



## **Aberdeen Boat Club**

## **Summer Series 2023**

## **Notice of Race**

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## Commodore's Welcome Message

With the Waglan Series behind us it's time, as this Notice of Race (NoR) signals, to look ahead to the ever-popular Summer Series, with the Classic Yacht Rally, another ABC sailing summer event, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 23 set to whet appetites, as the traditional harbinger of summer weather.

Last year's Series attracted thirty - three entries competing in at least one of the races. A very good turn-out but even so we still faced some Covid restriction disruptions to races. That constraint will no longer afflict us, so it is much to be hoped that this year's entry list will at least match, if not exceed, last year's. As ever, ABC welcomes all competitors as the Series is open to all sailors who fancy fine weather sailing, followed by a 'blow out' in one of HK's many Island restaurants. One of those being Middle Island as a refuge in the event of delays or shortened courses caused by squalls or Signal 3, as summer is not a synonym for clement weather.

That thought brings safety to mind which for seafarers must ever be aforesought. To that end all competitors are urged to take full note of the content of this NOR and the ABC updated Standard SI's which govern all the races. There are invariably some changes so please do not assume that what you recall from previous years remains in place unaltered!

The keenly competitive will note in Clauses 16.1 and 16.2 details of the prizes for each race and the Series Prize-giving party after Race 7 on 27<sup>th</sup> August 23. The individual race prizes are only awarded to those who join the fun at the restaurant *après*---please take note!

Once again our long-standing loyal supporter Fuergy is a supporting sponsor for the Series for which ABC, and all those who have benefitted from their fine clean fuel, are most grateful. Any newcomers who have yet to try Fuergy's products are recommended to join the list of satisfied customers when next filling up.

With that, and a note of thanks to ABC's Marine & Sailing Staff for their planning and efforts in making each race possible, I wish all participants the best that the summer season has to offer amongst and around the islands in HK's delightful Southern waters.



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 2023, 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.- J 80s.
  - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
  - the new ABC Standard Sailing Instructions: ABC SSI 2022 Revised October Edition. (ABC SSI 2022/Rev Oct 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 week-ends 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 64.2.
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2022/ Rev Oct 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 The event is open to all yacht mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.
- 3.2 For 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: [https://www.abclubhk.com//Summer\\_Series\\_2023.aspx](https://www.abclubhk.com//Summer_Series_2023.aspx)
- 3.4 **Boats may enter individual races 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 warning signal of the first start. Boats which enter the whole Summer Series 2023 are exempt.**

- 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 Keelboat	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 Notice to Competitors – (NTC # 1) on Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2023 by 1800 hrs. Please also see Clause 3.7.
- 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
- 3.7 A class or division will consist of a three-boat minimum entered for all classes, for the entire race series. This may vary for individual races, on any listed race date.
- 3.8 Boats must always fly their class or division flag while racing.
- 3.9 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line, at its class warning signal, to be eligible for the series.
- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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 2023 website.

#### **4. Entry Fees**

4.1 The entry fees for all event boats will be as follows: **\$1,400 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**

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 on the following dates:

- Summer Series 1 - Island Race: 04 June 2023
- Summer Series 2 - Island Race: 18 June 2023
- Summer Series 3 - Island Race: 02 July 2023
- Summer Series 4 - Island Race: 16 July 2023
- Summer Series 5 – island Race 30 July 2023
- Summer Series 6 - Island Race: 13 August 2023
- Summer Series 7 - Island Race: 27 August 2023

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 2023 Certificate to the Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs. on Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2023, 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 2023 certificate to the Sailing Office by 1800hrs on Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2023, unless their IRC rating is listed on the HKSF Website or have applied for an expedited IRC 2023 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally, any amendments to a 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 2023 certificate.

7.3 Failure to provide or inform the Race Committee of a new valid IRC 2023 certificate or TCC rating change, will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 1 on 04<sup>th</sup> June 2023. 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 2023 event will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2022/ Rev Oct 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 2022/ Rev Oct Etd: Annexe B: Island Courses – Summer Series 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 Chum Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2022/ Rev Oct 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.
- 11.6 RRS rule Appendix A – Clause A5.3 will apply.

## **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 2022/ Rev Oct 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 and any current HK social distancing rules.
- 12.7 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and HKPN, 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 2552 8182 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to [marinecoord@abclubhk.com](mailto: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 2023 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 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 and 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 2023 from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay 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 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 \$85 HKD (early bird special) & 0900 - 1100 hrs at \$95 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 production of your club membership card.

**20. Further additional information:**

20.1 The Event website can be found at: [www.abclubhk.com/Summer\\_Series\\_2023.aspx](http://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2023.aspx)

20.2 **For Event enquiries:**  
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20.3 **For Summer Series 2023 Entries, Mooring & Berthing enquires to be submitted to:** Jennifer Li – Assistant Marine & Sailing Manager  
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