

# **CLASSIC YACHT RALLY & RACE 2017**

## **Sailing Instructions**



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Rally and Race Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. There will be a rally only on Saturday, followed by a rally and a race, for those boats who wish to race, on the Sunday. All boats are very welcome for the rally on Saturday. The purpose of this event is participation and getting crews out of the water, in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

### 1. RULES

1.1 The Race divisions for the event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ( R R S ) 2017- 2020.

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

- the HKPN Handicap System;
- the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 - Appendix J, plus VHF radio for cruisers with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
- There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, except single or shorthanded Yacht/Cruisers or keelboat entries are not acceptable;
- Class Association rules of competing classes – J80s; Impala's, Ruffian's etc.
- the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Classic Yacht Rally & Race Sailing Instructions (CYR & R SI).

1.1 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.2 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.

1.3 Classic Yachts in the Rally divisions of the event will follow the race fleet but **will not** be racing and **must not cross the start line for the race on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club and on the Club's website ([www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)).

2.2 Any change to the (CYR & R SI) will be posted not later than 1800 hours on the day before the start of race.

2.3 Any Notices to Mariners which are applicable to sailing boats will be considered to be part of these Sailing Instructions.


### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

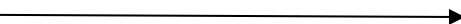
3.1 The rally start time on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May will be 1400 hours, in the vicinity of Round Island.

3.2 The first warning signal for all racing classes or divisions of class will not be before 10:00 hours on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in Tai Tam Bay.

### 4. RACING DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

#### 4.1 Racing Divisions Flags

**Racing Division 1 A:**  **E**  
*Classic Racing Yachts built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1050 or less.*

**Racing Division 1 B:**  **F**  
*Classic Cruising Yachts built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1051 or more.*

**Racing Division 2 A:**  **G**  
*Non-Classic Racing Yachts with HKPN of 980 or less.*

**Racing Division 2 B:**  **H**  
*Non-Classic Cruising Yachts with HKPN of 981 or more.*

**Racing Division 4:**  **T**  
*Modern Yachts with a classic design and a valid HKPN.*

4.2 The Race Divisions and class splits listed above are indicative and may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee in the interests of fair racing.

### 5. RALLY & RACING AREA

The Rally and Race will take place in East and South of Hong Kong waters.

## **6. COURSES**

- 6.1 Courses to be sailed are shown in Appendix A for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- 6.2 The course to be sailed shall be signaled by a flag showing the course number in conjunction with the class flag.

## **7. MARKS**

- 7.1 The start and finish ODM, and IDM if used, will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 7.2 The windward mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 7.3 If a windward mark is laid for Island Courses, the committee boat shall display a red or green flag to indicate that the mark is to be left to port or starboard.

## **8. START**

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2 The starting line for the racing divisions, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, will be in Tai Tam Bay.
- 8.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and the starting mark (ODM) at the port end. If an inner distance mark (IDM) is laid, boats shall pass between it and the ODM when approaching the line to start or starting.
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not be within the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 8.5 **All Rally boats are requested to keep clear of the starting line at all times and of boats while racing on the course.**

## **9. STARTING TIMES**

### **9.1 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May - The Rally to Tai Tam Bay:**

All boats in the event gather in the vicinity of Round Island at 1400 hrs. A single horn from the ABC Committee boat will signal the start of the rally. Boats will sail in company to Tai Tam Bay.

**9.2 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Race back to Round Island: Warning signal at: 10:05 hours.**

1. Boats in Racing Division 1A and 2A will start at 10:10 hours.
2. Boats in Racing Divisions 1B and 2B will start at 10:15 hours.
3. Boats in Racing Division 4 will start at 10:20 hours.

9.3 Racing Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee by displaying Flag “K”.

9.4 Rally divisions, which are not racing, will follow the race fleet once all of the racing divisions have started. **All Rally boats are reminded not to cross the start line, as this constitutes that a boat is actually racing.**

**10. THE FINISH – Round Island**

10.1 The finishing line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a buoy laid as an ODM. Boats shall finish by passing between the committee boat and the ODM in the direction of the course from the previous mark.

10.2 When on station at the finishing line, the committee boat will fly an orange and blue flags.

**11. TIME LIMITS**

11.1 The time limit on Sunday for all racing divisions will be 1400 hours.

11.2 A boat not finishing within its finish time will be scored as DNF.

**12. RETIREMENTS**

A boat that retires from the race or rally shall report this to Race Officer on VHF Channel 72 and by telephone (6773 2066) or as soon as practicable and shall obtain an acknowledgement.

**13. PROTEST, REDRESS, HEARINGS, MISCONDUCT AND APPEALS**

13.1 Protests or request for redress must be delivered to the Protest Box, at the bar of the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse on Sunday, within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the race of the day.

13.2 The list of protests or requests for redress received and the protest hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the ABC’s Middle Island clubhouse on Sunday, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will take place as soon as possible after racing at the ABC’s Middle Island clubhouse on Sunday.

- 13.3 A fee of HK \$300 will be charged with the submission of each protest or request for redress.
- 13.4 **The Rally & Race Committee would like to remind all participants, who wish to protest, that this is a fun relaxed event, with the emphasis on participation of boats and crews who do not normally race.**

#### **14. RESULTS & PRIZES**

- 14.1 Results will be according to HKPN corrected time for the racing divisions.
- 14.2 Division prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Rally & Race committee.
- 14.3 Class prizes may be awarded on the principle of first across the line for classic divisions such as Taipans, Cape Caribs, various Cheoy Lee builds, Flying Fifteens, Dragons, Sonatas, Ruffians and Impalas, provided that a minimum of 3 entries are received for the class.
- 14.4 “Concours d’élégance” prizes will be awarded by the Rally & Race committee for the best Classy, Classic, Vintage and Antique yacht as described in the NOR. No actual parade will take place. Boats will be judged by passing the ABC Committee boat prior to the start of the rally on Saturday and the first warning signal on Sunday; in addition to on the water during the event.
- 14.5 Other prizes may be awarded on Sunday for:
- 14.5.1 **The Oldest Yacht** (By launch or build date as indicated on original builder’s plate) and by declared average crew age for the 2 race days.
  - 14.5.2 **The Most Colourful Crew** (Judged on classic or themed attire worn during and after the Saturday rally and Sunday race).
  - 14.5.3 **The Best Bikini Display** (Must be worn or hung tastefully on board and ashore).
  - 14.5.4 **The Best Performing Classic Yacht** (Taking into account the year of construction, the general appearance, the original equipment and the results in both races).
  - 14.5.5 **Spirit of The Event** (Best seamanship aboard and “behaviour” ashore.)

#### **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1 It is the sole responsibility of each participant to decide, each day, whether to participate, whether to wear a PFD, whether to continue to sail, and how to respond to changing weather, sea, and tidal conditions.

- 15.2 Boats which are racing shall comply with the RRS 2017- 2020 Part 1. All Rally boats shall be in a seaworthy state suitable for an event of this nature.
- 15.3 All participating boats must have on board a compass and up-to-date detailed navigational charts.
- 15.4 All participating boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board. The Committee Boat may be called by each participating boat on VHF CH 72.

**16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Rally & Race Committee, Rally & 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.
- 16.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or race or to continue racing or participating 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 event entirely at their own risk both in the rally and racing divisions.
- 16.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Rally & Race Committee and ABC Marine & Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, PIPPS 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 Rally & Race Committee to comply.

**17. INSURANCE**

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

**Appendix "A" for Sunday Race**

**Course 1 (≈ 6.13 NM)**

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Finish	ROUND ISLAND

**Course 2 (≈ 9 NM)**

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD
Fury Rocks	STARBOARD
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Finish	ROUND ISLAND

**Course 3 (≈ 8 NM)**

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD
Castle Rock	PORT
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Finish	ROUND ISLAND

**Course 4 (≈ 14.6 NM)**

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Fury Rocks	PORT
Sung Kong	STARBOARD
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD
Poi Tois	PORT (PASSING)
Castle Rock	PORT
Chesterman Buoy	STARBOARD
Finish	ROUND ISLAND

**Course 5 (≈ 12.5 NM)**

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Castle Rock	STARBOARD
Poi Toi Island	PORT
Sun Kong Island	STARBOARD
Beaufort	STARBOARD
Chesterman Buoy	PORT
Finish	ROUND ISLAND