



CLASSIC YACHT RALLY 2015



Sailing Instructions

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Rally Organizing Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club
under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.**

The Rally Office will be at the Aberdeen Boat Club

1. RULES

The Rally will be governed by:

- a. The 'Rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016*.
- b. The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF).
- c. The HKPN Handicap System as administered by the HKPN Committee.
- d. HKPN PIPS shall apply to HKPN divisions.
- e. Class rules where they apply.
- f. The Notice of Race.
- g. The Aberdeen Boat Club Standard Sailing Instructions (SSI).
- h. These Sailing Instructions (SI).
- i. In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence.
This changes RRS 63.7.
- j. The SSI and SI may be obtained from the Sailing Office or downloaded from the club's website www.abclubhk.com, under the Classic Yacht Rally section.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Yachting notice board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located outside the doorway leading from the Upper Level Car Park into the Club Offices and Coffee Shop.
- b. Notices may also be displayed on the relevant section of the race website.
- c. The Race Committee may use VHF Ch.72 for giving course instructions and for communicating with competitors on the water.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS







- a. Any change to Sailing Instruction will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Hobie Club class room on Saturday and at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse on Sunday, as well as on the race website, not later than 20:00 on Friday 24 April 2015.
- b. Late changes may be made on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the warning signal, in which case, Code Flag L will be displayed on the committee boat.



4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. One short race for all divisions on Saturday 25 April. The first warning signal will be at **13:55**.
- b. One island race for all divisions on Sunday 26 April. The first warning signal will be at **09:55**.

5. DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

<u>Divisions</u>	→	<u>Flags</u>	
Division 1 A: _____ <i>Classic Racing Yachts built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1050 or less.</i>	→	E	
Division 1 B: _____ <i>Classic Cruising Yachts built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1051 or more.</i>	→	F	
Division 2 A: _____ <i>Non-Classic Racing Yachts with HKPN of 980 or less.</i>	→	G	
Division 2 B: _____ <i>Non-Classic cruising Yachts with HKPN of 981 or more.</i>	→	H	
Division 4: _____ <i>Modern Yachts with a classic design and a valid HKPN.</i>	→	T	
Division 5: No Flag <i>Classic Motor Boat cruising</i>			
Division 6: _____ <i>Dinghies</i>	→	D	

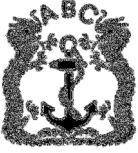
NOTES:

1. Division splits may be reallocated subject to entries received. Such decisions will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
2. All participants should have an up-dated HKPN. Please check your handicap in the current HKPN list.

6. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Hong Kong waters.





7. COURSES

- a. Courses to be sailed are shown in Appendix A for Saturday and Appendix B for Sunday.
- b. The course to be sailed shall be signaled by a flag showing the course number in conjunction with the class flag.
- c. Note that the Race Officer may elect for divisions in the same start to race different courses. Participants should therefore pay close attention to the flags on the committee boat.

8. MARKS

- a. The start and finish ODM, and IDM if used, will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- b. The windward mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- c. The CYR mark, if used, will be a large black spherical buoy displaying “ABC”.
- d. If a windward mark is laid for Island Courses, the committee boat shall display a red or green flag or board to indicate that the mark is to be left to port or starboard directly after the start.

9. START

- a. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- b. The starting line on Saturday will be laid in the outer part of Stanley Bay, south of Blake Pier, and in Tai Tam Bay on Sunday.
- c. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and the starting mark (ODM) at the port end. If an inner distance mark (IDM) is laid, boats shall pass between it and the ODM when approaching the line to start or starting.
- d. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not be within the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.



10. STARTING TIMES

a. *Saturday*

1. Boats in Division 1A and 2A will start at 14:00 hours.
2. Boats in Divisions 1B and 2B will start at 14:05 hours.
3. Boats in Division 4 will start at 14:10 hours.
4. Boats in Division 5 will start at 14:15 hours.
5. Boats in Division 6 will start at 14:20 hours.

b. *Sunday*

1. Boats in Division 1A and 2A will start at 10:00 hours.
2. Boats in Divisions 1B and 2B will start at 10:05 hours.
3. Boats in Division 4 will start at 10:10 hours.
4. Boats in Division 5 will start at 10:15 hours.
5. Boats in Division 6 will start at 10:20 hours.

Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. THE FINISH

- a. The finishing line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a buoy laid as an ODM. Boats shall finish by passing between the committee boat and the ODM in the direction of the course from the previous mark.
- b. When on station at the finishing line, the committee boat will fly a blue flag.

12. TIME LIMITS

- a. The time limit on Saturday for all divisions will be 18:30 hours.
- b. The time limit on Sunday for all divisions will be 16:00 hours.
- c. A boat not finishing within its finish time will be scored as DNF.

13. RETIREMENTS

- a. A boat that retires from the race shall report this to Race Officer on VHF Channel 72 and by telephone (91246400) or as soon as practicable and shall obtain an acknowledgement.



14. PROTEST, REDRESS, HEARINGS, MISCONDUCT AND APPEALS

- a. Protests or request for redress must be delivered to the Protest Box, at the Hobie Club Office on Saturday and at the bar of the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse on Sunday, within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the race of the day.
- b. A fee of HK\$200 will be charged with the submission of each protest or request for redress.
- c. The list of protests or requests for redress received and the protest hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Hobie Club class room on Saturday and on Sunday at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse, **no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit**. Hearings will take place as soon as possible after racing at the Hobie Club class room on Saturday and at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse on Sunday.

15. RESULTS & PRIZES

- a. Results will be according to KPN corrected time.
- b. Division prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.
- c. Class prizes may be awarded on the principle of first across the line for classic divisions such as Taipans, Cape Caribs, various Cheoy Lee builds, Flying Fifteens, Dragons, Sonatas, Ruffians and Impalas, provided that a minimum of 3 entries are received for the class.
- d. "Concours d'élégance" prizes will be awarded by a selection committee for the best Classy, Classic, Vintage and Antique yacht as described in the NOR.
- e. Other prizes may be awarded on Sunday for:
 1. **The Oldest Yacht** (By launch or build date as indicated on original builder's plate) and by declared average crew age for the 2 race days.
 2. **The Most Colourful Crew** (Judged on classic or themed attire worn during and after the Saturday race).
 3. **The Best Bikini Display** (Must be worn or hung tastefully on board and ashore).
 4. **The Best Performing Classic Yacht** (Taking into account the year of construction, the general appearance, the original equipment and the results in both races).
 5. **Spirit of The Event** (Best seamanship aboard and "behaviour" ashore.)





16. SAFETY

- a. It is the sole responsibility of each participant to decide, each day, whether to participate, whether to wear a PFD, whether to continue to sail, and how to respond to changing weather, sea, and tidal conditions.
- b. Boats shall comply with the RRS 2013-2016 Part 1 and shall be in a seaworthy state suitable for an event of this nature.
- c. All participating boats must have on board a compass and up-to-date detailed navigational charts (subject to inspection by the Race Committee).
- d. It is highly recommended that each boat have a GPS unit.
- e. All participating boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board. **A radio check at least 30 minutes before the start on Saturday, and on Sunday for boats racing only on Sunday, will be advisory.** The Committee Boat may be called by each participating boat on VHF Ch 72.

17. RACE COMMITTEE

- a. The Race Committee will comprise the Commodore, John Berry, the Rear Commodore of Sailing, Chris Pooley, Wayne Robinson, Stephen Hilton and Tim Edmonds.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Participants compete entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, Rally volunteers, the Aberdeen Boat Club and its officers, members and employees, Rally sponsors and their representatives, officers, and members, accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Rally.

19. INSURANCE

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

20. ENTRIES

- a. The ABC must receive entries by 17:00 hours on Friday 17 April. A late entry fee of \$150 will be charged after this time. (Entry form can be found in Appendix D)





Entries will accepted by either by post or by fax: 2873 2945 or E-mail jennifer@abclubhk.com.



Appendix "A" – Saturday courses

Course A (≈ 5.5 MILES)

Start	STANLEY BAY
Chesterman Buoy	PORT
CYR Mark	PORT
Finish	TAI TAM BAY

Insert GPS coordinates of position of this mark

Course C (≈ 12.5 MILES)

Start	STANLEY BAY
Chesterman Buoy	PORT
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Po Toi Island	PORT
Sun Kong Island	PORT
Finish	TAI TAM BAY

Course B (≈ 10.5 MILES)

Start	STANLEY BAY
Chesterman Buoy	PORT
Castle Rock	PORT
Beaufort Island	PORT
Fury Rocks	PORT

Appendix "B" - Sunday courses

Course A (≈ 8 MILES)

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Finish	MIDDLE ISLAND

Course C (≈20 MILES)

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Beaufort Island	PORT
Shek O Rock	STARBOARD
Waglan Island	STARBOARD
Po Toi Island	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD

Course B (≈ 16 MILES)

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Fury Rocks	STARBOARD
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD





Appendix “C” General Information

- 1.1. The social program includes:
 - 1.2.1. A family party on Hobie Club Beach on Saturday **(Greek Theme)**
 - 1.2.2. On Saturday evening, dinner will be available, **for those who have ordered in advance**, not before 19:00 hours
 - 1.2.3. Drinks will be on consumption basis once the sponsored wine is finished.
 - 1.2.4. Crewmembers are encouraged to dress up for the Saturday leg, according to the classic fun theme of this race. A special prize will be awarded for the most colourful crew and the best bikini display.
 - 1.2.5. A simple breakfast will be offered on the Committee Boat on Sunday morning from 7:30 am to 9:00 am.
 - 1.2.6. A prize giving BBQ will be available on Sunday one hour after the race.
- 1.2. The “Concours d’élégance” will take place on Sunday after the race.
- 1.3. Visiting competitors from clubs with reciprocal arrangements may, upon presentation of their parent Club membership card, sign chits on race days, and prize giving events.
- 1.4. Other visiting competitors may purchase books of cash coupons, which are readily available from the Club office or the bar.
- 1.5. Subject to availability, temporary berthing can be provided for yachts wishing to stay overnight before or after a race, either in Deep Water Bay ABC or in Aberdeen Main Clubhouse Pontoon. Arrangements should be made with Ms. Jennifer Li on 2552 8182 Ext 834 or by mail at jennifer@abclubhk.com

RACE PHONE NUMBER: 91 24 64 00





Appendix "D" – Entry Form

Aberdeen Boat Club Classic Yacht Rally 25 -26 April 2015
Entry Form

Please complete and submit to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd., 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong before 17:00 hours on Friday 17 April. Forms may be submitted by post or by e-mail to jennifer@abclubhk.com or by fax to 2873 2945

Boat Name: _____ Sail No _____

Make & Model _____

HKPN handicap _____

Design Year or Year Built (pls. indicate which) _____

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Skipper's Name _____

Number of Crew _____

Average age of all crew members including the skipper _____

Mailing address _____

Home Tel _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Club Account No (for billing) _____

I require _____ places for dinner at the Hobie Club Beach on Saturday night @ \$185 per head. (Sponsored drinks while stock last)

I require _____ places for Breakfast on the Committee Boat on Sunday @ \$55 per head.

I require _____ places for the BBQ at ABC Middle Island on Sunday @ \$140 per head. (Excluding drinks)

I attach a cheque/Please debit my club account* for the total entry fee of \$..... plus food amounting to \$ _____.

I agree to be bound by the RRS and by all other rules governing this event.

Signature _____

Date _____

