

Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2014



Notice of Race

The ABC Summer Series, often known as “The Restaurant Series,” has six races on summer Sundays from early June to late August, all ending at either a restaurant or the Middle Island Clubhouse. If it is a slow race, sailing boats may even elect to join the motoring division to get there in time!

The Event Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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1. The Event

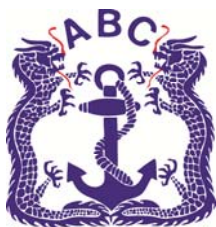
- 1.1. This is a six race sailing series, with races to islands with finish in a restaurant and a cruise home.
- 1.2. This is an ideal opportunity to invite new potential crew for which the ABC can assist in sourcing.
- 1.3. It is also, an event in which to train future race officers who can come to the Committee boat as assistant race officers and get the basic training towards full race officering.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Series will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and:
 - 2.2. The prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation
 - 2.3. The 2013 IRC Rules parts A, B and C, (IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats rated as one design, which shall comply with their class rule)
 - 2.4. The HKPN Handicap System, as administered by HKSF
 - 2.5. Class Rules where they apply
 - 2.6. The ABC Standard Sailing Instructions, together with, Annex C Summer Series
 - 2.7. This Notice of Race.
- (NB: In the event of conflict, succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.)

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3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The series is open to all boats holding a valid HKPN rating.
- 3.2. Boats without HKPN handicaps will be allocated temporary HKPN handicaps for their first race in the series at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3. Any such allocation will not be subject to redress.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form available on the ABC website (<http://www.abclubhk.com>).
- 3.5. Boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office (Email: sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com) no later than 1200 Friday on 13 June 2014 unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website.

4. Divisions, Classes and Handicaps

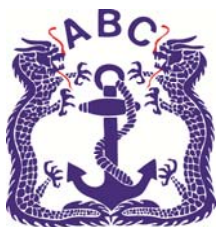
- 4.1. Racing will be conducted under the division split as follows.
 - 4.1.1. Division A (I.C.Flag U): monohulls of HKPN 980 and below, with a minimum length of 25 feet LOA, and those with handicaps between HKPN 981 and 1030 who elect to race in Division A
 - 4.1.2. Division B (I.C.Flag V): monohulls of HKPN of 1031 and above, and those with handicaps between HKPN 981 and 1030 who elect to race in Division B, plus multihulls
 - 4.1.3. The election of boats with HKPN of 981-1030 to race in Division A or Division B in their first race of the series commits them to that division for the series.
- 4.2. Handicaps
 - 4.2.1. All boats will be given results on HPKN
 - 4.2.2. IRC results will also be given to boats which hold a valid 2014-2015 IRC rating and compete in Division A.
 - 4.2.3. Boats without HKPN handicaps will be allocated temporary HKPN handicaps for their first race in the series at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 4.3. Whilst racing, Division B boats shall display ICF 'V' from their backstay.
- 4.4. J/80s will race in Division A and will also be scored on HKPN overall, and IRC where applicable.
- 4.5. The approximate course lengths for Division A are between 8NM and 15NM.
- 4.6. The approximate course lengths for Division B are between 6NM and 13NM.
- 4.7. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats rated as one design, which shall comply with their class rule.
- 4.8. For a race in a division or class to be counted in the series, a minimum of three boats in that division or class are required to have entered and have been in the vicinity of the starting line at their warning signal and start. This changes RRS 90.3.

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$100 per race or \$500 for the series for ABC Club Members and \$125 per race or \$625 for the series for Non-Members.

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6. Schedule and Courses

6.1. Race Date

Summer Series 1	15	June 2014
Summer Series 2	29	June 2014
Summer Series 3	13	July 2014 S
Summer Series 4	27	July 2014
Summer Series 5	10	August 2014
Summer Series 6	24	August 2014

6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be no earlier than:

Division A and J/80S:	10:25
Division B:	10:30

7. All races shall consist of one island course.
8. The courses to be sailed are shown in ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2013 Annex B page 26-32 Summer Series (Course No. 31-48)

9. Scoring

- 9.1. There will be 1 discard for 6 completed races.
- 9.2. Yachts may elect not to use a spinnaker prior to a particular race by informing the Committee Boat before their Warning Signal of that race.
- 9.3. Yachts so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN and IRC.

10. Sailing Instructions

- 10.1. The Sailing Instructions will be the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2013
- 10.2. Including annex C page 37 Summer Series.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. There is an individual prize for each race in each division, awarded at the restaurant.
- 11.2. An overall trophy for the series winner for each division which will be presented at the club's annual prize giving party at the end of May 2015.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1. The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organizing Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members 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.
- 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).
- 12.3. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk.

13. Insurance

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

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14. Further Information

14.1. For further information please contact sailingscretary@abclubhk.com. or genman@abclubhk.com

14.2. Traditionally the last race and lunch of the series will finish on Middle Island

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