

Aberdeen Boat Club



Summer Series 2015

Notice of Race

Introduction

With the Waglan now astern and winter fading away at last, ABC sailors can look ahead to the change of monsoon and the start of the Summer Series with the opening race on 17th May.

The basic format this year remains the same, Southerly breezes, fine weather [well some warm showers.....] and ABC ferries from the finish to the restaurant and convivial race banter. This year includes one new feature: an expanded series of seven races with two discards, a reflection of its growing popularity with a total of 53 boats registered last year, and some quite competitive races.

Entries are enthusiastically awaited but regardless of fleet numbers, all those afloat will make the most of what all of us hope will be sparkling seas, fair winds with full plates and glasses to follow.

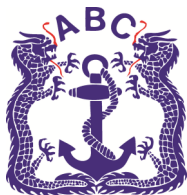
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The ABC Summer Series, often known as “The Restaurant Series,” has seven races on summer Sundays from early May to late August, all ending at either a restaurant or the Middle Island Clubhouse. The Club will provide a sampan service at destination. Lunch booking will be arranged by the organisers.

This is an ideal opportunity to invite new potential crew which the ABC can assist in sourcing.

The event also provides the opportunity to introduce potential future Race Officers to the discipline of race management, working on the Committee Boat as Assistant Race Officers alongside experienced Race Officers.

The Event Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.,
20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong (the Club).
Telephone: 2518 9536
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Website: www.abclubhk.com

1. The Event

- 1.1. This is a seven race sailing series, comprising races to islands with finishes in a restaurant and a cruise home.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Series will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and:
 - 2.1.1. The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation;
 - 2.1.2. The latest IRC Rules parts A, B and C, (IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight, except as required for boats rated as one design which shall comply with their Class Rules);
 - 2.1.3. The HKPN Handicap System, as administered by HKSF;
 - 2.1.4. Class Rules where they apply.
 - 2.1.5. The ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2013, together with, Annex C Summer Series
 - 2.1.6. This Notice of Race.(NB: In the event of conflict, succeeding items in the above list will take precedence.)

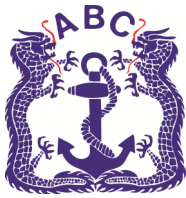
3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The series is open to all boats holding a valid HKPN rating.
- 3.2. Boats without HKPN handicaps will be allocated temporary HKPN handicaps - see item 4.2.3 below.
- 3.3. Skippers of eligible boats may enter by completing the online form available on the ABC website (<http://www.abclubhk.com>).

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- 3.4. Skippers shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office (Email: sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com) no later than 1200 Friday on 8 May 2015 unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. All boats competing must provide the updated IRC certificate before Summer Series 3.
- 3.5. The Skippers of Co-owned or Club owned J80 must declare their name to the Organising Authority before each race. The handicap for that skipper shall apply for the race and that skipper must be onboard the boat. If no skipper's name is given before a race, the base HKPN handicap of 950 will apply for that race.

4. Divisions, Classes and Handicaps

- 4.1. Racing will be conducted under the division split as follows.
 - 4.1.1. **Division A (I.C.Flag T: This changes S.S.I. 6.1):** monohulls of HKPN 980 and below, with a minimum length of 25 feet LOA, and those with handicaps from HKPN 981 up to and including 1030 who elect to race in Division A
 - 4.1.2. **Division B (I.C.Flag V):** monohulls of HKPN of 1031 and above, and those with handicaps from HKPN 981 up to and including 1030 who elect to race in Division B, plus multihulls
 - 4.1.3. Further to 4.1.1 and 4.1.2, the election of boats with HKPN of 981-1030 to race in Division A or Division B in their first race of the series commits them to that division for the series.
 - 4.1.4. Division and class splits may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.2. Handicaps
 - 4.2.1. All boats will be given results on HKPN.
 - 4.2.2. IRC results will also be given to boats which hold a valid 2015-2016 IRC rating and compete in Division A. **It is compulsory to provide an updated IRC certificate before the start of Summer Series 3**, failure to do so will result in no IRC result.
 - 4.2.3. Boats without HKPN handicaps will be allocated temporary HKPN handicaps for their first race in the series. Such handicaps will be set at the discretion of the Race Committee.
 - 4.2.4. No temporary handicap allocation will be subject to redress. Boats that have a temporary HKPN handicap are not eligible for prizes as per HKSF website.
- 4.3 **Whilst racing, all boats shall display their Division flag.**
- 4.4 J/80s will race in Division A and will also be scored on HKPN overall, and IRC where applicable.
- 4.5 For a race in a division or class to be counted in the series, a minimum of three boats in that division or class are required to have entered and have been in the vicinity of the starting line at their warning signal and start. This changes RRS 90.3.

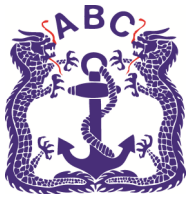
4. Entry Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$ 150 per race or \$ 850 for the series for ABC Club Members and \$ 180 per race or \$ 950 for the series for Non-Members.

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5. Schedule and Courses

5.1. Race Date

Summer Series 1	17 May 2015
Summer Series 2	31 May 2015
Summer Series 3	14 June 2015
Summer Series 4	12 July 2015
Summer Series 5	26 July 2015
Summer Series 6	9 August 2015
Summer Series 7	23 August 2015

5.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal will be no earlier than:

Division A including J/80s:	10:25
Division B:	10:30

5.3. All races shall consist of one island course.

5.4. The courses to be sailed are shown in ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2013 Annex B page 26-32 Summer Series (Course No. 31-48)

5.5. Traditionally the last race and lunch of the Series will finish on Middle Island.

6. Scoring

6.1. There will be 2 discards for 7 completed races.

6.2. Yachts may elect not to use a spinnaker prior to a particular race by informing the Committee Boat before their Warning Signal of that race.

6.3. Yachts so electing will be given a 1.5% spinnaker allowance on their HKPN and as stated on their IRC certificate.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2013 including Annex C page 37 Summer Series.

8. Environment

Attention is drawn to S.S.I. 17 'Environment'

9. Prizes

9.1. There is an individual 1st prize for each race in each division, awarded at the restaurant.

9.2. An overall trophy for the series winner for each division which will be presented at the Club's annual prize giving party at the end of May 2016.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

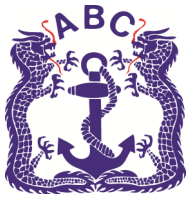
10.1. The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organizing Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Series.

10.2. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is that of her skipper alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4).

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10.3. Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk.

11. Insurance

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

12. Further Information

12.1. For further information please contact sailingscretary@abclubhk.com or genman@abclubhk.com

13. Race Committee

The Race Committee will comprise of the Commodore, Rear Commodore of Sailing and one Sailing Committee member to be nominated.

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