



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2021

Notice of Race

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Commodore's Welcome Message

"Sumer is icumen in": [Medieval song]

ABC's popular seven race Summer Series returns with a warm welcome to returning supporting sponsor Tag Heuer coming back onboard for the event. Many members will recall their former support of the Four Peaks Race in the past.

The Waglan Series finished on a high note with the final three races taking place in champagne sailing conditions, a harbinger of more to come during the summer is the fervent hope of all sailors as we emerge from the Covid pandemic shadows.

As things stand with restrictions still in place we cannot yet plan for the customary restaurant gatherings after each race. However "flags" are signaling that restrictions may shortly ease; if so you can be assured that ABC's signalers will flash out the positive news instantly with a restaurant sitting arranged. Failing that the haven of Middle Island will extend its usual welcome for informal après gatherings.

Summer does not of course guarantee gentle zephyrs so sailors can expect some SW'ly squalls---and cooling rain--- but it all adds to the fun and can make for exciting racing, albeit with safety aforethought.

If you have not already collected ABC's updated 2021 version of the SSI's then please do so as these, plus course selections any L Notices ,and overall the NOR below will govern each day's racing . Please be sure to familiarise yourselves with all.

As ever the series is open to all and ABC extends a warm invitation to any sailors keen to make the most of the opportunity offered.

With that and with thanks to our other regular supporting sponsor Fuegy Fuels. I wish all participants the best that the season and ABC's dedicated team offer and much fun –safely—afloat come rain or shine.

Chris Pooley
ABC Commodore





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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules 2021, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, **except single or shorthanded boats or keelboat without engines – for which entries are not acceptable;**
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B: Inshore Racing, 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. J80s etc;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
 - the new ABC Standard Sailing Instructions: ABC SSI 2021 – 2024. (ABC SSI 2021).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the series is run on week-ends over the season. Replacement sails may be permitted during the series by informing the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 1.5 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 64.23.
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2021. However please also see Clause 10.3 – Courses.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to all Yacht mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.

- 3.2 To Yacht mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating with a minimum length of 8m.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form, Declaration of Skipper form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before racing takes place: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2021.aspx
- 3.4 **Boats may enter on the water, on the day, by informing the committee boat at the discretion of the Race Officer but MUST submit an online entry form and skipper's declaration online before the race.**
- 3.5 The event is open to the following classes and boats:

3.5.1 Provisional Divisions:

IP	DIVISIONS	SPLIT/SYSTEM
• Flag G	Yachts IRC 1 Keelboats	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag O	Yachts IRC 2 Keelboats	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag T	Yachts HKPN Class A	HKPN
• Flag V	Yachts HKPN Class B	HKPN
• Flag M	Multihulls Class C	Catamarans/ tri-marans under the HKPN system.
• Flag K	Combined start.	

- 3.5.1 The above provisional IRC & HKPN Divisional splits will be adjusted depending on entries received and their current valid IRC or HKPN rating as listed on the HKSF official list.
- 3.5.2 The final IRC & HKPN divisional rating splits in the interests of fair racing, will be published by the Race Committee and issued by a NTC on Friday 28th May 2021 by 1800 hrs. See Clause 3.8.
- 3.6 Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Race Committee on application, prior to the start of the event by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 26th May 2021.
- 3.7 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag at all times.
- 3.8 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the series.
- 3.9 Eligible boats are Yachts or keelboats which have valid HKPN ratings or valid IRC Certificates and other seaworthy keel boats at the discretion of the Race Committee. A boat will indicate which rating they will race under on the entry form. Once entered, the boat may not change to another rating system, once the event is under way. Also see clause 7.2.
- 3.10 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating from the HKSF. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF 2021 website.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all event boats will be as follows: \$1,500 HKD. Boats may enter individual races at a fee of \$350 HKD but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in Clause 3.4.

5. Qualifying Series

- 5.1 The overall event series will consist of seven races with an allowance of two discards. However if racing is suspended by the start of Race # 1 on Sunday 30th May 2021 – see clause 5.2
- 5.2 If due to the Covid 19 restrictions, sailing activities have been suspended by Race # 1 on Sunday 30th May 21, the first race will be dropped. Race # 2 on Sunday 13th June 21, will then become Race # 1 and so on, depending on when racing begins again. All competitors will be informed if racing is suspended or when allowed to continue at the appropriate time, by the Race Committee.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:
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| • Summer Series 1 - Island Race: | 30 May 2021 |
| • Summer Series 2 - Island Race: | 13 June 2021 |
| • Summer Series 3 - Island Race: | 27 June 2021 |
| • Summer Series 4 - Island Race: | 04 July 2021 |
| • Summer Series 5 - Island Race: | 18 July 2021 |
| • Summer Series 6 - Island Race: | 01 August 2021 |
| • Summer Series 7 - Island Race: | 29 August 2021 |
- 6.2 The first warning signal for all classes will not be before 10:25 hrs.

7. Measurements

- 7.1 Boats entering the IRC division shall submit at the beginning of the series, a copy of their current IRC 2020 Certificate to the Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday 28th May 2021, unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.
- 7.2 Boats must also submit their new valid IRC 2021 certificate to the Sailing Office by 1800hrs on Wednesday 9th June 2021, unless their IRC rating is listed on the HKSF Website, or have applied for an expedited IRC 2021 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally any amendments to a boats IRC certificate that result in a change of TCC must be notified to the Sailing Office together with the issue date of the new IRC 2021 certificate.
- 7.3 **Failure to provide or inform the Race Committee of a new valid IRC 2021 certificate or TCC rating change, will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 2 on 13th June 2021. For any subsequent race in the series, the new certificate application must be submitted to the HK IRC Rule Authority by 1800 hours on the Monday, prior to the following Sunday race.**

8. Sailing Instructions

The Summer Series 2021 event will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2021 which can be downloaded from the series webpage or collected on any day from the Marine & Sailing Office at ABC main club.

9. Venue

Racing will take place to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

10. Courses

- 10.1 Courses will be described in the ABC SSI 2021: Annexe B: Island Courses: 31 - 47.
- 10.2 All Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island for the Eastern Courses or the Lamma Racing area south of Wong Chuk Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2021.

10.3 **Summer Series - Eastern Courses:** Chesterman Buoy/mark in light airs and/or strong tide may be dropped at the discretion of the Race Officer from any course on any Summers Series 2021 race day. **See ABC SSI – 2021: 7 Courses – clause 7.5.** This is to prevent competing boats from drifting into the Lamma TSS, at the request of the HK Marine Dept.

11. **Penalty and Arbitration**

11.1 Prior to a protest hearing an Arbitration Hearing may be offered in accordance with Appendix T as modified in NoR 11.2. If an arbitration hearing is not available, a boat may nonetheless take a postrace penalty as defined in NoR 11.2. (This changes Appendix T2.)

11.2 A boat may take a penalty at the time of the incident as per RRS 44.1.

11.3 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident, in accordance with Appendix T, as modified below:

11.4 (a) The Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. (This changes Appendix T1.b.)

(b) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by notifying a member of the race committee, or for incidents resulting in a protest, an arbitrator or a member of the protest committee in writing that she accepts a scoring penalty. (This changes Appendix T1 (c) and Appendix A.5).

(c) Arbitration Process of Appendix T2 - 4 may be offered for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat. (This changes Appendix T2).

11.5 Protest time limit for all boats is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.

12. **Scoring**

12.1 A maximum of seven races will be sailed in the event series with two discards.

12.2 When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores, including one discard.

12.4 Potentially, if Hong Kong sailing activities are suspended due to Covid 19 restrictions, this may only result in only a race or a couple of races being sailed for the event series in 2021, so then the overall event series will then consist of a minimum of one race, with no discards.

12.5 If any scheduled race is then sailed and the Hong Kong sailing activities are again suspended, after the start or during the event series, then the result for the overall event series will be taken from the accumulative score of races completed, up to the last race sailed.

12.6 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.

12.7 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2021.

12.8 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests and any current HK social distancing rules.

12.9 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and HKPN but prizes will only be awarded for each race and the overall series; for the division/class the boat is originally entered in – e.g. IRC or HKPN.

12.10 RRS rule Appendix A – clause 5.3 will apply.

13. Safety & Support Boats.

13.1 While racing, no anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow, unless enclosed by the hull or a fixed bowsprit.

13.2 ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.

13.3 All boats must carry a hand held VHF radio, in addition to a ship's radio set, if installed.

13.4 **If a boat retires or has an incident during a race requiring assistance, the Committee Boat and/or Race Officer must be informed immediately.**

14. 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 2552 8182 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com Space booking is required but not guaranteed.

15. Minimum Safety Requirement

15.1 Boats must comply with their class rules (if applicable), regarding safety requirements and must comply with the World Sailing Special Regulation Category 4 – Appendix B: Inshore Racing.

15.2 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

16. Radio Communications

All boats must have a working VHF radio. All communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all Yachts, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation.

17. Prizes

17.1 The Summer Series 2021 event overall trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each division or class which they originally entered, at the event series prize giving on Sunday 29th August 2021 after racing. The venue is to be confirmed. If however, Covid 19 social distancing prevents a prize giving taking place, all winning competitors will be asked to collect their prizes from the marine & sailing office at main club and have their picture taken for the club magazine.

17.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race at the designated destination restaurant, with the first placed boat in each division or class receiving a prize depending on the number of entries on the day. This may be suspended if current HK social distancing rules do not allow on any given race day in the event series.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race 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 event series.

18.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3). 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 event series entirely at their own risk.

18.3 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 event 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.

20. Further Information

20.1 Car Parking

Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. There are three public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club, above Shun Wan Bus terminal and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

20.2 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.

20.3 Food and Beverage

Non-member competitors may purchase cash coupons from the Coffee shop which are valid for use only on designated race days. There will be a buffet breakfast for every race served in the Coffee shop/patio from 08:00 – 0900 hrs at \$75 HKD (early bird special) & 0900 – 1100 hrs at \$85 HKD. After racing, dinner is available from 1830 hours until 2200 hours. Shorts and collarless shirts are not permitted in the restaurant in the evening and casual clothing should be clean and smart.

20.4 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 from the Fuegy Barge at the western entrance of Aberdeen Harbour – there is a special discount for ABC members on production of your club membership card.

21. Further Information

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2021.aspx

21.2 For event enquiries:

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21.3 Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:

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