

# Aberdeen Boat Club

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 **Notice of Race**

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I am pleased to welcome yachts from all clubs to the 2015-2016 Waglan Series organised by the Aberdeen Boat Club.

The Waglan Series is run in Hong Kong waters south, east and west of Hong Kong Island, from autumn to spring. With a mixture of island and geometric courses held in the best sailing season of the year, it is ABC’s premier racing series.

As usual we will announce results in our newly expanded Waglan Bar at the main clubhouse or occasionally on Middle Island. Trophies will be presented at the Annual Prize-giving in May.

You, will of course, again be welcome to enjoy the Club’s hospitality before and after the races.

Wishing you all fresh wind and safe sailing.

 

**John Berry,**

**Commodore**

  

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

## Rules

* 1. The Regatta will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
	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 or shorthanded Big Boats/Cruisers

or keelboat entries are not acceptable;

* + - the HKPN Handicap System;
		- the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - 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 – J80s;
		- this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC SSI).
	1. In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
	2. 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.
	3. 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.
	4. This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI.

## Advertising

* 1. Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsor’s advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
	2. ISAF Regulation 20 will apply for Competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

## Eligibility and Entry

3.1 **The regatta is opened to all Big Boats/Cruisers mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.**

**3.2 To Big boat/Cruisers mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating.**

 **3.3** The Skippers of Co-owned or Club owned J80 must declare their name to the Organising

 Authority before each race. The handicap for that skipper shall apply for the race and

 that skipper must be onboard the boat. If no skipper’s name is given before a race, the base

 HKPN handicap of 1050 will apply for that race. Privately owned boats enter on their own

 individual published HKPN.

* 1. 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.

 **3.5 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and skipper’s declaration by 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before the race takes place. 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.**

 3.6 The series is open to the following classes and boats:

3.6.1 **Class or division of Class**

**IP DIVISIONS SPLIT/SYSTEM**

* Flag T Big Boats/Cruisers IRC keelboats with valid IRC certificates
* Flag J J/80s respectively OD level rating and SMS
* Flag F Cruisers HKPN Class A HKPN of 999 and below
* Flag G Cruisers HKPN Class B HKPN of 1000 and above
* Flag V Multihulls Catamarans/ tri-marans under the HKPN system

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 Wednesday 30th September.

3.8 The final class/divisional splits for Big Boats, Cruisers IRC and HKPN will be published

by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by

Friday 23rd October 15. The J/80s will race in Division A.

3.9 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.

3.10 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the series.

3.11 Eligible boats are Big Boats or Cruisers which have valid HKPN ratings or IRC Certificates and other seaworthy keel boats at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.12 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.

## Entry Fees

The entry fees for all series boats will be as follows: $1,500 HKD. Boats may enter individual

races at a fee of $250 HKD but must submit an entry form and sign the skippers declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in the revised Waglan 2015 NoR – Clause 3.5.

## Qualifying Series

5.1 The overall series will consist of ten races with an allowance of two discards.

5.2 Two mini-series consisting of five races with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.

1. **Schedule of Races**

6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:

* Waglan Series 1 - Island Race: 4 October 2015
* Waglan Series 2 - Island Race: 25 October 2015
* Waglan Series 3 - Island Race: 8 November 2015
* Waglan Series 4 & 5 – Geometric Courses: 22 November 2015
* Waglan Series 6 - Island Race: 13 December 2015
* Waglan Series 7 - Island Race: 10 January 2016
* Waglan Series 8 & 9 - Geometric Courses: 21 February 2016
* Waglan Series10 - Island Race: 13 March 2016
* Waglan Series Re – sail: 20 March 2016

6.2 **The first warning signal for all classes will not be before 10:55 hrs.**

1. **Measurements**

7.1 Boats entering the IRC division shall submit at the beginning of the series, a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday on 2nd October, unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.

7.2 Boats must submit a new IRC certificate to the Sailing Office, if their TCC changes during the series.

## Sailing Instructions

* 1. The Waglan 2015/16 series will be sailed under the ABC SSI.

 8.2 The ABC SSI can be downloaded from the series webpage or collected on any days from the Sailing Office at ABC main club.

1. **Venue**

Racing will take place to the South and East of Hong Kong Island as described in the ABC SSI Annexe J Chart for location.

1. **Courses**
	1. As described in the ABC SSI Annexe B: Pages 17 to 25, Courses 11 - 27.
	2. All Island Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island and will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI Annexe B.
	3. All Geometric Courses will be held in the vicinity East of Lamma Island, as described in the ABC SSI Annexe A: Pages 15 and 16.

## Penalty System & Protests

## For Monohull and Multihull RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is

## replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 **Exoneration Penalty**

11.2.1 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).

11.2.2 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.

11.2.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

* + - 1. neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty
			2. 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.
1. **Scoring**

12.1 Ten races will be required to constitute a series with two discards. There will also be two mini-series consisting of 5 races with one discard will also be included in the final results.

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

* 1. Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI: Clause 15.
	2. **Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at Middle Island or ABC main club, subject to any outstanding protests.**
	3. **Boats may win a series or mini-series overall in IRC or HKPN and J 80 class divisions. A boat which wins an individual race on IRC & HKPN, may only win under one handicap rating system, not both.**

## Safety & Support Boats.

13.1 No anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow.

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

1. **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).

### 15. Minimum Safety Requirement

15.1 Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 4 – Appendix J

15.2 VHF Radio & 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

Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to cruisers, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation only.

## 17. Prizes

* 1. The Waglan Series 2015/2016 Overall and Mini Series trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries at the ABC Annual Prize Giving in May.

 17.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race, with the first placed boat in each division receiving a prize.

* 1. The Trophies award in the Waglan Series 2015/16 are listed in Annexe H of the ABC SSI.

## 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 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 4). 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 series entirely at their own risk.

* 1. 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 series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

## Insurance

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

## Further Information

20.1 **Car Parking**

Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. There are two public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club 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 from 08:00 at HK$ 55. 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.

1. **Further Information**

 21.1 Event website: <http://www.abclubhk.com/Waglan15-16.aspx>

21.2 **For event enquiries:**

 Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager

Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com

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 21.3 **Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:**

Jennifer Li - Marine & Cruiser Coordinator

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