



Aberdeen Boat Club

**Waglan Series:
2026 - 2027**

**Revised
Notice of Race**

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Commodore's Message

After the Summer Series and Opening Regatta, crews should be well warmed up and ready for the main event — **The 2026/2027 Waglan Series**.

The Waglan is always one of the highlights of the ABC racing calendar, and this season is no exception. We now have a new format for the 2026/2027 Series, consisting of fourteen races for both the IRC Division and the PHS Division, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to get out on the water, enjoy some great racing and, hopefully, collect a few good results along the way.

As always, the series is open to any suitably crewed and insured yacht with the appropriate handicap. Whether you are chasing silverware, trying to beat the boat next door, or simply looking for some enjoyable Sunday sailing, there should be something for everyone.

The timing of the Waglan could hardly be better. The NE Monsoon usually brings us fine, dry weather, plenty of breeze and some fantastic sailing around Hong Kong's southern islands. The NE'ly can be anything from a great steady breeze to a proper blow, and when it really gets going, the sea state can become challenging. Skippers and Navigators should therefore keep a close eye on the forecast and conditions before heading out, particularly east of Beaufort and Po Toi Islands.

The full racing programme and reserve arrangements are set out in the Notice of Race. As usual, the series will take us through the best part of the NE Monsoon, with the Christmas break, the Four Peaks Race in January and, hopefully, not too many interruptions from late-season typhoons.

One date to look forward to is the 13th December, when we will have the ever popular **Commodore's Drinks at ABC Middle Island** after racing. It is a good chance to put the racing aside for a while, catch up with other crews and enjoy the usual ABC hospitality.

A quick reminder, though, that good racing starts with good preparation. Please make sure you are familiar with the Notice of Race, the **ABC Standard Sailing Instructions**, and the current **Racing Rules of Sailing**. Copies of the ABC Sailing Instructions are available from the Marine Office.

The courses have been designed to keep us clear of the Shipping Traffic Separation Zones, and it is important that we all respect them. An incident reported to the Hong Kong Marine Department could have consequences for racing well beyond a single boat or race, so please keep a proper lookout and give commercial traffic plenty of room.

Of course, winning is nice — and there is nothing wrong with enjoying a podium finish — but the Waglan is really about getting a bunch of boats out on the water, having some proper racing, and enjoying the company of fellow sailors. The divisional splits are there to give everyone a chance of competing, while the prizes for the two halves of the series, the overall results and individual races add a little extra spice.

And when the racing is done, the **Waglan Bar and Main Club Terrace** are there to help settle the arguments about who really had the best start!

A big thank you once again to Fuegy Fuels for its continued support of the Waglan Series and for the generous discounts on reliable and clean fuels. Their ongoing commitment is greatly appreciated.

Most importantly, a huge thank you goes to the **ABC Marine & Sailing Team**, both ashore and afloat. They put in a tremendous amount of work to make these races happen, often long before the rest of us arrive at the Club and long after we have headed home. The series simply would not happen without them.

So, with boats prepared, crews assembled and the NE'lies hopefully lining up nicely, it is time to get racing.

I wish everyone a fantastic Waglan season — competitive on the water, friendly ashore and, most importantly, safe throughout. **Good luck, have fun, and see you on the start line!**



Commodore
Steve Perret
Aberdeen Boat Club



Waglan Series 2026 - 2027

Revised Notice of Race

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

1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing: RRS 2025 – 2028, as follows:

- RRS 2025 – 2028: Race # 1 to # 7 for the IRC Class and for the PHS Class - Miniseries # 1;
- RRS 2025 – 2028: Race # 8 to Race # 14 for the IRC Class and PHS Class – Miniseries # 2;
- Plus, a re – sail, if required.

1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (SFHKC) 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 numbers or weight;
- **Single or shorthanded crewed Yachts or open keelboat entries are not acceptable, unless specific permission has been granted to the Skipper/ Person in charge, by the Race Committee for each individual race and the yacht is set up specifically for single handed sailing;**
- The SailSys PHS handicap System (PHS);
- The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix J, plus VH;
- Radio for Yachts with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the **Multihull Classes for Islands Races only**);
- Class Association rules of any competing classes – One Design/J80s;
- this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions - 2025 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 weekends 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.
- 1.6 This changes RRS 64.2
- 1.7 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2025 Edition and the Waglan Series 2026 – 2027 Notice to Competitors (NTC) # 1.

2. Advertising

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

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats are Yachts which have valid IRC 2026 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, a Declaration of Skipper form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs. on the respective Friday before racing takes place. Details can be found on the event website at: www.abclubhk.com/Waglan26-27.aspx
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and Skippers declaration 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, mini - series or 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 – PHS Division C Island Races only.

- 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 02nd October 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 02nd October 2026 in the Waglan Series 2026 - 2027 (NTC # 1.)**
 - 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 all the series.
- 3.11 Valid IRC 2026 Certificate Ratings can be found at the RORC IRC Rating Office link: <https://ircrating.org/irc-racing/online-tcc-listings/>. The Sailsys website updates the valid IRC 2026 Certificate ratings from this source automatically.
- 3.12 PHS ratings will be listed as published on the current Sailsys website:
<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

4. Entry Fees

- 4.1 The entry fees for boats entering the entire series in the IRC divisions will be as follows:
- IRC Divisions - X 14 Races: \$2,900 HKD.
 - PHS Divisions - X 14 Races: \$2,900 HKD.
 - Individual Race - \$380 HKD per race.
- 4.2 Boats may enter individual races but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in the Waglan NoR 2026 – 2027: Clause 3.4.
- 4.3 Boats cannot sign up for any race on the water at the committee boat.

5. Qualifying Series

- 5.1 The overall series for the IRC Class or divisions of class will consist of fourteen races, with two mini-series consisting of seven races each, with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.
- 5.2 The overall series for the PHS Class or divisions of class will consist of fourteen races, with two mini-series consisting of seven races each, with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates for the IRC & PHS Divisions:
- Waglan Series Race 1 - Island Race: 04 October 2026
 - Waglan Series Race 2 - Island Race: 25 October 2026
 - Waglan Series Races - 3 & 4 & 5: X 3 Windward/leeward Courses for IRC & PHS Divisions: 08 November 2026
 - Waglan Series Race 6 - Island Race: 22 November 2026
 - Waglan Series Race 7 - Island Race **: 13 December 2026
 - Waglan Series Race 8 - Island Race: 10 January 2027
 - Waglan Series Race 9 – Island Race: 31 January 2027
 - Waglan Series Races - 10 & 11 & 12: X 3 Windward/Leeward Courses for IRC & PHS Divisions 14 February 2027
 - Waglan Series 13 - Island Race: 28 February 2027
 - Waglan Series 14 - Island Race 21 March 2027
 - Waglan Series Re – sail: 04 or 11 April 2027

**** ABC Commodores Drinks – ABC Middle Island after racing – Sunday 13th December 26.**

- 6.3 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 must have a valid IRC 2026 Rating Certificate by no later than 1800 hrs. on Friday 02nd October 2026, unless their IRC rating is already listed on the <https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

7.2 Boats must inform the race committee, if their TCC rating changes at any time during the series.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Waglan 2026 – 2027 Series will be sailed as follows:

8.1.1 Race # 1 to Race # 7 - October to December 2026 will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2025 Edition – Miniseries # 1.

8.1.2 Race # 8 to Race # 14, plus a re – sail, January to April 2027 will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2025 Edition – Miniseries # 2.

8.2 The ABC SSI 2025 Edition can be downloaded now from the event webpage or a hard copy of 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 All courses, both island & windward/leeward are described in the and the ABC SSI - 2025 Edition.

10.2 All Island Courses will start in the vicinity of ABC Round Island or ABC Lamma start areas.

10.3 All Windward and Leeward Courses will be held in the vicinity East of Lamma Island.

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. x(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.

11.6 RRS rule Appendix A – Clause 5.3 will apply.

12. Scoring

12.1 For the IRC Class/divisions, there will be **fourteen races** of two mini-series consisting of **seven races each**, with one discard per mini-series which will also be included in the overall results for the IRC Class.

12.2 For the PHS Class/divisions, there will be **fourteen races** of two mini-series consisting of **seven races each**, with one discard per mini-series which will also be included in the overall results for the PHS Class.

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

12.4 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2025 - Edition.

12.5 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race informal prize giving at ABC main club, subject to any outstanding protests, after each race day.

12.6 Boats may win a series or mini-series overall in IRC, or PHS classes. A boat which wins an individual race in the IRC or PHS class, may only win under one handicap rating system or under the class they originally entered or placed in by the Race Committee, from the start of the series.

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.** Yachts will be subject to Protest by the Race Committee if they do not comply.

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 VHF radio set 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 ABC Marine Services Manager can also be called by mobile phone on +852 6773 2066.

17. Prizes

17.1 The Waglan Series 2026 – 2027 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. The Overall Series prize giving will be on a separate date and time to be confirmed.

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 ABC main club - Waglan Bar & Terrace in Aberdeen. All skippers and crews are encouraged to attend.

17.3 The Trophies award in the Waglan Series 2026 - 2027 are listed in Annex H of the ABC SSI 2025 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 3). In addition, competitor's attention is drawn to the World Sailing Special Regulations 1.02.1 (first point) which begins "Under RRS 3, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..." Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

18.2 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, within the deadline dates quoted throughout this Notice of Race (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.

19. Insurance

Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum required cover 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 Commercial Car Park on Welfare Road.

20.2 Club House

Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Hebe Haven 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 use 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 from 0800 hrs. at \$95 HKD – early bird special - \$105 HKD after 0900 hrs. in the Four Peaks Restaurant & balcony during the current club renovations. Post renovations, the location will revert to the normal location on the main club coffee shop patio.

20.4 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 takeaway 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.

21. Further Information

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Waglan25-26.aspx

21.2 Event enquiries or Race Management:

Alex Johnston – ABC Marine Services Manager

Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com

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21.3 Entries & Mooring enquiries to be submitted to:

Jayne Lee – ABC Assistant Marine and Sailing Secretary

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