninepin (Port) =>**
4. **Free style speed cruising within the Speed Cruising Zone =>**
5. **Finish within Finishing Area at 1200 hr**

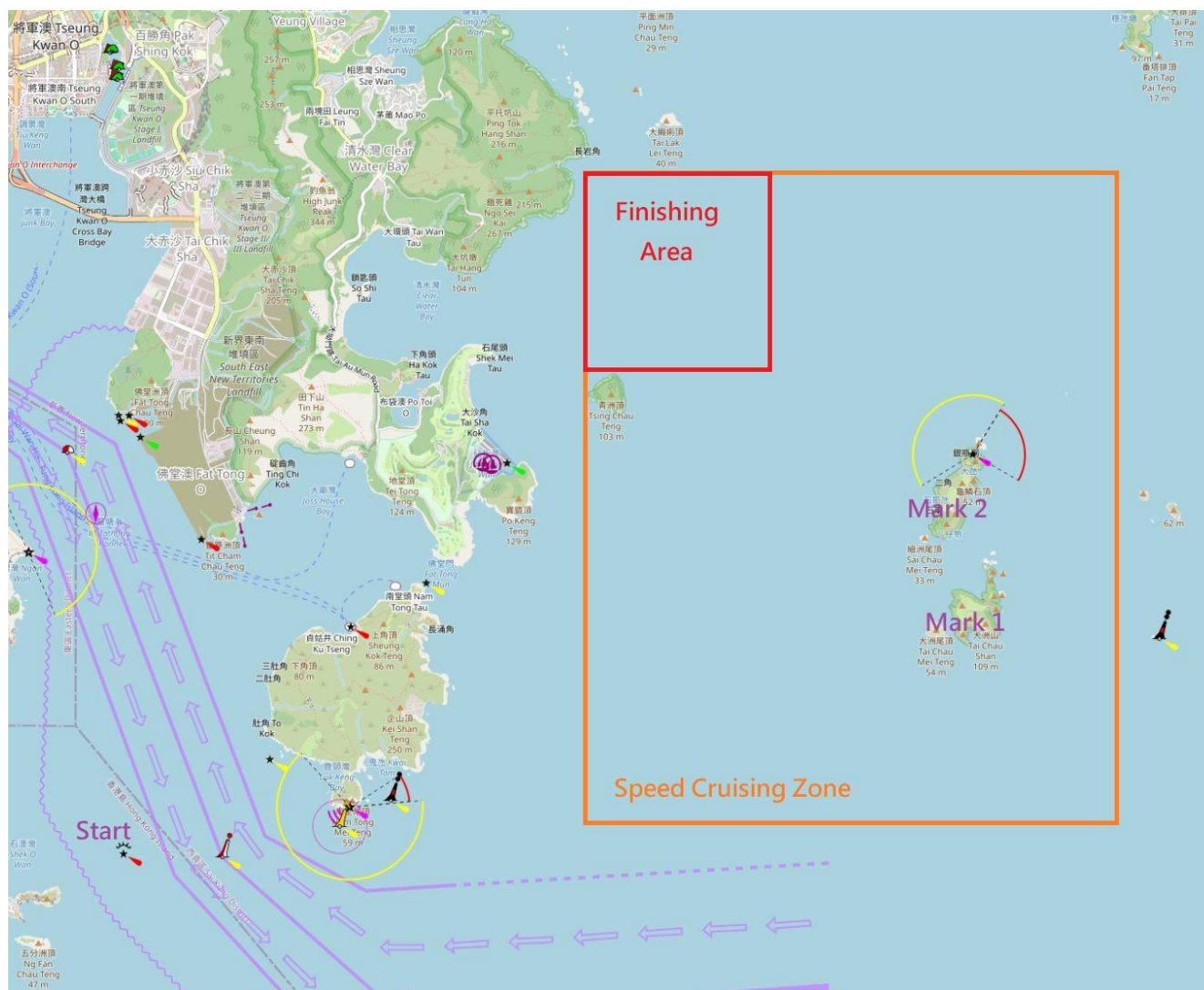


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