Aberdeen Boat Club
Valentines Pursuit Race 2020
Incorporating the Ladies Helm

Sunday 09th February

Revised Notice of Race

The Event Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation and consists of the Valentine's Day race, including the Ladies Helm.

1. Rules

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.

1.2. The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:

- the HKPN Handicap System, (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme);
- the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 - Appendix J, plus VHF radio for cruisers with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
- Class Association rules of competing classes – J80s;
- **this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2017 – June Edition (ABC SSI - 2017) with amendments – see Clause 7.3**

1.3. In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.4. If the Protest Committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

1.5. This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition with amendments.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 This race is open to all Yacht/Cruisers mono hulls, Class boats, J 80's or 70's and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating.

2.2 The Skippers of a co-owned J80 must declare their name to the Organising Authority before the race. The handicap for that skipper shall apply for the race and that skipper must be onboard the boat. If no skipper's name is given before the race, the base HKPN handicap of 1080 will apply for that race. Other privately owned boats enter on their own individual published HKPN.

2.3 Boats wishing to enter the race must submit an online entry form and skipper's declaration by 1800 hrs - Friday 07th February 2020.

2.4 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at their appointed warning signal according to their HKPN rating in order to be eligible for the race.

2.5 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.

2.6 To qualify for the Ladies Helm Trophy; the name of the lady must be submitted on the entry form.

3. Divisions, Classes and Handicaps

This is a HKPN pursuit race in which all boats will race under the same division.

4. Entry Fees

This pursuit race event is $300 HKD.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. The first start for the pursuit race will not before at 1055 hrs.

5.1.1. The start time for each boat will be outlined in a Notice to Competitors according to their current HKPN rating at the time and date of the event.

5.1.2. The starts sequences for each boat will be declared by the Race Committee no later than 1800 hrs on Friday 07th February 2020 and will be posted on the ABC website.

5.1.3 **RRS 26 starting signals will apply for the first boat(s) start time only, according to their HKPN Rating.**

5.1.4 **Subsequent boats starts will have <u>a horn only</u> at their start time according to their individual HKPN rating. Please see the separate HKPN Rating/Start times – Notice to Competitors # 1 which will accompany this NoR as mentioned in clause 5.1.2.**

5.1.5 A boat whose HKPN falls between two of the HKPNs listed shall start at or after the later time for those two HKPNs. Boats with HKPNs significantly higher or lower than those listed will be allocated a start time when entering.

6. Venue

The ABC Valentine Pursuit Race will be sailed around the islands and waters south east of Hong Kong.

7. Course

7.1. One island course, which will start in the vicinity of Round Island.

7.2. The course will be chosen from the ABC Standard SSI 2017 – June Edition: Annex B – Islands Courses.

8. Penalty System & Protests

8.1 A boat that may have broken a rule may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty, except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. This changes Rule 44.3(c).

8.2 The Exoneration Penalty is not available for a breach of Rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach of the rules.

8.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

a) neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty
b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that the exoneration penalty was appropriate to the facts found and the appropriate rules.

8.4. Protest time for racers 30 minutes after last boat finished.

9. Scoring

Results will be based on the boat's finishing position and finishing time.

10. Radio Communications

Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to cruisers, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation only.

11. Prizes

11.1. Provisional results for the days racing will be announced during the post-race Prize Giving at ABC Main clubhouse, as soon as possible after the last boat has crossed the finish line.

11.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placed boats.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

12.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, members, staff and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the race.

12.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). In addition competitors' attention is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..." Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk.

12.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the race correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

13. Insurance

Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law.

14. Further Information

14.1 **Car Parking**

Car parking is not available for visitors. There are two public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

14.2 **Club House**

Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club may sign chits on the race day on presentation of their club membership card.

14.3 **Food and Beverage**

Non-member competitors may purchase cash coupons from the Coffee shop which are valid for use only on designated race days.

14.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the take away food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club or the Fuegy Fuel Barge outside the western entrance of Aberdeen Harbour.

14.6 **Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:**

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