

St. Stephen's Beach Kayak Distance Race 2024

(24 November 2024)

Racing Instruction

1. Rules and Regulation

1.1 All racing rules will be governed by:

1.1.1 *The Canoe Marathon Competition Rules* and the latest revised rules and regulations issued by the International Canoe Federation, and the instructions of the Hong Kong China Canoe Union.

1.1.2 The Notice of Race; and

1.1.3 These Racing Instructions (RIs).

1.2 There are no preliminary or semi-final rounds in the Race. Entrants in the distance races will be ranked according to their finishing time.

1.3 Entrants shall meet the entry minimum requirement listed on the Notice of Race, otherwise entrants will be disqualified.

1.4 Change of entrants shall not be entertained.

1.5 In case of any deficiency in this RI, the Centre reserves the right to make any amendments to it without prior notice to the competitors; the English version shall prevail if any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese and English versions.

2. Race Information

2.1 All the race information will be posted on the race notice board in the St. Stephen Beach's Water Sports Centre (the Centre).

2.2 Entrants should pay attention to all the notices posted on the notice board.

2.3 Any changes to the RIs will be posted on the race notice board at least half an hour before the race.

2.4 All entrants must attend Pre-race meeting (begins at around 9:30 a.m. tentatively) held by the OC before the race to for the announcement of latest race arrangements or information.

3. Racing Equipment

3.1 Kayaks and paddles are provided by the Centre.

3.2 Entrants in the Youth, Adult and Master Divisions may use their own spraydecks or those provided by the Centre, or choose not to use any at all. Entrants in the Children and Junior Divisions are not allowed to use spraydecks.

- 3.3 The entrants should bring own water-proof whistle and wear toe and heel-protected rubber shoes suitable for water sports.
- 3.4 Entrants' equipment must be passed the checking conducted by the OC, will take part in the race.
- 3.5 Unless permitted by the OC, entrants who change or use additional equipment, will be disqualified.
- 3.6 The OC reserves the right to claim for compensation from the users for any damage or loss to its equipment.

4. **Craft and craft number**

- 4.1 Craft will be allocated by balloting during reporting time on the race day. Unless permitted by the OC, must not be change, otherwise entrants will be disqualified.
- 4.2 Entrants should have a clear craft number and cannot change will be disqualified.

5. **Race Division**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Boat Type</u>
1. Male Children	about 4 km	Junior Kayak
2. Male & Female Junior	about 4 km	Junior Kayak
3. Male Youth	about 9 km	ARC
4. Male & Female Adult	about 14 km	Perception Tribute 12.0 (Male) / Trip Kayak (Female)
5. Male & Female Master	about 14 km	Europa

6. **Sign-in and Sign-out**

- 6.1 Entrants shall report to the registration counter within the specified time period on the day of race. Entrants must produce their original copy of identity documents, check-in record in SmartPLAY and relevant valid qualification/certificates & trip/race record for the Centre staff checking when registration.
 - 6.1.1 Morning Session :
Reporting time for Youth, Adult and Master Divisions: **8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**
 - 6.1.2 Afternoon Session:
Reporting time for Children and Junior Divisions: **11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- 6.2 Entrants shall sign out at the reporting counter within 30 minutes after the last Kayak passing the finishing line of their participating session. And the Entrants should confirm that they have finished the races for the whole day according to the RIs.
- 6.3 Those who fail to comply with the above requirement shall be disqualified and their results will be voided.

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Race of Youth, Adult and Master Divisions will start **at around 10:15 a.m.** tentatively. The entrants should finish the race within **the time limit of 3 hours 45 minutes**.
- 7.2 Race of Children and Junior Divisions will start **at around 2:00 p.m.** The entrants should finish the race within **the time limit of 1 hours 30 minutes**.
- 7.3 Entrants who fail to finish the race within the designated time limit shall be scored to Did No Finish (DNF) and will be escorted to the Centre by OC Power boat.
- 7.4 Schedule of Races will be posted will be posted on the race notice board at the Centre and will be explained during the meeting.

8. Start and Finish Line

- 8.1 The race will proceed in accordance with *the Canoe Marathon Competition Rules* issued by the International Canoe Federation.
- 8.2 The start and finish line will be a straight line between two designated floating marks.
- 8.3 The entrants will only be deemed to have crossed the finishing line when their kayak passes through the straight line between two designated buoys (pass through finish line).

9. Rounding Buoy

- 9.1 When the entrants pass a buoy in an ongoing race, they must pass between the buoy and course umpires. The entrants must call out their kayak number to the umpires for confirmation.

10. Recalls / Shortening Courses / Abandoning Race

- 10.1 In the event of unexpected circumstances that impede the progress of the races or endanger the safety of the competitors, the OC has the right to interrupt the race and recall all the entrants or shorten or abandon races that have started according to the racing rules.

10.1.1 Recall

If unforeseen hindrances arise during a correctly started race, the umpire has the right to interrupt the race and recall all the entrants. Such an instruction will be signaled by the course umpires with a red flag or a sound signal.

10.1.2 Shortening Courses

Course umpires may stop near any mark of a course to shorten it. A yellow flag will be displayed. The shortened course will be signaled by intermittent sounds when the first kayak of the division(s) approaches. To finish the shortened course, kayaks must paddle in the direction of the original course and cross the new finishing line.

10.1.3 Abandoning Race

If the channel referee decides to terminate the race, he/she will display a red flag and make several consecutive beeps to signal the termination of the race, so the contestants should return to the center as soon as possible.

11. Protest

11.1 No protest is allowed, the decision of the OC shall be final.

12. Safety of Entrants

12.1 Entrants shall wear the buoyancy aid provided by the OC throughout the Race to facilitate identification.

12.2 Any entrants retiring from a race before finishing due to illness or other circumstances must inform the safety boat(s) or the course umpire boat as soon as possible.

12.3 The entrant shall comply with the rules of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and keep an eye on boats nearby during the race.

13. Disqualification of the Entrants

13.1 Entrants will be disqualified under any of the following circumstances -

13.1.1 Failure to abide by the *Canoe Marathon Competition Rules* issued by the International Canoe Federation, the RI and safety codes of the race.

13.1.2 Failure to produce their valid identity document and corresponding competency record & trip/race record when registration.

13.1.3 Failure to finish the race according to the designated race course and visit designated checkpoints:

Division	Checkpoint 1	Checkpoint 2	Checkpoint 3
Children / Junior	Bluff Head	Chung Hom Kok	Murray House
Youth	Round Island	Chung Hom Wan	-
Adult / Master	Round Island	Deep Water Bay (water off Victoria Recreation Club)	Repulse Bay (water off Tin Hau Temple)

13.2 The umpire may stop an entrant from racing if he/she deems any entrant to be physically unfit, or that the entrant's participation may interfere with the safety or progress of the race. The umpire may ask the entrant in question to launch onto the escort boat.

13.3 The OC reserves the right to disqualify any entrant.

14. Return of Equipment

- 14.1 After completing the race, the entrant must clean and return the equipment supplied by the OC as soon as possible, and may leave only after the equipment has been collected and checked by staff.

15. Inclement Weather Arrangements

- 15.1 If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1, the Red Rainstorm Warning Signal, the Strong Monsoon Signal or the Thunderstorm Warning is issued at or after 7:00 a.m. on the race day, competitors are required to report to the Centre. The Centre staff will decide whether the races should proceed as scheduled, adopt the alternative courses or be cancelled in the light of the prevailing weather conditions
- 15.2 If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory is in force at or after 7:00 a.m. on the race day, the races will be cancelled and shall not be rescheduled.

16. Meal

- 16.1 Entrants should bring their own food and drink and refill at their own expense. No food or drink will be provided by the OC.

17. Predicted Tides

- 17.1 Predicted Tides at Waglan Island on 24 November 2024:

Time	Meter	Time	Meter	Time	Meter
0307	2.1	1031	1.1	1857	1.9

(Source from Hong Kong Observation)

18. Responsibility

- 18.1 It is the sole responsibility of competitors to decide whether to start or to continue racing.
- 18.2 Entrants should take out insurance at their own expense.
- 18.3 The organising authority and any organisations, officials or representatives appointed by it understand that they accept no direct or indirect responsibility for any personal injury or loss of or damage to property caused wilfully or negligently by a third party.

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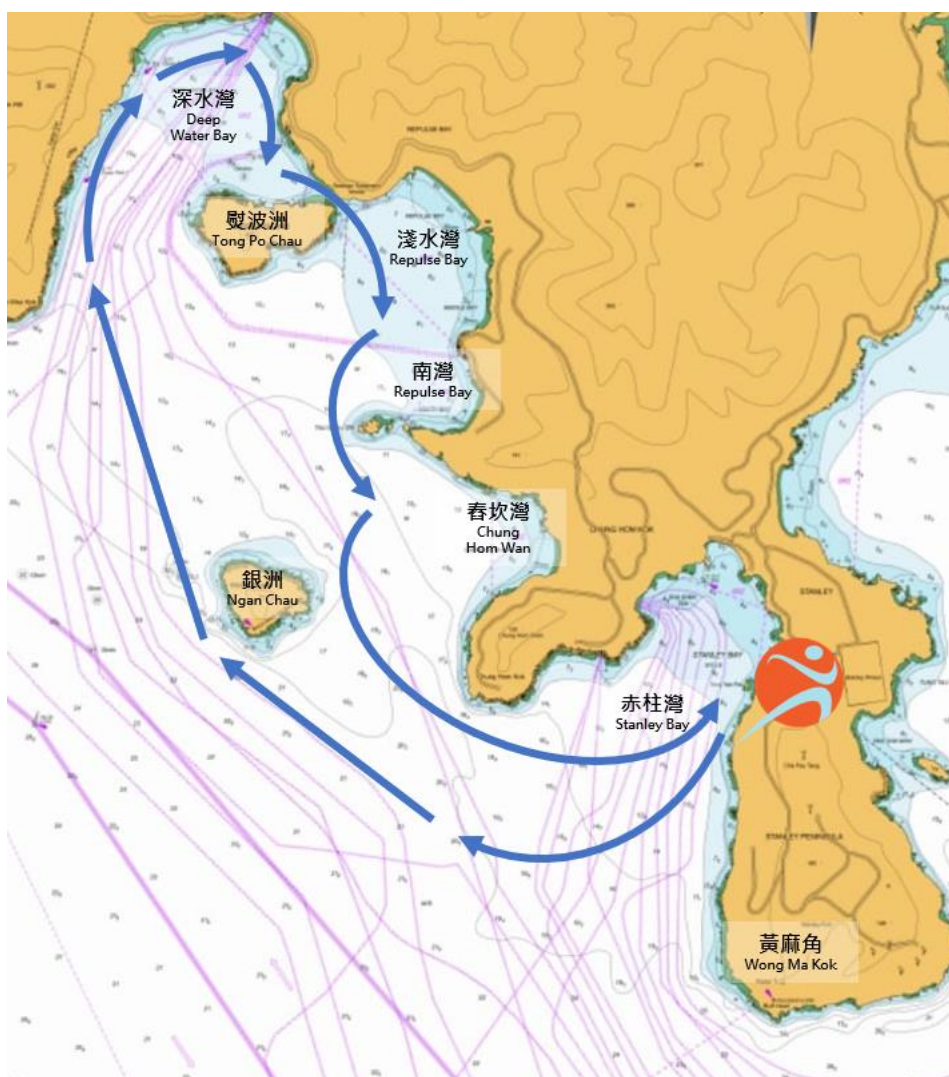
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Annex 1 – Course of Race

(Adult & Master Division)

Route: SSBWSC → Chung Hom Kok → Round Island (Checkpoint 1) → Middle Island → Deep Water Bay (Checkpoint 2) → Repulse Bay (Checkpoint 3) → Chung Hom Kok → SSBWSC



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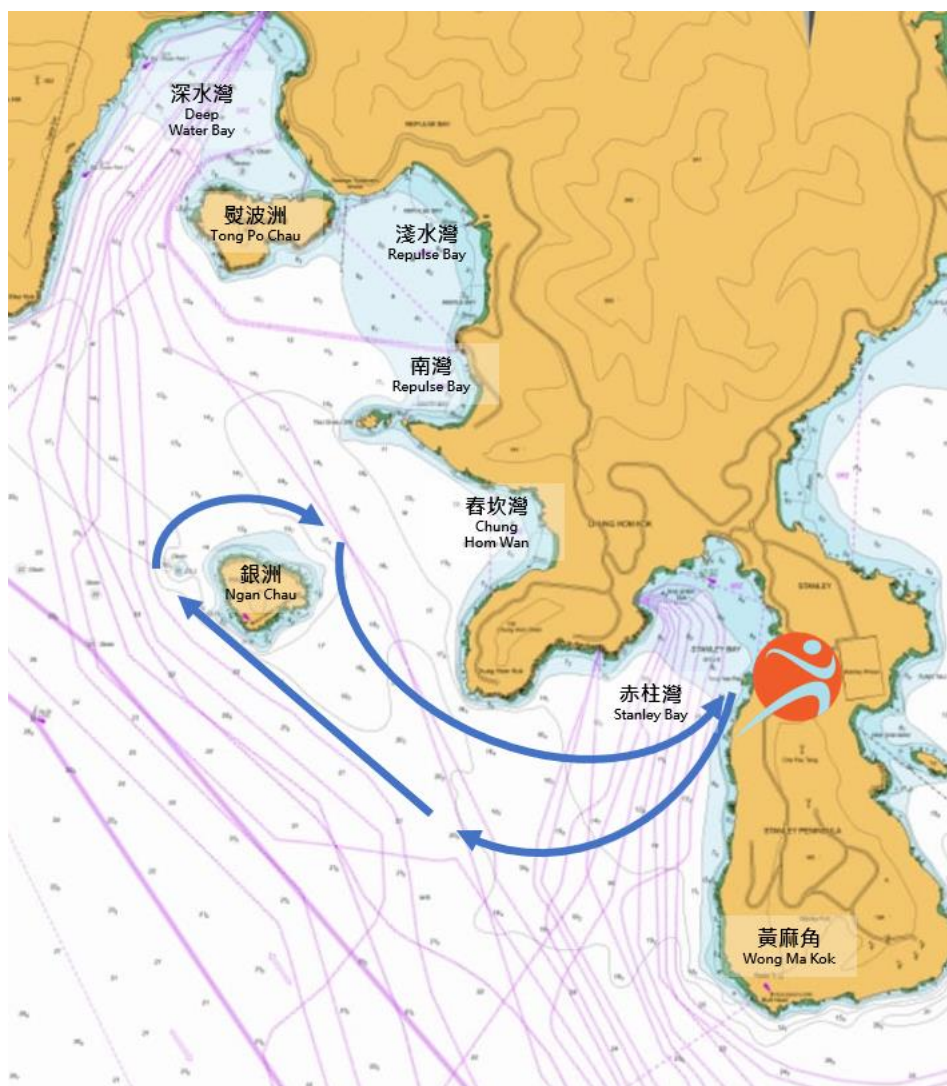
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Annex 2 – Course of Race

(Youth Division)

Route: SSBWSC → Chung Hom Kok → Round Island (Checkpoint 1) →
Chung Hom Wan (Checkpoint 2) → Chung Hom Kok → SSBWSC



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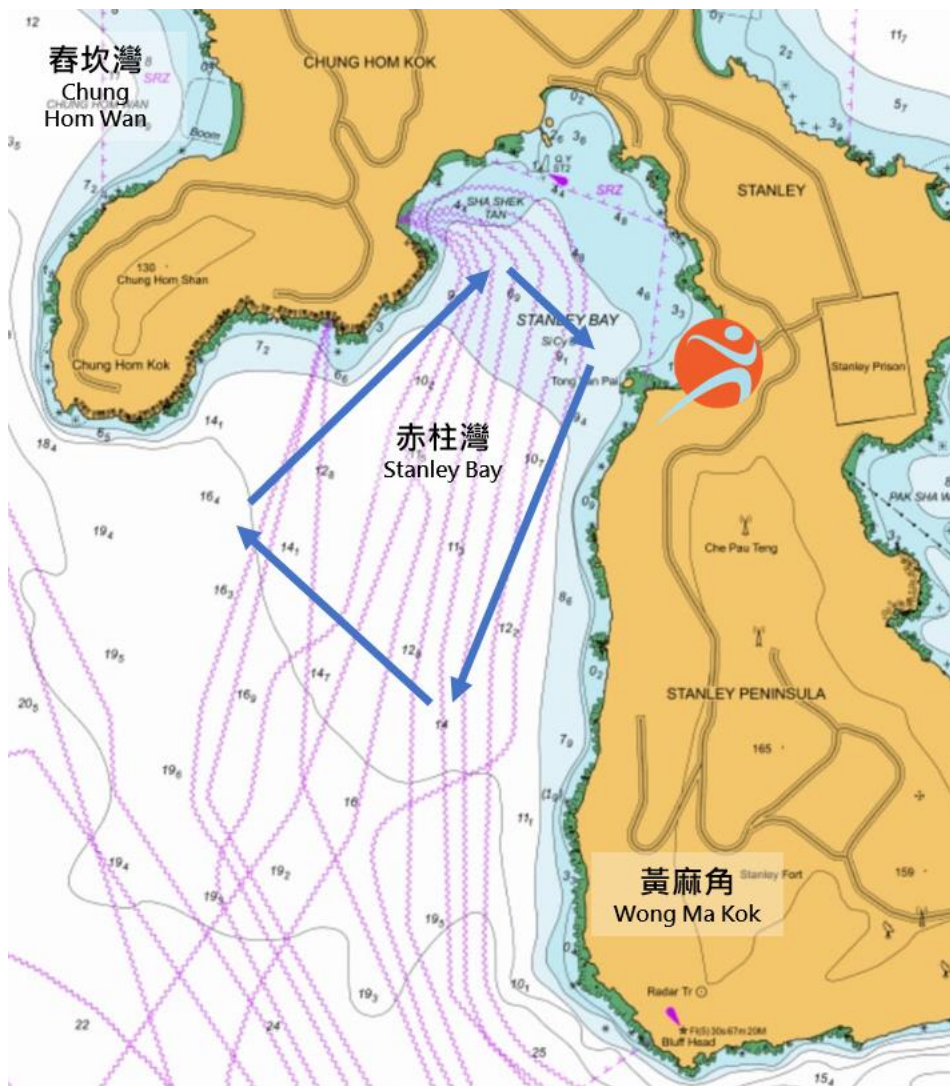
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Annex 3 – Course of Race (Children & Junior Division)

Route: SSBWSC → Wong Ma Kok (Checkpoint 1) → Chung Hom Kok (Checkpoint 2) → Stanley Bay near Murray House (Checkpoint 3) → SSBWSC



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