



Aberdeen Boat Club

50th Anniversary

Classic Yacht Rally & Race

Notice of Rally & Race

13th & 14th May 2017



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At the ABC, the advent of summer is heralded by the weekend of the Classic Yacht Race & Rally in May. This is a fun event incorporating a relaxed race within the Rally as a whole; which also provides an opportunity to showcase some of Hong Kong's most elegant classic yachts.

This two day event is by no means limited to Classic yachts as it is open to all boats. The highlight for many is the *Concourse d'Elegance* for the Classics, large and small. Then again many revel in the fancy dressed crew competition.

This year enthusiasts have been encouraging owners of Taipans to leave their moorings and form a Class to revive interest in this once very popular HK design. Let's hope we see them *en masse*.

Every year, a party is held after the rally on Saturday and this year the party will be at Hoby Beach Club Rendez-vous with the theme of "**Saturday Night Fever**". A barbeque prize giving will also be held at Middle Island on Sunday after the Rally & Race.

Given the party atmosphere we are very lucky to be enjoying support from Carlsberg to help lift spirits.

ABC would like to thank the return of Fragrant Harbour as the Supporting Sponsor for their generosity in supporting the event.

Something to look forward to and I hope to see both regulars and new faces afloat and ashore enjoying the weekend.

Chris Pooley
Commodore



Aberdeen Boat Club Classic Yacht Rally & Race

Notice of Rally & Race

The Rally & Race Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The event will consist of rally divisions (Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May) and Race divisions (Sunday 14th May only) for those boats who wish to take a more relaxed approach to participation in this event.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Race divisions for the event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2021.
- 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.
 - this Notice of Rally & Race (NoR & R) and the Classic Yacht Rally & Race SI's.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Classic Yachts in the Rally divisions of the event will follow the race fleet but **will not** be racing and **must not cross and keep clear of the start line for the race on Sunday 14th May 17.**
- 1.6 This NoR & R may be amended by the Classic Yacht Rally & Race SI's.

2. Advertising

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

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Boats may enter **either** a racing division or the rally division using the event entry form provided – **not both.**

3.2 Racing Divisions

3.2.1 To Yacht/Cruisers & Classic Yachts mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating for the racing division. Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.

3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed Entry form, including the Declaration of Skipper section to the Club before 1800 hrs on Monday 8th May 17.

3.4 The racing divisions are open to the following divisions and/or classes of boats:

3.4.1 Class or divisions of Class:

- **Division 1 A: Classic Racing Yachts** built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1050 or less.
- **Division 1 B: Classic Cruising Yachts** built more than 25 years ago with HKPN of 1051 or more.
- **Division 2 A: Non-Classic Racing Yachts** with HKPN of 980 or less.
- **Division 2 B: Non-Classic cruising Yachts** with HKPN of 981 or more.
- **Division 4: Modern Yachts with a classic design and a valid HKPN.**

3.5 Racing Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Rally & Race Committee on application, prior to the start of the event by 1800 hrs on Friday 12th May 17.

3.6 The final class/divisional splits for all Yachts/ Cruisers in the HKPN racing division will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by Friday 12th May 17. The J/80s will race in Division 4.

3.7 The Skippers of Co-owned or Club owned J80 must declare their name to the Organising Authority before the start of the first 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.

3.8 A class or division for the racing divisions will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag at all times.

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

3.10 Rally Divisions: Non racing boats and Motorboats

3.10.1 The Rally, party and prize giving upon booking is open to all non-racing boats following the race fleet but not actually racing.

3.10.2 **Rally Boats must keep clear of and not cross the start line.**

3.11 For the purpose of the “Concours D’ Elegance”:

3.11.1 Rally Divisions subject to entries, shall be constituted as follows:

- Classy Class – Design year less than 25 years old.
- Classic Class – design year 25-45 years old.
- Vintage Class – design year 46-65 years old.
- Antique Class – design year >65 years old.
- Classic Motor boat Division.

For the purpose of results and “Concours D’ Elegance”:

3.11.2 Design Class could be considered if there are more than three entries per type for:
Taipan, Cape Carib, Various Cheoy Lee, Flying Fifteen, Dragons, Sonata,
Ruffian and Impala.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all boats in both the Rally & Race divisions will be:

- Classic Sailing & Motor Boat - \$200 HKD.
- Non – classic sailing and motor boat - \$220 HKD
- All must submit an entry form and sign the Skipper’s Declaration form for the Rally & Race.

5. Schedule of Race

- 5.1 The schedule of the race divisions on Sunday 14th May will be outlined in the Classic Yacht Rally and Race SI’s.
- 5.2 The first warning signal for all racing classes or divisions of class will not be before 10:00 hrs on Sunday 14th May 17.
- 5.3 Rally boats will be placed in divisions for the purpose of prize allocations for “Classic Sail or Power Boat, Concours D ‘Elegance” etc.
- 5.3 The Classic Yacht Rally & Race Beach Party will be held at the Hobie Club Beach on Saturday 13th May 17 at 1900 hrs. The theme will be “Saturday Night Fever” with sailing quiz, best costume judging etc.

6. Measurements

Boats current HKPN ratings as listed on the HKSF website will be used for the event. Any recent changes to a boats equipment or sails must be submitted using a HKPN PIPS form to adjust their rating in the interests of fair racing.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The SI’s will be available from Friday 12th May 17.
- 7.2 The SI’s can be downloaded from the event webpage or collected from the Marine & Sailing Office at ABC main club.

8. Venue

The Rally and Race will take place inside Hong Kong waters and at ABC Middle Island.

9. Courses

As described in the Classic Yacht Rally & Race Sl's.

10. Penalty System & Protests – Racing Division only

10.1.1 For Monohull and Multihull RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Exoneration Penalty

10.2.1 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).

10.2.2 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.

10.2.3 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.

11. Scoring

11.1 One race will be required to constitute an event for the racing divisions.

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

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

12. Safety & Support Boats.

12.1 No anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow for boats racing in the Racing divisions.

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

13. 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 Space booking is required but not guaranteed.

14. Minimum Safety Requirement

14.1 Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 5 – Appendix J.

14.2 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>

15. Radio Communications

Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all boats in the event.

16. Prizes

16.1 The Classic Yacht Rally & Race trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class in the racing divisions, depending on the number of entries at the prize giving on Sunday 14th May at ABC Middle Island.

- 16.2 Prizes will also be awarded to boats in all of the Rally & Race divisions as follows:
- 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.
 - The most colourful crew (Judged on classic or themed attire worn during and after the Saturday Rally and Sunday Rally & Race).
 - The Best Bikini Display (Must be worn or hung tastefully on board and ashore).
 - The Best Performing Classic Yacht (Taking into account the year of construction, the general appearance, the original equipment and the results in both races).
 - Spirit of The Event (Best seamanship aboard and "behaviour" ashore).

16.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Rally & Race Committee.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 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.

17.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or race or to continue rallying or 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.**

17.3 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 & R. 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.

18. Insurance

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

18.2 Boats which race in the racing divisions on Sunday 14th May for the event must have sufficient race insurance and provide prove of documentation.

19. Further Information

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

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:

- 13th May Indian Curry Buffet Dinner: \$180 TBC per person - Theme "Saturday Night Fever".
- 13th May Breakfast: \$50 per person.

- 14th May BBQ & Prize giving: \$160 per person.
 - Beverages – BYOB, supplemented by a limited bar supply from the committee boat.
- Please ensure you state your crew numbers who are attending on the entry form.**

19.4 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.

20. Further Information

20.1 Event website: http://www.abclubhk.com/Classic_Yacht_Rally_2017.aspx

20.2 For event enquiries:

Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager

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20.3 Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:

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