



# Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2013

## Sailing Instructions

for  
IRC Cruising Classes, HKPN Cruiser Classes, Multihulls with accommodation,  
Sports boats, J/80s and Flying Fifteens

### Saturday 7 September and Sunday 8 September

The Regatta Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The Regatta Office will be at the Aberdeen Boat Club.

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The following will apply
  - For cruisers with accommodation, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5 plus VHF radio, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee (except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes).
  - The 2013 IRC Rules parts A, B and C.
  - The HKPN Handicap System, as administered by the HKSF.
  - The rules of the SMS system for the sportsboat class.
  - Class Rules apply, where applicable.
  - The Notice of Race (unless amended by the Sailing Instructions).
  - These Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Hong Kong Sailing Federation prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 HKPN PIPS shall apply to HKPN divisions.
- 1.5 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.6 Racing Rules will be changed as indicated.

SI 1.5	RRS 63.7
SI 9.7	RRS A4 and 63.1
SI 10.2	RRS 28.1
SI 12.1	RRS 44.1
SI 12.2	RRS 44.3(c)
SI 13.3	RRS 35 A4 and A5
SI 13.4	RRS 35
SI 14.3	RRS 61.3 and 62.2
SI 14.6	RRS 66
SI 14.7	RRS 60.1 (a)
SI 16.5	RRS 55

## **2. Notices to Competitors and Communications**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Yachting notice board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located outside the doorway outside Coffee Shop.
- 2.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors may also be displayed on the Regatta website.
- 2.3 The Race Committee will use VHF Ch.72 for giving course instructions, and will endeavour to do so for all communications with competitors on the water as an aide to provide information. This service is not guaranteed.
- 2.4 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

## **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 A change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Yachting notice board and race website before 1700 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Late changes may be made on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the warning signal. Code flag L will be displayed on the committee boat.

## **4. Schedule of Races**

- 4.1 The Race Schedule for IRC Cruisers, HKPN Cruisers, Multihulls with accommodation, Sports boats,J/80s and Flying Fifteensis as follows:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Race Number</b>	<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
Saturday	Race 1 & 2	Windward/Leeward	<b>1155</b>
Sunday	Race 3	Island Course	<b>0955</b>

- 4.2 After a long postponement to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least 4 minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.
- 4.3 Warning signals will not be given after 1630 hours on any race day.

## **5. Class Flags**

- 5.1 The following flags will serve as Class Flags

Flag O	Cruisers IRC Class 0
Flag U	Cruisers IRC Class 1
Flag D	Cruisers IRC Class 2
Flag E	Cruisers IRC Class 3
Flag F	Cruisers HKPN Class A
Flag G	Cruisers HKPN Class B
Flag J	J/80s and Sports Boats
Flag K	Flying Fifteens
Flag V	Multihulls with accommodation

- 5.2 While racing, a boat shall display the flag assigned to her class on her backstay. This does not apply to multihulls, Sports Boats and Flying Fifteens.

## **6. Racing Area**

The Racing Area will be in Hong Kong Waters

## **7. Courses**

- 7.1 Courses to be sailed are listed in Appendix A, which shows the course diagrams, the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by a flag showing the course number in conjunction with the Class Flag.
- 7.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the windward mark.
- 7.4 When possible the Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Ch. 72 the lat/long coordinates of the windward mark.
- 7.5 If Flag "W" is displayed with the course number (flag), the first mark of the course will be an orange mark to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port, if a red flag is displayed below Flag 'W', and to Starboard if a green flag is displayed. The second mark of the course will be the first mark in the course description. If a "W" flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course description in Appendix A. This section does not apply to Windward/Leeward Courses; those courses will be sailed as described in Appendix A.

## **8. Marks**

- 8.1 The marks of the courses will be inflatable buoys and islands as described in Appendix A.
- 8.2 A new mark, as provided for in SI 10, will be a white round or cylindrical buoy.
- 8.3 The port end Starting Mark will be a staff displaying an orange flag on a small ODM Committee Boat or an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 8.4 The Finishing Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

## **9. Start**

- 9.1 On Saturday, all Classes will start in the area South East of Lamma Island between Lamma Island and Po Toi in the vicinity of N 22° 9.5' E 114° 9.0'. On Sunday, all classes will start in the general area between and south of Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) and Round Islands in the vicinity of N 22° 12.6' E 114° 11.3'.
- 9.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal 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 the ODM and the IDM when approaching the line to start or starting.
- 9.3 For the first race each day the Race Committee intends to start classes in the following order, however classes might be started together depending on the entries received.
  - Cruisers IRC Class 0
  - Cruisers IRC Class 1
  - Cruisers IRC Class 2
  - Cruisers IRC Class 3
  - Cruisers HKPN Class A
  - Cruisers HKPN Class B
  - Sports Boats & J/80s
  - Flying Fifteens
  - Multihulls with accommodationFor subsequent starts, classes may be started in any order. Information will be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.4 In addition to RRS 29.1 individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72. Individual recall details such as sail numbers and/or yacht names may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It remains the individual responsibility of boats to start correctly.

- 9.5 In addition to RRS 29.2 general recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and 63.1.
- 9.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

## **10. Change of Course after the Start**

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to Port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 10.3 Boats may without penalty request details or confirmation of a course change from the Race Committee Signal Boat on VHF Ch. 72.

## **11. The Finish**

The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finishing Boat at the Starboard end and the Port-end Finishing mark.

## **12. Penalty System**

- 12.1 For all Multihull Classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Exoneration Penalty
  - 12.2.1 A boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 or 42 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 three places if that does not result in a score worst than DNF. This changes RRS 44.3(c). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under Rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P.
  - 12.2.2 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. In the latter circumstances her penalty is to retire.
  - 12.2.3 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.

## **13. Time Limits**

- 13.1 The time limit for Windward/Leeward races is 2.5 hours.
- 13.2 The time limit for the Island Race is 1700.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within these time limits will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.4 If 20% or less of a class finishes within the time limit, then the race committee may, for all boats in that class, use positions or times taken at a mark before the finish. This changes RRS 35.

#### **14. *Protests and Requests for Redress***

- 14.1 A boat that wishes to protest or seek redress shall advise the Race Committee by hailing or on VHF Ch. 72, or by telephone to the Race Office (Tel: 9312 8893) no later than 30 minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 14.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate Time Limit. Protest Forms are available at the Race Office.
- 14.3 For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the last race scheduled for the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the ABC Protest Room at Middle Island, beginning as soon as possible.
- 14.5 Sail Measurement Protests will only be accepted up to the end of the protest time limit for Race 1.
- 14.6 On the last day of the Regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 14.7 Breaches of instructions 6.2, 10.7, 17.4 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

#### **15. *Scoring***

- 15.1 All races will count equally and there will be no discards.
- 15.2 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the nearest whole number.

#### **16. *Safety Regulations and Scrutineering***

- 16.1 Each skipper or his representative shall register for the Regatta in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 16.2 All boats shall be liable for inspection before and during the Regatta, at which time the owner shall ensure that a responsible member of the crew is present to assist in identifying all safety equipment.
- 16.3 Any boat failing to submit to inspection or which fails to comply, will be liable to disqualification from the Regatta, or to such other penalty, as the protest committee, at its discretion may prescribe.
- 16.4 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 16.5 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted".

#### **17. *Advertising***

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **18. *Prizes***

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded each day of the Regatta at 1830 at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

**19. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 19.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, Regatta volunteers, the Aberdeen Boat Club and its officers, members and employees, Regatta sponsors and their representatives, officers, and members, accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Regatta.
- 19.2 The term "Skipper" shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the Entry Form as the "Skipper". The Skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the Regatta and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew before, during and after each race, and for compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

**20. Insurance**

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

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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## Appendix A

### Course Diagrams and Descriptions

#### Windward/Leeward Courses

After starting and before finishing all marks will be rounded to Port in the following order:

<b>Course One</b>	Start, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish
<b>Course Two</b>	Start, 1, 3, 1, Finish
<b>Course Three</b>	Start, 1A, 3A, 1A, 3A, 1A, Finish
<b>Course Four</b>	Start, 1A, 3A, 1A, Finish

Mark 1 will be a large round black buoy

Mark 1A will be a large round yellow buoy

Mark 3 will be a large round black buoy

Mark 3A will be a large round yellow buoy

The Starting Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy

The Finishing Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy

The IDM, if laid, will be a small round buoy

The Change Mark will be a white round buoy for Mark 1

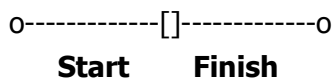
The Change Mark will be a white cylindrical buoy for Mark 1A

○ Mark 1

○ Mark 1A

○ Mark 3A

○ Mark 3



## Island Courses

The Start will be in the vicinity of N 22° 12.6′ E 114° 11.3′

The Finish will be in the vicinity of N 22° 12.6′ E 114° 11.3′

If Flag “W” is displayed with the course number flag, the first mark of the course will be an Orange mark to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port, if a red flag is displayed below Flag ‘W’, and to Starboard if a green flag is displayed. The second mark of the course will be the first mark in the course description. If a “W” flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course description below.

Tai Tam Club Mark (Course 8 and 10) shall be a black round buoy with ABC identification letters located to the North of Castle Rock in the vicinity of Tai Tam Bay at N 22° 11.8′ E 114° 14.1′.

No.	Course
1	Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Waglan Island (Port); One Foot Rock Buoy (Port); TCS2 (Port); Fury Rocks (Starboard); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (27.9 miles)
2	Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Waglan Island (Port); TCS2 (Port); Fury Rocks (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (20 miles)
3	Start; Fury Rocks (Port); Shek O Rock (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (16.2 miles)
4	Start; Waglan Island (Starboard); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard), Finish (15.6 miles)
5	Start; Castle Rock (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Shek O Rock (Port); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (14.8 miles)
6	Start; Beaufort Island (Port); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Finish (13 miles)
7	Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Finish (13 miles)
8	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Castle Rock (Port); Tai Tam Club Mark (Port); Finish (8.5 miles)
9	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Castle Rock (Port); Finish (7.2 miles)
10	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Tai Tam Club Buoy (Port); Finish (6.9 miles)
11	Start; Chesterman (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Starboard); Datum Rock (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); Chesterman (Port); Finish (27.2 miles)
12	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Port); Lamma Island (Port); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (25 miles)
13	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); P 1 Buoy (Port); Chesterman Buoy (Port); Finish (14.3 miles)