



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2026

Notice of Race

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Commodore's Welcome Message

As Commodore, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all members, visiting sailors and friends to the Aberdeen Boat Club Summer Racing Series. This is one of the highlights of our sailing calendar, bringing together our south side sailing waters and those islands we enjoy so much. The southwest monsoon delivers us from the rigors of the winter with enough variable winds to give our race management scope to cover all our favorite destinations.

Last year's series attracted twenty – nine entries, and we are hopeful to see an even stronger fleet this year. A particularly warm welcome goes to visiting yachts and crews joining us from our sister clubs. Aberdeen Boat Club takes pride in facilitating your participation, both afloat and ashore. We encourage you to make the most of those post-race evenings at our main clubhouse.

Competitors are reminded to carefully review the Notice of Race and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions, which govern the conduct of the series. Safety always remains paramount. It's common at this time of year to give our vessels their annual out-of-water service. I'd implore you to do so and make sure you're seaworthy for this season. At ABC we strive to comply with the local marine requirements so, please be cognizant of their requirements, particularly near the traffic separation schemes. For owners & skippers; please collect your complimentary ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2025 Edition from our Marine & Sailing Office.

Each race will conclude with the traditional prizegiving so please join us at the assigned restaurant/clubhouse to collect.

Please note; the new revised date of the Islands Race # 1 to Saturday 30th May 26, due to the recent sad news of the closure of the Ming Kee Restaurant at Po Toi, shortly thereafter. This was at the family and restaurants request, in order to be able to host the club and the ABC Summer Series 2026, one final time.

The series prize giving will be held on Sunday the 23rd of August, after Race # 7, at ABC Middle Island., post racing. We encourage all competitors, families, and supporters to attend. Beyond recognising performance on the water, the ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the shared experience of the season. Do come along to collect your trophies, prizes, and — as always — a few well-earned “goodies.”

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors Carlsberg Beer for their continued support of the Summer Series 2026. Their generosity helps make the event possible and enhances the experience for every participant. Sponsorship not only sustains the competitive side of the program but also strengthens the broader sailing community. Please join me in acknowledging and supporting sponsor Fuegy Fuels and, buying their fuel...

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers who manage the considerable logistics involved. Our Sailing and Marine Manager, Alex Johnston, and his race management team work tirelessly to prepare facilities, coordinate operations, and ensure smooth running throughout the series. Special appreciation goes to the crews of our sampans and support vessels, whose coxswains do their utmost — often in challenging conditions — to assist sailors on and off the water. Their professionalism is the quiet backbone of every successful race day.

Finally, I wish all competitors the very best for the series ahead. May you enjoy close racing, fair winds, and the remarkable cruising grounds of our South Side. Few venues combine such vibrant sailing with such relaxing surroundings. I hope you enjoy this ABC Summer Series 2026 - good luck, sail safely, and enjoy.



Steve Perrett
ABC Commodore



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

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028.

1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) will apply, together with:

- The IRC Rules 2026, 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, unless prior written permission from the Race Committee has been granted for each individual race in a series.**
- the PHS 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.- J 80s.
- this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
- the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions: ABC SSI - 2025 Edition. (ABC SSI - 2025 Etd).

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 weekends throughout 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.

1.6 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI - 2025 Etd.

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 to competitors' boat/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats are Yachts which have valid IRC Certificates or PHS ratings and other seaworthy keel boats at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.2 Yacht mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid PHS rating.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form on SailSys, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs. on the respective Friday before racing take place. Details can be found at the event website at:
https://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2026.aspx
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and on the SailSys by 1700 hrs. **on the respective Friday** before each race takes place. Details can be found as stated in clause 3.3, above.
- 3.5 **Boats may not enter on the water on the day. All boats must have entered for the series, or an individual race by the above stated deadline, in clause 3.4.**
- 3.6 The series is open to the following classes and boats:

3.6.1 Class or Division of Class:

IP	CLASS/DIVISIONS
• Flag G	Yachts IRC 1
• Flag O	Yachts IRC 2
• Flag T	Yachts PHS Division A
• Flag V	Yachts PHS Division B
• Flag M	Multihulls

- 3.7 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 Friday 29th May 2026.**
- 3.8 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and PHS ratings will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by **Friday 29th May 2026 in the Summer Series 2026.**
- One Design/J 80s will race in the PHS class. IRC divisions will also get a result in the PHS class, for rating adjustment purposes only.
- 3.9 A class or division will consist of a three-boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag, always while racing.
- 3.10 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal to be eligible for a race throughout the whole series.
- 3.11 IRC & PHS ratings will be listed as published on the Sailsys website:
<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all event boats will be as follows: **\$1,450 HKD.** Boats may enter individual races at a fee of **\$375 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

The overall event series will consist of seven races with an allowance of two discards.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will be on Sundays, with the exception of Race # 1, which will be on Saturday 30th May, on the following dates:

- **Summer Series Race # 1 - Island Race: Saturday 30 May 2026 – destination Po Toi, Ming Kee Restaurant, which is confirmed & booked.**
- Summer Series Race # 2 - Island Race: Sunday 14 June 2026
- Summer Series Race # 3 - Island Race: Sunday 28 June 2026
- Summer Series Race # 4 - Island Race: Sunday 12 July 2026
- Summer Series Race # 5 – Island Race: Sunday 26 July 2026
- Summer Series Race # 6 - Island Race: Sunday 09 August 2026
- Summer Series Race # 7 - Island Race: Sunday 23 August 2026

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 2026 - 2027 Certificate to the Sailsys website no later than 1700 hrs. on Friday 29th May 2026, unless their IRC rating is already listed on the Sailsys website:

<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

7.2 Boats must also upload their new valid IRC 2026 - 2027 certificate to the Sailsys website by 1700hrs on Friday 29th May 2026, unless their new IRC rating is listed on the Sailsys Website or have applied for an expedited IRC 2026 - 2027 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally, any amendments to the boat's 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 2026 – 2027 certificate.

7.3 Failure to provide or inform the Sailsys website of a new valid IRC 2026 - 2027 certificate or TCC rating change will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 1 on Saturday 30th May 2026.

7.4 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 2026 event will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2025 - Etd 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 in the waters to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be described in the ABC SSI 2025 Etd: Annex B: Island Courses: Summer Series: 31 to # 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 Chum Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2025 Etd - Annex B: Island Courses Summer Series - Islands Courses: 31 to # 47.

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. Please also see Clause 5.
- 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 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 12.5 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2025 - Etd.
- 12.6 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests, which will held on a later date and time – TBC.
- 12.7 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and PHS, but prizes will only be awarded for each race the overall series; for the division/class the boat is originally entered in – e.g., IRC or HKPN.
- 12.8 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 handheld 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, either by VHF channel # 72 or mobile phone – please see Clause 20.2 for details.**
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

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 2522 8182 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com Space booking is required but not guaranteed.

15. 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.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 The Summer Series 2026 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 series prize event giving on Sunday 23rd August 2026 after racing, at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse. Any competitor who cannot attend this event, please come to the ABC Marine & Sailing office at main club in Aberdeen, post event, to collect your prize,
- 16.2 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.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race or Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, staff, and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by, or arising out of the event series.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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 event series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

18. Insurance

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

19. Further Information

19.1 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.

19.2 Club House

Visiting competitors only for the Summer Series 2026 from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club may sign chits for food and beverage **on the race day only**, on presentation of their own club membership card.

19.3 **Food and Beverage**

Non-member competitors may use Credit or Octopus cards 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 **\$95 HKD** (early bird special) & 0900 - 1100 hrs. at **\$105 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.

19.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the takeaway 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 the production of your club membership card.

20. Further additional information:

20.1 The Event website can be found at: https://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2026.aspx

20.2 **For Event & Entries enquiries:**

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20.3 **For Event Mooring & Berthing enquires:**

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