



Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Yacht Regatta 2016

Notice of Race

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September

The Regatta Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - the IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, except single handed or shorthanded yachts or keelboat entries are not acceptable;
 - the HKPN Handicap System, (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme);
 - the rules of the SMS system for the Sportsboat class;
 - the ISAF 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 – e.g. J 80s;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Sunseeker Yacht Opening Regatta 2016 Sailing Instructions (ABC OR 2016 Yacht SI's).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 IRC rule 21.6.1 (number of spinnakers onboard) is changed by the national authority's prescription to RRS rule 88.
- 1.5 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the regatta is run on consecutive days. Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 This NoR may be amended by the ABC OR 2016 Yacht SI's.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 ISAF Regulation 20 will apply for Competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to the following classes and boats:

3.1.1 Class or division of Class

- Yacht IRC Class – Rating split TBA.
- Yacht HKPN Class – Rating split TBA.
- Multihulls with accommodation.
- Sportsboats.
- Day Keelboats.
- Other multihulls.

- 3.2 Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Race Committee on application, by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September.
- 3.3 Divisional splits will be re-allocated by the Race Committee in the SI's subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing.
- 3.4 A boat will be entered in one class only. The IRC and HKPN Classes will be divided into suitable rating bands depending on the number of entries received.
- 3.5 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes.
- 3.6 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the Regatta.
- 3.7 Eligible boats are yachts which have valid IRC Certificates or HKPN ratings and other seaworthy boats at the discretion of the Race Committee, including multihulls with or without accommodation.
- 3.8 Boats without IRC or HKPN ratings may be accepted by and have HKPN ratings allocated for the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September.
- 3.9 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form and Declaration of Skipper form before 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$750 HKD.
- 3.10 Class lists will be published on the event website no later than 1700 hrs on Thursday 22nd September.

4. Entry Fees

- 4.1 The entry fees will be as follows:

- Yachts, multihulls (with accommodation) & Sportsboats: \$500
- J80s & Flying Fifteens: \$500
- Multihulls (without accommodation) \$500

5. Schedule and Course Locations

5.1 Friday:

- The Skipper's Briefing, registration and registration drinks will be held at ABC main club at 1900 hrs on Friday 23rd September.

5.2 Saturday:

- Yachts, multi-hulls (with accommodation), Sportsboats, Flying Fifteens and J/80s: Two windward / leeward races in the Lamma area. The first warning signal will be at **1055 hrs.**
- All races on the Saturday shall be geometric courses.

5.3 Sunday:

- Yachts, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and Sportsboats: Start in ABC Round Island start or ABC Lamma Start for all classes: There will be one race over an island course, with the first warning signal at **1025 hrs.**

6. Measurements

6.1 IRC boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Marine and Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.

6.2 No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

6.3 HKPN boats shall submit a completed HKPN PIPS declaration form to the Marine and Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September.

7. Sailing Instructions

The ABC OR 2016 Yacht SI's will be available for downloading from the event website no later than Friday 9th September at 1800 hrs.

8. Venue

The ABC main club house and Middle Island club house will be used by the organising authority. Racing will take place to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

9. Registration

Registration will be completed by sending the signed Declaration Form (with IRC certificate and HKPN PIPS form, if appropriate) to the Marine and Sailing Office before 1700 hrs on Wednesday 21st September. Class Flags and bow stickers (if required) will be distributed from the Marine and Sailing Office.

10. Penalty System & Protests

10.1 For Monohull and Multihull RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Exoneration Penalty

10.2.1 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).

10.2.2 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:

10.2.3 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.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 Boats will be scored according to their IRC or HKPN ratings, depending on class entered.
- 11.2 Yachts, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and Sportsboats: Scoring all races will count equally, with no discards.

12. Safety & Support Boats.

- 12.1 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow on competing boats.
- 12.2 ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.

13. Berthing & Moorings

Subject to availability, temporary moorings can be provided, in either Deepwater Bay or Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter for boats wishing to stay overnight before or after the race. Details may be obtained from the Club on 25533231 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com. Space booking is required but not guaranteed).

14. Minimum Safety Requirement

Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 5 – Appendix J plus VHF Radio: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

15. Radio Communications

- 15.1 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to cruisers, Sportsboats, J80s, Flying Fifteens and Multihulls with accommodation only.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 The Sunseeker Opening Yacht Regatta 2016 Trophies will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries and class entered – e.g. either IRC or HKPN.
- 16.2 A Line Honours Trophy will be awarded to the first boat in each class to finish the Island Course on Sunday 25th September.

17. Prize Giving

Prizes will be awarded at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse on the Sunday after racing, subject to any outstanding protest hearings.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Regatta 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 Regatta.
- 18.2 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 competitor's attention is drawn to the ISAF Special Regulations 1.02.1 (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 regatta entirely at their own risk.

- 18.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Marine & 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 series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

19. Insurance

Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law. **Please Note:** New third party insurance amendments come in to affect from the 1st September:

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16071.pdf>

20. Food and Beverage Arrangement

20.1 A Breakfast buffet on both days will be available at the main clubhouse from 0800 hrs.

20.2 On Sunday evening there will be a prize giving buffet including beer, held during the prize-giving party at Middle Island. **Prior booking required through a separate F & B booking form which will be published shortly.**

21. Further Information

21.1 Car Parking

Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. Other public car parks are opposite the main club above the bus station and the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

21.2 Club Signing Rights

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.

21.3 Food and Beverage

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

21.4 Ships Stores & Fuel

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

21.5 Event website: http://www.abclubhk.com/opening_regatta_2016.aspx

21.6 For event enquiries:

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