



ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB

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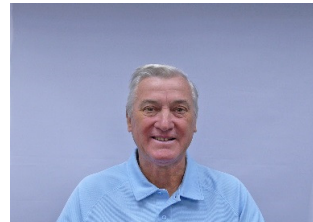
With the completion of the Summer Series and the end of the season it's time to look forward to the start of the next with ABC's traditional Opening Regatta weekend.

This has always proved a very popular event timed to coincide with the return of the majority from their holidays; not least last year with a large turnout of 51 Cruisers; 83 dinghies and 27 29'er/multi hulls racing in 3 separate areas.

None of this would happen without the hard work and dedication of ABC staff and the support of our sponsors: lead by Sunseeker loyal supporters for the 12th year, recorded on film as usual by Fragrant Harbour, refreshed on completion by vintners Ponti and by cool flowing beer from Carlsberg with dinghies supported on the water by Nacra racing's speed boats.

I am delighted to issue a welcome and invitation to all our regulars, to sailors throughout Hong Kong and novices to find berths as crew and discover what brings so many out on the water each year.

Wishing all participants fun, excitement on sparkling seas with favourable winds and a safe return to a convivial celebration on Middle Island.



Chris Pooley
Rear Commodore of Sailing & Marine
Aberdeen Boat Club





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The Regatta Organising authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club
under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, except single handed cruiser entries are not acceptable;
 - the HKPN Handicap System, (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme);
 - the rules of the SMS system for the Sports boat class;
 - the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Handicap System in relation to dinghies;
 - 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); Class Association rules of competing classes;
 - the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2015 Notice of Race (NoR).

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

- 1.3 IRC Rule 21.6.1 will apply. This amends the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2015 Notice of Race: Clause 1.4.
- 1.4 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.
- 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 64.1.





1.6 Any Notice to Mariners that may have an impact on racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and shall be deemed part of these SIs. RRS 48.2 shall not apply.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Cruisers Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located in the passage outside the Coffee Shop.

2.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors may also be displayed on the Regatta website: http://www.abclubhk.com/opening_regatta_2015.aspx

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Cruisers Notice Board and regatta website before 1800 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, in this event Code flag L will be displayed on the committee boat.

4. Schedule of Races

4.1 Racing will be scheduled to start on Saturday 12th September with the warning signal for the first class or division of class at 1055 hrs. On Sunday 13th September the warning signal for the first class or division of class will be at 1025 hrs.

4.2 Classes might be started together depending on the entries received. For subsequent starts, classes may be started in any order.

4.3 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.

4.4 On Sunday, all classes will start in the general area between and south of Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) and Round Island in the vicinity of N 22° 12.6' E 114° 11.3'.

5. Class Flags and Divisional Splits

5.1 The following flags will serve as divisional Flags:

IP	DIVISIONS	SPLIT/SYSTEM
Flag O	Cruisers IRC Class 1	IRC of 1.151 and above
Flag T	Cruisers IRC Class 2	IRC of 1.040 to 1.150
Flag D	Cruisers IRC Class 3	IRC of 1.039 and below
Flag J	J/80s, J 70s and Sports Boats	respectively OD level rating and SMS
Flag F	Cruisers HKPN Class A	HKPN of 999 and below
Flag G	Cruisers HKPN Class B	HKPN of 1000 and above
Flag V	Multihulls with accommodation	HKPN

Any class boat entered with less than three boats in its respective class will race under their listed current HKPN rating as issued by the HKPN Rating Committee.

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. Race Area

The Racing Area will be in Hong Kong Waters and outlined in Appendix A to these SI's.

7. The Courses

7.1 All courses to be sailed are listed in Appendix A – Windward/leeward and Island Courses.

7.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled 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 For Island Courses only:

7.4.1: 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.

7.4.2: If a "W" flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed and described in the course description in Appendix A.

7.4.3: The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Ch.72 the G.P.S Lat/Long coordinates of the windward mark, if laid.

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 black spherical buoy with a white contrasting band or a yellow cylindrical buoy with a white cover depending on the Class or division.

8.3 The port end Starting Mark will be a staff displaying an orange flag on a small ODM Committee Boat or a yellow cylindrical buoy.

8.4 The Finishing Mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.





- 9.2 To warn boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before the first warning signal.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between the 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 not pass between the Signal Boat and the IDM.
- 9.4 For the first race each day the Race Committee intends to start classes in the order as signaled on the Committee Boat.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 In addition to RRS 29.2 general recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 9.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes
- 10. Change of the Next leg of the Course.**
- 10.1 Marks will be changed according to RRS 33.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Boats may without penalty request details or confirmation of a course change from the Race Committee Signal Boat on VHF Ch. 72.
- 10.4 For Course One and Two, the new mark will be a **black spherical buoy with a white contrasting band for Mark 1.**
- 10.5 For Course Three and Four, the new mark will be a **yellow cylindrical buoy with a white cover for Mark 1 A.**
- 11. The Finish**
The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end yellow finishing mark.
- 12. Penalty System**
For all Multihull Classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.





13. Exoneration Penalty

- 13.1 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).
- 13.2 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.

When an exoneration penalty is accepted;

13.2.1 Neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

13.2.2 The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that the exoneration penalty was appropriate to the facts found and the appropriate rules.

14. Time Limits

- 14.1 The time limit for each Windward/Leeward race is 2.5 hours.
- 14.2 The time limit for the Island Race is 1700 hrs.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within these time limits will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 The Race Officer may shorten the course as he sees fit in accordance to RSS 32, in order to give all boats a finish.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 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 Officer (Tel: 9312 8893) no later than 30 minutes after the last boat of the specific division finishes each race.
- 15.2 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 and in the Middle Island Protest tent.
- 15.3 For each class the protest time limit is 90 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.
- 15.4 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 held in the ABC protest tent at Middle Island, as soon as possible.





- 15.5 On the last day of the Regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
- 15.5.1 Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- 15.5.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16. Scoring

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

17. Safety Regulations and Scrutinising

- 17.1 Each skipper or his representative shall register for the Regatta in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.

18. Radio Communications

The Race Committee may broadcast information to the fleet on VHF Channel 72 at the start and finish of the race. Boats are strongly advised to monitor VHF Channel 72 with a loudspeaker or handheld VHF on deck. A boat may, without infringing RRS 41 (outside help) request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

19. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on Sunday 13th September at approximately 1830 hrs, subject to any outstanding Protests, at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, 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 Regatta. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.





20.2 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC 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 these SI's.

21. Insurance

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

Additional Information

Race Officer	Jerry Rollin	9312 - 8893
Marine Services Manager	Alex Johnston	6773 - 2066
ABC Sailing Office	Jennifer Li	2552 - 8182 Ext: 834

Cruiser Trophies

IRC Class 0	Tau Chau Cup
IRC Class 1	Crystal Trophy
IRC Class 2	Lamma Channel Cup
IRC Class 3	Sung Kong Cup
HKPN Class A	Pacific Cup
HKPN Class B	Adamasta Channel Cup
J 80's	Hong Kong Clipper Cup





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 APPENDIX A**

COURSE DIAGRAMS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES

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

COURSE ONE	Start,	1,	3,	1,	3,	1,	Finish
COURSE TWO	Start,	1,	3,	1,	Finish		
COURSE THREE	Start,	1A,	3A,	1A,	3A,	1A,	Finish
COURSE FOUR	Start,	1A,	3A,	1A,	Finish		

- The Starting Outer Distance Mark (ODM) will be a yellow cylindrical buoy
- Mark 1 will be a large spherical black buoy
- Mark 1A will be a large cylindrical yellow buoy
- Mark 3 will be a large cylindrical yellow buoy
- Mark 3A will be a large black spherical buoy
- The Finishing Outer Distance Mark will be an yellow cylindrical buoy
- The Course Change Mark will be a black spherical buoy with a white contrasting band for Mark 1
- The Course Change Mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy with a white cover for Mark 1A



Mark 1



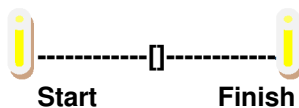
Mark 1A



Mark 3A



Mark 3





DESCRIPTIONS FOR 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); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (17.2 miles)
4	Start; Waglan Island (Starboard); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard), Finish (17 miles)
5	Start; Castle Rock (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Shek O Rock (Port); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Buoy (Starboard); Finish (16.6 miles)
6	Start; Beaufort Island (Port); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (14 miles)
7	Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (13.4 miles)
8	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Castle Rock (Port); Tai Tam Club Mark (Port); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (11.8 miles)
9	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (7.2 miles)
10	Start; Chesterman Buoy (Port); Tai Tam Club Buoy (Port); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman (Starboard); Finish (10 miles)
11	Start; ABC Mark, off Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Starboard); Datum Rock (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); ABC Lamma Mark (Port); Finish (23.4 miles)
12	Start; ABC Mark, off Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Port); Lamma Island (Port); ABC Lamma Mark (Port); Finish (17 miles)
13	Start; ABC Mark, off Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Offshore Wind Platform – approx. N 22° 9′ 12.00, 114° 06′ 5.03 (Port rounding); Lamma Island (Port); ABC Mark (Port) Finish (11.3 miles)