



**ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB**  
**CLASSIC YACHT RALLY 2021**

**Saturday 1<sup>ST</sup> May & Sunday 2<sup>ND</sup> May**

**Revised Rally Instructions**

(Issued on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021)



## **RALLY INSTRUCTIONS**

The Rally Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. There will be a rally on Saturday, followed by anchor up and Curry Party & informal prize giving on the Saturday evening at Siu a Chau Beach, North Soko Island. Boats are encouraged to stay overnight and explore the surrounding Soko islands area on the Sunday or just make their way home. All boats, both power & sail, are very welcome. The purpose of this event is participation and getting crew out on the water, in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Rally divisions for the event will be governed by the following:
  - The Hong Sailing Federation (HKSF) Prescriptions where applicable;
  - The World Sailing 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);
  - These Classic Yacht Rally Instructions (CYR SI).
- 1.2 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence.

### **2. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS**

- 2.1 Notices to Rally Participants will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club and on the Club's website ([www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)).
- 2.2 Any change to the CYR SI will be posted not later than 1800 hrs on the day before the start of rally.
- 2.3 Any Notices to Mariners which are applicable to sailing boats will be considered to be part of the CYR SI.

### **3. ELIGABILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 Entry may be made by submitting a completed Entry form, including the Declaration of Skipper section to the Club before 1800 hrs on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- 3.2 The entry fee for all boats will be \$1,000 HKD, which includes the beach Curry party for four crew. Any additional crew will be charged at \$200 per person for the beach party.
- 3.3 The event is open to both power and sail boats as outlined in clause 5.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RALLY**

4.1 The rally start time on Saturday 1st May 2021 will be 1130 hrs, in Tung O Wan, Lamma.

4.2 Make your own way home or explore the Soko Islands on Sunday 2nd May, if the boat decides to stay overnight.

4.3 There will be a club sampan service on the Saturday for trips to/from the beach until 2200 hrs. There will be no sampan service or breakfast provided on the Sunday morning, so boats who stay overnight will need to make their own arrangements.

#### **5. RALLY DIVISIONS**

5.1 The following yachts and powerboats are very welcome:

- ***Classic Racing Yachts built more than 25 years ago: Flag E.***
- ***Classic Cruising Yachts built in the last 25 years: Flag F.***
- ***Non-Classic Racing Yachts – any yacht or multi – hull which wants to join: Flag G.***
- ***Classic or new Motor Boats – Flag T of any age.***

5.2 The Rally Divisions listed above are indicative and may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Rally Organisers in the interest of fair rallying!

#### **6. RALLY & CRUISING AREA**

The Rally will take place in the west and south of Hong Kong waters.

#### **7. RALLY PASSAGES**

The rally route to be sailed on Saturday 1st May 2021 is described in Appendix A – Rally Passages.

#### **8. RALLY START TIME**

##### **Saturday 1st May - The Rally around the Islands, west of Hong Kong:**

All boats in the event gather in the vicinity of Tung O Wan, Lamma at 1130 hrs. A single horn from the ABC Club boat will signal the set off for the rally. Boats will rally in company around the islands west and south of Hong Kong to the final destination – **Siu a Chau Beach, North Soko Island.**

## **9. RALLY END POINT**

- 9.1 The Rally end club boat will be in vicinity of the entrance to the bay of Siu a Chau beach between Wan Hau Chan rock and Tong Chai Wan headland, North Soko Island on the Saturday afternoon.
- 9.2 When on station at the rally finishing position, the ABC club boat will fly a blue flag.

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

The time limit on Saturday for all rally divisions will be 1700 hrs.

## **11. RETIREMENTS**

- 11.1 A boat that retires from the rally shall report this to the Rally Officer on VHF Channel 72 and by telephone (6773 2066) or as soon as practicable and shall obtain an acknowledgement.
- 11.2 The Rally Organisers would like to remind all participants who wish to join, that this is a fun relaxed event, with the emphasis on participation of boats and crews who do not normally rally or cruise.

## **12. RALLY PRIZES**

- 12.1 Class prizes may be awarded on the principle of first boat to the rally end point for classic divisions such as Taipans, Cape Caribs, various Cheoy Lee builds and powerboats.
- 12.2 “Concours d’élégance” prizes will be awarded by the Rally Organisers for the best Classy, Classic, Vintage and Antique yacht. No actual parade will take place. Boats will be judged by passing the ABC Committee boat prior to the start of the rally on Saturday; in addition to on the water during the event.
- 12.3 Other prizes may be awarded on Saturday evening for:
- **The Oldest Yacht** (By launch or build date as indicated on original builder’s plate) and by declared average crew age.
  - **The Most Colourful Crew** (Judged on classic or themed attire worn during and after the Saturday rally.
  - **The Best Performing Classic Yacht** (Taking into account the year of construction, the general appearance and the original equipment.
  - **Spirit of The Event** (Best seamanship aboard and party behavior ashore!)
  - **Other Prizes** – at the discretion of the Rally Organisers.

### **13 SAFETY**

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 All Rally boats shall be in a seaworthy state suitable for an event of this nature.
- 13.3 All participating boats must have on board a compass and up-to-date detailed navigational charts.
- 13.4 All participating boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board. The Committee Boat may be called by each participating boat on VHF CH 72.

### **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Rally Organisers, Rally Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, 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 series.
- 14.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or to continue participating is hers alone. In addition participants' attention is drawn to World Sailing 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..." Crews participate in the event entirely at their own risk both in the rally divisions.
- 14.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Rally Organisers and ABC Marine & Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat rally by submission of all required information, within the deadline dates quoted throughout these rally instructions. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the Rally Organisers to comply.

### **15. INSURANCE**

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

### **16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 16.1 The entry fee includes food and drink at the rally party to be held Siu a Chau Beach beginning at 1730 hrs. This will be a curry buffet, with drinks and music provided. No breakfast will provided on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, so boats need to cater for themselves.

- 16.2 Visiting boats from other HK clubs will be provided a pontoon space or a mooring free of charge for the rally at ABC Middle Island on the Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- 16.3 A club sampan between the beach and anchored boats will be provided from 15:00 hrs till 22:00 hrs. There will be no club sampan service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.

### Appendix A – RALLY PASSAGES

#### Saturday 1st May

##### **Route # 1 – Approx: 14.61 nm**

Tung O Wan	BEGIN
Yuen Kok	STARBOARD PASSING
Cheung Muk Tau	STARBOARD PASSING
Siu A Chau Wan Beach, (North Soko Island)	END

##### **Route # 2 – Approx: 16.1 nm**

Tung O Wan	BEGIN
Yuen Kok	STARBOARD PASSING
Tau Lo Chau	STARBOARD
Tai A Chau	PORT PASSING
Siu A Chau Wan Beach, (North Soko Island)	END

##### **Route # 3 – Approx: 17.12 nm**

Tung O Wan	BEGIN
Yuen Kok	STARBOARD PASSING
Tau Lo Chau	PORT
Tai a Chau	STARBOARD
Ma Chau	PORT
Siu A Chau Wan Beach, (North Soko Island)	END

#### Sunday 2nd May

**Make your own way home or go and explore the surrounding Soko Islands area at your leisure.**