



ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB
CLASSIC YACHT RALLY 2018

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May

Rally Instructions



RALLY INSTRUCTIONS

The Rally Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. There will be a rally on Saturday, followed by a raft up and beach BBQ Party & informal prize giving on the Saturday evening. Boats who wish to stayover overnight will make their own way home on Sunday. All boats, both power & sail, are very welcome. The purpose of this event is participation and getting crews out of the water, in a fun relaxed atmosphere. Boats must bring their own food and drinks, which will be supplemented by the club providing BBQ equipment, beer & soft drinks.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Rally divisions for the event will be governed by the following:
- The Hong Sailing Federation (HKSF) Prescriptions where applicable;
 - The World Sailing 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);
 - these Classic Yacht Rally Instructions (CYR SI's).

- 1.2 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Notices to Rally Participants will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club and on the Club's website (www.abclubhk.com).
- 2.2 Any change to the (CYR SI) will be posted not later than 1800 hrs on the day before the start of rally.
- 2.3 Any Notices to Mariners which are applicable to sailing boats will be considered to be part of these Cruising Instructions.

3. ELIGABILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry may be made by submitting a completed Entry form, including the Declaration of Skipper section to the Club before 1800 hrs on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.
- 3.2 The entry fee for all boats will be \$250 HKD.
- 3.3 The event is open to both power and sail boats as outlined in clause 5.

4. SCHEDULE OF RALLY

4.1 The rally start time on Saturday 5th May will be 1130 hrs, in Tai Tam Bay.

4.2 Make your own way home on Sunday 6th May.

5. RALLY DIVISIONS

5.1 The following yachts and powerboats are very welcome:

- ***Classic Racing Yachts built more than 25 years ago: Flag E.***
- ***Classic Cruising Yachts built the last 25 years ago: Flag F.***
- ***Non-Classic Racing Yachts – any yacht or multi – hull which wants to join: Flag G.***
- ***Classic Motor Boats – Flag T.***

5.2 The Rally Divisions listed above are indicative and may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Rally Organisers in the interest of fair rallying!

6. RALLY & CRUISING AREA

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

7. COURSES

The rally course to be sailed on Saturday 5th May is described in Appendix A – Course.

8. START

The start of the rally will be made by a single horn at 1130 hrs on Saturday 5th May.

9. STARTING TIMES

Saturday 5th May - The Rally to Shek Tsai Wan Beach, High Island in Rocky Harbour:

All boats in the event gather in the vicinity of Tai Tam Bay at 1130 hrs. A single horn from the ABC Committee boat will signal the start of the rally. Boats will rally in company to Shek Tsai Wan Beach, High Island, Rocky Harbour.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The Rally finishing boat will be in vicinity of Shek Tsai Wan Bay, High Island, Rocky Harbour on Saturday afternoon.

10.2 When on station at the rally finishing position, the committee boat will fly a blue flag.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit on Saturday for all rally divisions will be 1700 hrs.

12. RETIREMENTS

12.1 A boat that retires from the 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.

12.2 The Rally Organisers would like to remind all participants who wish to join, that this is a fun relaxed event, with the emphasis on participation of boats and crews who do not normally rally.

13. RALLY PRIZES

13.1 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 and powerboats.

13.2 “Concours d’élégance” prizes will be awarded by the Rally Organisers for the best Classy, Classic, Vintage and Antique yacht. 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; in addition to on the water during the event.

13.3 Other prizes may be awarded on Saturday evening for:

- **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 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 “behavior” ashore.)
- **Other Prizes** – at the discretion of the Rally Organisers.

14. SAFETY

14.1 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.

- 14.2 All Rally boats shall be in a seaworthy state suitable for an event of this nature.
- 14.3 All participating boats must have on board a compass and up-to-date detailed navigational charts.
- 14.4 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.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Rally Organisers, Rally 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.
- 15.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or to continue 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..." Crews participate in the event entirely at their own risk both in the rally divisions.
- 15.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Rally Organisers and ABC Marine & Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, within the deadline dates quoted throughout these rally instructions. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the Rally Organisers to comply.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. Additional Information

- 17.1 **Boats must bring their own food and drinks**, which will be supplemented by the club providing BBQ equipment, beer & soft drinks.
- 17.2 A club sampan between the beach and anchored boats will be provided.

Appendix A – Course

Saturday 5th May - Course (Approximately: 14.5 NM)

Start	TAI TAM BAY
Beaufort Island	STARBOARD PASSING
TCS 2	STARBOARD
Steep Island	PORT
Bluff Island	STARBOARD
Finish	SHEK TSAI WAN BEACH, HIGH ISLAND, ROCKY HARBOUR

Sunday 6th May

NO COURSE. MAKE YOUR OWN WAY HOME