



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2018

Notice of Race

Commodore's Welcome

At the time of writing April is about to experience the first Southerly zephyrs of the season as the Monsoon flip-flips through its transition. Thus on schedule for completion in time for the start of the Summer Series; dates for which are set out in the NOR below and on the website.

This increasingly popular series saw a total last year of twenty nine yachts entering one or more of the races, but as yet no C Class entries. Come on Cruiser Owners this a fun series which once again includes a handicap category set to suit what might be termed the more stately yachts. The C Class will race the B Division courses which contain cut-off positions, if beset by light winds.

This a series to be enjoyed in generally benign conditions, the occasional squall, some rain perhaps but no need for heavy weather gear. At the finish, ABC's marine staff are always on hand with a fast service boat to persuade crews to leave their cockpit festivities and continue over a convivial lunch at the restaurant, or perhaps on a beach.

Fun it certainly is but as with any marine activity afloat there precautions to be taken and rules to follow. No changes to the format this year but as ever please read the NOR carefully and refer to the ABC SSI's 2017 which govern the conduct of each race.

Depending on the wind on the day, the Race Officer will determine which course the IRC, HKPN A & B [and C] fleets sail, in order to ensure the best racing for the conditions. Please watch the committee boat carefully for the Class flags, course numbers and maintain a listening watch on your VHF.

Finally, with thanks once again to the generous support from our sponsors Fuegy with the helpful fuel voucher prizes and OBMG offering their enticing selection of electronic equipment for winning boats I wish all participants' fun-filled days racing in sparkling conditions with much bonhomie to follow ashore in the restaurants.

Chris Pooley -- ABC Commodore



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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) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules 2018, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, **except single or shorthanded boats or keelboat without engines – for which entries are not acceptable;**
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B: Inshore Racing, 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 – J80s;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
 - ABC Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the series is run on week-ends over the season. Replacement sails may be permitted during the series by informing the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.
- 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 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The series is open to all Yacht mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.

- 3.2 To Yacht mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating with a minimum length of 8m.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form, Declaration of Skipper form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before racing takes place: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2018.aspx
- 3.4 **Boats may enter on the water, on the day, by informing the committee boat at the discretion of the Race Officer but MUST submit an online entry form and skipper's declaration online before the race.**
- 3.5 The series is open to the following classes and boats:

3.5.1 Provisional Divisions:

IP	DIVISIONS	SPLIT/SYSTEM
• Flag G	Yachts IRC Keelboats	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag T	Yachts HKPN Class A	HKPN of 1080 and below.
• Flag V	Yachts HKPN Class B	HKPN of 1081 – 1150.
• Flag W	Yachts HPN Class C	HKPN of 1151 and above.
• Flag J	J 80/One Design	Respectively OD level and HKPN
• Flag M	Multihulls Class D	Catamarans/ tri-marans under the HKPN system.
• Flag K	Combined start.	

3.5.2 The above provisional HKPN Divisional splits may be adjusted depending on entries received. See Clause 3.8.

- 3.6 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 30th May.
- 3.7 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and HKPN will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by Wednesday 30th May 2018.
- 3.8 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag at all times.
- 3.9 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the series.
- 3.10 Eligible boats are Yachts or Cruisers which have valid HKPN ratings or IRC Certificates and other seaworthy keel boats at the discretion of the Race Committee. A boat will indicate which rating they will race under on the entry form. Once entered, **the boat may not change rating system**, once the series is under way.
- 3.11 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating from the HKSF. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all series boats will be as follows: \$1,200 HKD. Boats may enter individual races at a fee of \$250 HKD but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in Clause 3.5.

5. Qualifying Series

The overall series will consist of seven races with an allowance of two discards.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:

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| • Summer Series 1 - Island Race: | 3 June 2018 |
| • Summer Series 2 - Island Race: | 17 June 2018 |
| • Summer Series 3 - Island Race: | 1 July 2018 |
| • Summer Series 4 - Island Race: | 15 July 2018 |
| • Summer Series 5 - Island Race: | 29 July 2018 |
| • Summer Series 6 - Island Race: | 12 August 2018 |
| • Summer Series 7 - Island Race: | 26 August 2018 |

6.2 The first warning signal for all classes will not be before 10:25 hrs.

7. Measurements

7.1 Boats entering the IRC division shall submit at the beginning of the series, a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday 1st June, unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.

7.2 Boats must submit a new IRC certificate to the Sailing Office in June 2018, if their TCC changes for the new 2018/19 year or if their rating changes at any point in the series.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Summer Series 2018 will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition which can be downloaded from the series webpage or collected on any day from the Marine & Sailing Office at ABC main club.

9. Venue

Racing will take place to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be described in the ABC SSI 2017 - June Edition: Courses: 31 - 47.

10.2 All Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island for the Eastern Courses or the Lamma Racing area south of Wong Chuk Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition.

11. Penalty System & Protests

11.1 For Monohull and Multihull RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 Exoneration Penalty

11.2.1 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).

11.2.2 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.

11.2.3 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.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 Seven races will be required to constitute a series with two discards.
- 12.2 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 12.3 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition: Clause 15.
- 12.4 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.5 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and HKPN but prizes will only be awarded for each race and the overall series; **for the division/class the boat is originally entered in – e.g. IRC or HKPN.**

13. Safety & Support Boats.

- 13.1 No anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow.
- 13.2 ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.

14. Berthing & Moorings

Subject to availability, temporary moorings can be provided, in either Deepwater Bay or Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter for boats wishing to stay overnight before or after the race. Details may be obtained from the Club on 2552 8182 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com Space booking is required but not guaranteed.

15. Minimum Safety Requirement

- 15.1 Boats must comply with their class rules (if applicable), regarding safety requirements and must comply with the World Sailing Special Regulation Category 4 – Appendix B: Inshore Racing.
- 15.2 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

16. Radio Communications

All boats must have a working VHF radio. All communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all Yachts, Cruisers, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 The Summer Series 2018 Overall trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each division or class which they originally entered, at the series prize giving on Sunday 26th August after racing. The venue is to be confirmed.
- 17.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race at the designated destination restaurant, with the first placed boat in each division or class receiving a prize depending on the number of entries on the day.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1 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 series.
- 18.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). In addition competitors' attention is drawn 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..." Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk.

- 18.3 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. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.
- 19. Insurance**
Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law.
- 20. Further Information**
- 20.1 **Car Parking**
Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. There are three public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club, above Shun Wan Bus terminal and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.
- 20.2 **Club House**
Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club may sign chits on the race day on presentation of their club membership card.
- 20.3 **Food and Beverage**
Non-member competitors may purchase cash coupons from the Coffee shop which are valid for use only on designated race days. There will be a buffet breakfast for every race served in the Coffee shop from 08:00 at \$ 68 HKD. After racing, dinner is available from 1830 hours until 2200 hours. Shorts and collarless shirts are not permitted in the restaurant in the evening and casual clothing should be clean and smart.
- 20.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**
Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the take away food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club or from the Fuegy Barge at the western entrance of Aberdeen Harbour – special discount for ABC members.
- 21. Further Information**
- 21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2018.aspx
- 21.2 **For event enquiries:**
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- 21.3 **Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:**
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