



Aberdeen Boat Club

2015 Sunseeker Opening Regatta

Sailing Instructions

for

Dinghies

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September 2015

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* (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation, relevant Class Rules, the Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) Sunseeker Opening Regatta Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, succeeding items of which take priority.
- 1.2 Non class-legal sails may be used provided they are of the correct dimensions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. This will be marked by an IC Flag "L" at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse in daytime hours.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 The programme is as follows:

• Saturday 12 September	Competitors Briefing:	9.30
	Racing, first possible warning signal:	10.55
• Sunday 13 September,	Competitors Briefing:	9.30
	Racing, first possible warning signal:	10.55
	Latest possible start:	16.00

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will be:

Open Division A FAST	“E” flag	
Open Division B SLOW	“V” flag	
Laser Radial	“T” flag	
Optimists:	“Q” flag	

7. Racing Areas

The racing area will be selected from around Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hum Kok Bay or Stanley Bay. Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas and this will be notified to competitors by the race committee hoisting signals ashore using the appropriate flag not less than 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the day.

Area G (Green Flag)	Area Outside Middle Island / Repulse Bay
Area Y (Yellow flag)	Chung Hom Kok
Area R (Red Flag)	Stanley Bay

8. The Courses

- 8.1 The List of Courses from which the courses will be selected on the day is set out in the Appendix B, which forms part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The course selected to be sailed will be signalled, no later than the warning signal, by the committee boat displaying the appropriate course number, by means of a flag or board.

9. Marks

Race marks are detailed in the Course diagram, attachment B. The compass bearing from the start line to the first mark may be displayed on a black or white board on the race committee boat

10. The Start

- 10.1 The start line will be between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM).
- 10.2 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid at the starting line and, if laid, boats shall start by passing between the IDM and ODM in the direction of the first mark of the course.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her designated starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the port end and the nearby finishing mark as an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the starboard end.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course and finish shall be 60 minutes.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) unless the Race Office finishes them on the water as set out in paragraph 12.3 below. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.
- 12.3 Boats still racing when their time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

13. Arbitration

- 13.1 Arbitration will be offered in line with procedures laid out in the RRS 2013 – 2016 HKSF Appendix 3
- 13.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in Rule 44.3 (c) during an arbitration hearing

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest and request for redress shall be delivered to the Race Officer or placed inside the protest box at the ABC Middle Island within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the day's racing.
- 14.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Middle Island as soon as possible.
- 14.3 The list of protests or requests for redress received and Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board, within 15 minutes of the end of Protest Time. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 A maximum of 6 races will be sailed in the regatta, 1 race will constitute a series. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.
- 15.2 Results in Open Divisions A and B will be calculated on corrected time using RYA PY handicaps, and results in level rating divisions Laser Radial and Optimists, will be based on finishing time over the finish line.
- 15.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 15.4 Rule A2 is changed as follows:
When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races or more have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Registration & Safety

- 16.1 Competitors shall sign in / sign out on the registration sheets at ABC Middle Island Race Office. Failure to sign in or back out after the race may result in penalty or disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes rules A4 & A5.
- 16.2 A boat which wishes to retire from the race must advise the race officer or regatta safety boats. Boats must not return to shore without doing so.
- 16.3 Personal floatation devices (PFD's) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times while on the water during the regatta.
- 16.4 Competitors are reminded of RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

17. Support Boats

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay clear outside areas where the dinghies are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 17.2 If the Race Committee hoists IC Flag K all support boats shall observe a listening watch on designated VHF safety channel and may enter the race area to assist with safety support for any competitor. If assistance is provided those competitors shall retire from that race. Coaches are requested to record those boats they provide assistance to and report it to the Race Committee via VHF or verbally by approaching the committee boat at an appropriate time. This changes RRS Race Signals, "other signals".

18. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on Sunday of the Regatta after racing at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and 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..."

20. Insurance

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

21. Entries, Further Information & enquiries

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd, 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

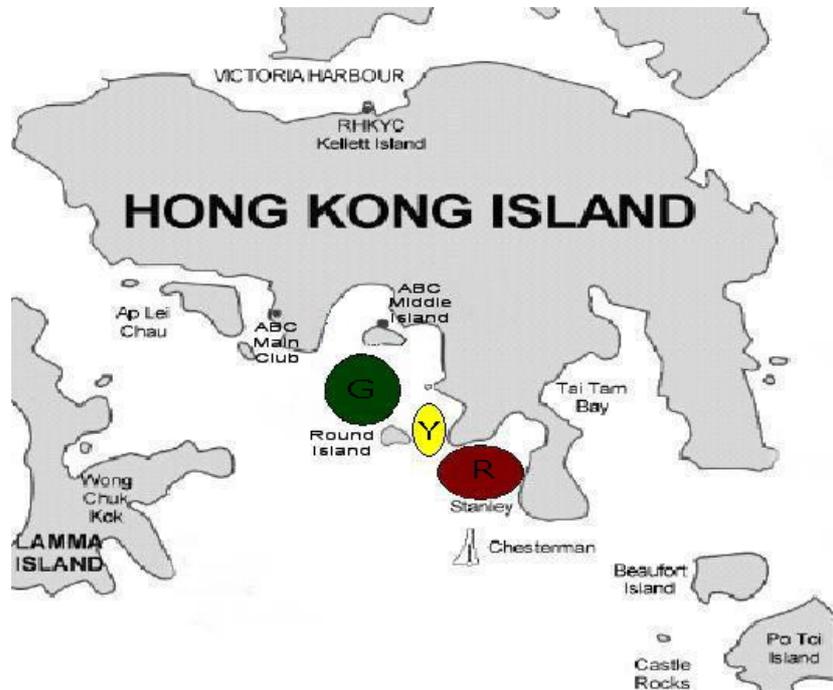
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Attachment A

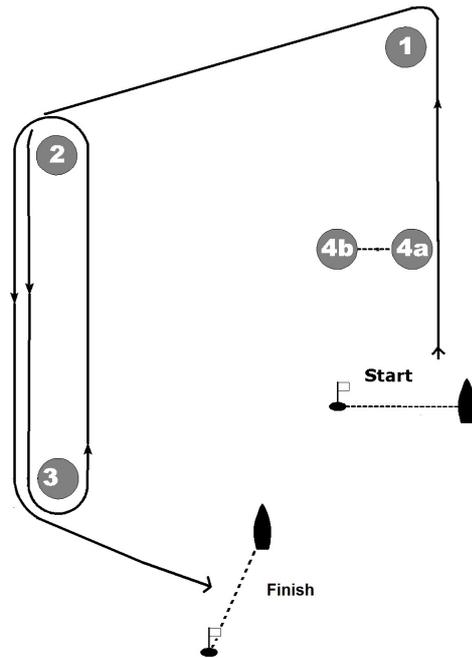
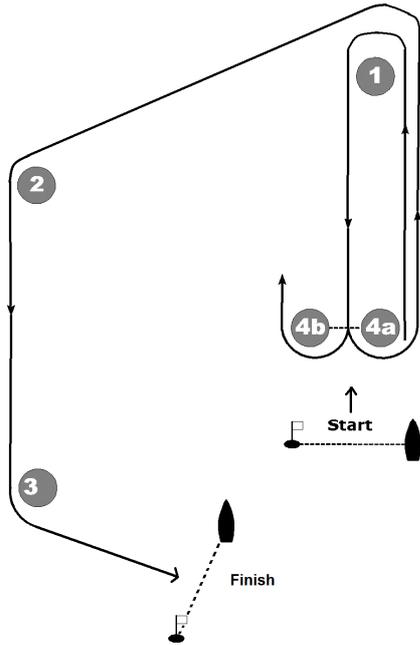
Sailing Areas





Attachment B

Courses



Marks 1, 2, 3, 4a & 4b will be orange spherical buoys
 The start / finish ODMs will be Orange Cylindrical Buoys

	<p>Course O1: "Circuit" Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>
<p>Course I2: "Inner Loop" Start, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>	<p>Course O2: "Outer Loop" Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish</p>
<p>Course I3: "Double Inner Loop" Start, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>	<p>Course O3: "Double Outer Loop" Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish</p>

