



Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2015

Notice of Race

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September

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 Sportsboat 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;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2015 Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 IRC rule 21.6.1 (number of spinnakers onboard) is changed by the national authority's prescription to RRS rule 88.
- 1.5 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the regatta is run on consecutive days. Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 This NoR may be amended by the 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 The regatta is open to the following classes and boats:

3.1.1 Class or division of Class

- Cruiser IRC Class – Rating split TBA.
 - Cruiser HKPN Class – Rating split TBA.
 - Multihulls with accommodation.
 - Sportsboats.
 - Day Keelboats.
 - Formula 18's.
 - Other multihulls.
 - 29ers.
 - Dinghies Class A
 - Dinghies Class B
 - Optimists
 - Access 303(w), Access 2.3 and 2.4 m.
- 3.2 Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Race Committee on application, prior to the start of the event by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 9th September.
- 3.3 Divisional splits will be re-allocated by the Race Committee in the SI's subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing.
- 3.4 A boat will be entered in one class only. The Cruiser IRC and HKPN Classes will be divided into suitable rating bands depending on the number of entries received.
- 3.5 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes except two for access dinghies.
- 3.6 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the series.
- 3.7 Eligible boats are cruisers which have valid HKPN ratings or IRC Certificates and other seaworthy boats at the discretion of the Race Committee, including multihulls with or without accommodation, and dinghies with handicaps issued by HKSF or RYA.
- 3.8 Boats without IRC, HKPN or PY ratings may be accepted by and have HKPN/PY ratings allocated for the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.
- 3.9 Entry may be made by submitting a completed Entry form and Declaration of Skipper form to the Club before 1700 hrs on Wednesday 9th September. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$750 HKD.

- 3.10 Class Lists will be published on the event website no later than 1700 hrs on Thursday 10th September and will be distributed at the Skipper's Briefing.
- 3.11 Dinghies: Entry forms without full sail numbers will not be accepted. Entrants will not be allowed to change sail numbers within 48 hours of the start of the event except under special circumstances agreed with the Organising Authority.

4. Entry Fees

4.1 The entry fees will be as follows:

- Cruisers, multihulls (with accommodation) & Sportsboats: \$500
- J80s & Flying Fifteens: \$450
- Multihulls (without accommodation) & 29ers: \$350
- Dinghies: double-handed: \$250
- Dinghies: single-handed: \$200

5. Schedule and Course Locations

5.1 Friday:

- The Skipper's Briefing, registration and registration party will be held at ABC main club at 1900 hrs on Friday 11 September. This will be the last opportunity for boats to submit their required paperwork.

5.2 Saturday:

- Cruisers, Multi-hulls (with accommodation), Sportsboats, Flying Fifteens and J/80s: Two windward / leeward races in the area to the southeast of Lamma Island, between Lamma and Po Toi Island. The first warning signal will be at **1155 hrs.**
- Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers: no more than five races in the area to the west of Po Toi Island. The first warning signal will be at **1155 hrs.**
- Dinghies: Up to three races in the areas around Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay. The actual location at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. The first warning signal will be at **1155 hrs.**
- All races on the Saturday shall be geometric courses.

5.3 Sunday:

- Cruisers, Multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and Sportsboats: Start in the general area between and south of Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) and Round Islands for all classes: There will be one race over an island course, with the first warning signal at **1025 hrs.**
- Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers: No more than five races in the areas around west of Po Toi Island. The first warning signal will be at **1055 hrs.**
- Dinghies: Up to three races in the areas around Middle Island, Repulse bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay. Actual location will be at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. The first warning will be at **1115 hrs.**

6. Measurements

- 6.1 IRC boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday on 11th September unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.
- 6.2 No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.3 HKPN boats shall submit a completed HKPN PIPS declaration form to the Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday 11th September.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available for downloading from the event website no later than Friday 4th September at 1800 hrs.

8. Venue

The ABC main and Middle Island club houses will be used. Racing will take place to the South and East of Hong Kong Island.

9. Registration

Registration will be completed by sending the signed Declaration Form (with IRC certificate and HKPN PIPS form, if appropriate) to the ABC Sailing Office before 1700 hrs on Friday 11th September. Class Flags and bow stickers (if required) will be handed out at the Skipper's Briefing.

10. Penalty System & Protests

10.1 For Multihull and Dinghy Classes rule 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 There will be no dual scoring on IRC or HKPN results, only class results.

11.2 Cruisers, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and Sportsboats: Scoring all races will count equally, with no discards.

11.3 Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers & Dinghies: There will be 1 discard for 6 completed races.

12. Safety & Support Boats.

12.1 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow.

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

13. Minimum Safety Requirement

13.1 Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 5 – Appendix J plus VHF Radio & the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

- 13.2 No dinghy or multihull without accommodation will be ranked as a starter unless all persons on board are wearing personal buoyancy, throughout the race.

14. Radio Communications

- 14.1 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to cruisers, Sportsboats, J80s, Flying Fifteens and Multihulls with accommodation only.
- 14.2 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.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 The Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2015 Trophies will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries.
- 15.2 A Line Honours Trophy will be awarded to the first boat in each class to finish the Island Course on Sunday 13 September, with the exclusion of Formula 18s, other multihulls and dinghies.
- 15.3 Cruisers, Multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and Sportsboats: First Place prizes will be awarded in each class for each race, depending on the number of entries.

16. Prize Giving

Prizes will be awarded at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse on the Sunday after racing, subject to any outstanding protest hearings.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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 this NoR.

18. Insurance

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

19. Food and Beverage Arrangement

- 19.1 A Breakfast buffet on both days will be available at the main clubhouse from 0800 hrs. For the dinghy racers there will be sandwiches, fruits and water available for a modest price on both days from Middle Island starting at 0830 hrs.
- 19.2 On Sunday evening there will be a prize giving buffet including beer, held during the prize-giving party at the main clubhouse **Prior booking required through a separate F + B booking form which will be published shortly.**

20. Further Information

20.1 Event website: http://www.abclubhk.com/opening_regatta_2015.aspx

20.2 For Cruiser & Mooring enquiries:

Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager
Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com (Cruisers & Keelboats)
Tel: +852 2518 9523
Fax No: 2873 – 2945

20.3 For Dinghies enquires;

Kevin Lewis – Dinghy Manager
Email: dinghysailing@abclubhk.com (Dinghies and Beach Multihulls)
Tel: +852 2552 8182 Ext: 833.
Fax No: 2873 - 2945

20.4 Entries to be submitted to:

Angela Ho – Sailing Secretary
Email: sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com (Multihulls & Dinghies)
Tel: +852 2515 9536 – Ext: 836
Fax No: 2873 2945

20.5 General Club Information:

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