



Aberdeen Boat Club

**Waglan Series:
2020 - 2021**

Notice of Race

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Waglan Series 2020 - 2021

After the cancellation of Race 12 in last season's Waglan and the Covid-induced disruption to the Summer Series regular sailors will share the fervent hope that normality will favour the Waglan Series this year. The hint of an early start to the NE Monsoon in mid-Sept also raises hopes of a decent breeze for the first race on 4th October.....

So, much to look forward to provided outside events do not intervene to spoil the enjoyment the Series brings, leavened with a competitive spirit regardless of the Division entered. On that topic a reminder that the Division in which a boat is placed in the first race determines the placement for the whole Series irrespective of changes to Handicaps. As ever the HKPN splits, and courses themselves, are set so as to allow the more leisurely boat designs to compete with their peers. Similarly the racers are split between the two IRC Divisions. To facilitate this allotment the decision on a fair level for the splits is contingent upon entries received by the deadline. Moreover, to take account of weather changes potentially affecting the outcome, courses will be set according to the prevailing wind and tides in order to get as long as race as possible.

For more detail, crews are urged to read the SI's thoroughly, and to keep a copy ready at hand on board while racing; though much of the content is standard, there are changes, while reminders of the importance of keeping well clear of the shipping lanes cannot be too highly stressed. Courses set always endeavour to reflect this imperative.

Once again it is a pleasure to thank our sponsors for their support: Fuergy with their generous discounts and provision of reliably clean fuel throughout the Series. And as a spur to all skippers invigorating Kraken Rum awaits the winners and anyone willing to sample a bottle or two, well worth it.

As ever we have ABC's dedicated Marine & Sailing Team to thank for their pre-Series input, but more so for all the effort afloat to come over the Twelve Race Series in who knows what conditions, except for one certainty: plenty of wind and sea conditions for boats and crews to weather over the coming six months.

With that I wish all entrants enjoyable, even exhilarating but, above all, safe racing there is absolutely no dishonour, quite the contrary, in retiring if winter conditions dictate throughout the Series; followed by much deserved fun, camaraderie and tales to tell ashore where sailors can be assured of a warm welcome from ABC's staff “.



Chris Pooley
ABC Commodore



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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 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 or shorthanded Yachts or open keelboat entries are not acceptable;
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix J, plus VHF
 - Radio for Yachts with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
 - Class Association rules of any competing classes – One Design/J80s;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2017 - 2020
 - (ABC SSI 2017 – June edition).
- 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 64.1.
- 1.6 A Notice to Competitors # 1 (NTC # 1) to competitors will be issued prior to Race # 1 on 04 October 20, with additional Eastern Island courses and several new clauses which will amend the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition. These new additions will be standard in the new ABC SSI 2021 from the 01 Jan 2021.
- 1.7 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition and the NTC # 1.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta 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 Eligible boats are Yachts which have valid HKPN ratings or IRC Certificates 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 HKPN rating.
- 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.
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and Skippers declaration by 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before the race takes place.
- 3.5 **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 declaration prior to racing, which can be completed via mobile phone or tablet. Any boat which fails to enter correctly on the water, will be given a score of DNF.**
- 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 HKPN Division A
• Flag V	Yachts HKPN 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 02 October 20.**
- 3.8 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and HKPN will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by **Friday 02 October 2020.** One Design/J 80s will race in the HKPN class. IRC will also get a result in the HKPN 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 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 a race throughout all of the series.
- 3.11 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.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all series boats will be as follows: \$2,000 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 the Waglan 2020 - 2021 NoR – Clause 3.4.

5. Qualifying Series

- 5.1 The overall series will consist of twelve races with an allowance of two discards.
- 5.2 Two mini-series consisting of six races with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:

• Waglan Series 1 - Island Race:	04 October 2020
• Waglan Series 2 - Island Race:	25 October 2020
• Waglan Series 3 & 4 - X 2 Windward/Leeward cse:	01 November 2020
• Waglan Series 5 - Island Courses:	15 November 2020
• Waglan Series 6 - Island Race:	06 December 2020
• Waglan Series 7 - Island Race:	10 January 2021
• Waglan Series 8 & 9: X 2 Windward/Leeward cse:	24 January 2021
• Waglan Series 10: Island Race:	07 March 2021
• Waglan Series 11 - Island Race:	21 March 2021
• Waglan Series 12 - Island Race:	28 March 2021
• Waglan Series Re – sail	11 April 2021

- 6.2 The first warning signal for all classes will not be before **10:55 hrs** on any given race day.

7. Measurements

- 7.1 Boats entering the IRC Class 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 02 October 2020**, 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 rating changes during the series.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Waglan 2020 - 2021 Series will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition.
- 8.2 The ABC SSI 2017 – June edition can be downloaded from the series webpage or a hard copy 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 as described in the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition and the NTC # 1. See clause 1.7.

10. Courses

- 10.1 As described in the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition and the NTC # 1.
- 10.2 All Island Courses will start in the vicinity of ABC Round Island or ABC Lamma start areas and will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition and the NTC # 1.
- 10.3 All Windward and Leeward Courses will be held in the vicinity East of Lamma Island, as described in the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition.

11. Penalty System & Protests

- 11.1 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:

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.

12. Scoring

12.1 The series will consist of twelve races with two discards. There will also be two mini-series consisting of six races, with one discard, which will also be included in the final results.

12.2 If less than twelve races are sailed under normal circumstances – please see the ABC SSI 2017 - June edition – Clause 15. If the Covid 19 sailing restrictions are still in force throughout the series, then the following clauses 12.3 & 12.4 will apply.

12.3 Potentially, if Hong Kong sailing activities are still suspended at the start of the series, this may only result in only a race or a couple of races being sailed for the series in 2020 or 2021, so then the overall series will then consist of a minimum of one race, with no discards.

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

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

12.6 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2017 - June edition.

12.7 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race informal prize giving at ABC main club or Middle Island, subject to any outstanding protests.

12.8 Boats may win a series or mini-series overall in IRC, HKPN. A boat which wins an individual race in IRC or HKPN may only win under one handicap rating system or under the class they originally entered or placed in by the race committee.

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 1812 (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 Yachts must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation Category 4: Appendix J.
- 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**
Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all boats competing in an individual race or the series. In the event of an incident, the Marine Services Manager can also be called by mobile phone on: +852 6773 2066.
- 17. Prizes**
- 17.1 The Waglan Series 2020 – 2021 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 end of series prize giving in March 2021 after Race # 12 or the re –sail in April 2021; if applicable.
- 17.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race, with the first placed boat in each division receiving a prize at either ABC main club or Middle Island.
- 17.3 The Trophies award in the Waglan Series 2020 - 2021 are listed in Annex H of the ABC SSI 2017 – June edition.
- 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 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.
- 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 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 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 0800 hrs at \$ 70 HKD – early bird special - \$85 HKD after 0900 hrs. 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 Fuegy Fuel Barge at the Western end of Aberdeen Harbour – there is a discount for ABC members.

20.5 **Social Distancing**

All participants will be required to follow the Hong Kong Government guidelines on social distancing which are in force at the time of this event. The event may need to be modified, rescheduled or cancelled if Government imposed health related restrictions apply. Check the event website for the latest information – see clause 21.1.

21 **Further Information**

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Waglan20-21.aspx

21.2 **Event enquiries or safety issues on the water:**

Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager

Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com

Tel: +852 6773 - 2066 (mobile)

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

Jennifer Li – Assistant Marine and Sailing Manager

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