



## **Aberdeen Boat Club**

### **Summer Series 2020**

### **Notice of Race**

## **Commodore's Welcome Message**

How pleasant it will be if, after several months of the Virus concerns and restrictions, sailors are able to cross the start line for the first race at 1030 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, in a healthy breeze and bright sunshine! Ah imagination: but we can but hope. Should that not be the case, and the cloud continues to hang over us, then the first Race will start on the first successive scheduled date which follows the lifting of restrictions. See Clause 6.1 for the Schedule.

Aside from the overall restriction on organised racing ABC's Marine & Sailing team is ready to go. Please read the NOR carefully for there are several changes in the Clauses and I draw sailors' attention in particular to Clauses: 5, 6, 10.3, 12 and the safety issue in 13.1 for boats with an anchor shipped over the bow. The IRC update affects those boats with Southern Hemisphere administered ratings with the annual change occurring on 1<sup>st</sup> June N. B.

Once organised sailing is back on the sporting agenda it is safe to assume that Middle Island, with its enhanced facilities, will again be fully operational and available either as the "restaurant" for one of the races or following any race for yachts returning from an Island in need of further refreshment.

Although this event is justly known as the fun or Restaurant Series that most certainly does not preclude competitive racing and SW'ly winds are not always gentle zephyrs either. In short whatever the weather conditions sailors can be guaranteed a convivial lunch at one of the regular popular restaurants listed.

Handicaps for the Series will be set once the entry deadline has passed and as a reminder this is a series for all, which means that those boats in which elegance and comfort surpass performance are very much encouraged. Theoretically Handicaps give all boats an equal chance over time. That topic should give sailors something to talk about! There are course options and cut-off positions to suit all, and all are anyway equal once in the restaurant!.

"All "also means those boats, regulars or newcomers from other clubs which ABC is always delighted to welcome. That said; I wish all participants the best of the summer weather and much enjoyment afloat and once 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 2020, 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 – e.g. J80s etc;
  - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
  - ABC Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC SSI 2017 – 2020 - 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. However please also see Clause 10.3 – Courses.

#### 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\\_2020.aspx](http://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2020.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 1 Keelboats	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag O	Yachts IRC 2 Keelboats	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag T	Yachts HKPN Class A	HKPN
• Flag V	Yachts HKPN Class B	HKPN
• Flag M	Multihulls Class D	Catamarans/ tri-marans under the HKPN system.
• Flag K	Combined start.	

3.5.1 The above provisional IRC & HKPN Divisional splits will be adjusted depending on entries received and their **current valid IRC or HKPN rating** as listed on the HKSF official list.

3.5.2 **The final IRC & HKPN divisional rating splits will be issued by a NTC on Friday 08<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by 1800 hrs. 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 06th May 2020.
- 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 Friday 08th May 2020.
- 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 keelboats which have valid HKPN ratings or valid 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 to another rating system**, once the series is under way. Also see clause 7.2.
- 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 2020 website.

#### 4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all series boats will be as follows: \$1,500 HKD. Boats may enter individual races at a fee of \$350 HKD but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in **Clause 3.4**.

## **5. Qualifying Series**

- 5.1 The overall series will consist of seven races with an allowance of two discards, **if Hong Kong sailing activities have resumed by the start of Race # 1 on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**
- 5.2 If sailing activities have not resumed, the first race will be dropped and race # 2 will become race # 1 and so on.

## **6 Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:
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| • Summer Series 1 - Island Race: | 10 May 2020    |
| • Summer Series 2 - Island Race: | 31 May 2020    |
| • Summer Series 3 - Island Race: | 14 June 2020   |
| • Summer Series 4 - Island Race: | 28 June 2020   |
| • Summer Series 5 - Island Race: | 12 July 2020   |
| • Summer Series 6 - Island Race: | 26 July 2020   |
| • Summer Series 7 - Island Race: | 23 August 2020 |
- 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 2019 Certificate to the Sailing Office no later than 1700 hrs on Friday 08<sup>th</sup> May 2020, unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.
- 7.2 Boats must also submit their new valid IRC 2020 certificate to the Sailing Office by 1800hrs on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 unless their IRC rating is listed on the HKSF Website, or have applied for an expedited IRC 2020 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally any amendments to a boats IRC certificate that result in a change of TCC must be notified to the Sailing Office together with the issue date of the new IRC 2020 certificate.
- 7.3 **Failure to provide or inform the Race Committee of a new valid IRC 2020 certificate or TCC rating change, will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 3 on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. For any subsequent race in the series, the new certificate application must be submitted to the HK IRC Rule Authority by 1800 hours on the Monday, prior to the following Sunday race.**

## **8. Sailing Instructions**

The Summer Series 2020 will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2017 – 2020 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.

- 10.3 **Summer Series - Eastern Courses:** Chesterman Buoy/mark in light airs and/or strong tide may be dropped at the discretion of the Race Officer from any course on any Summers Series 2020 race day. This is to prevent competing boats from drifting into the Lamma TSS, at the request of the HK Marine Dept.
- 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 A maximum of seven races will be sailed in the series with two discards.
- 12.2 When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores including one discard.
- 12.4 **Potentially, if Hong Kong sailing activities are still suspended, this may only result in only a race or a couple of races being sailed for the series in 2020, so then the overall series will then consist of a minimum of one race, with no discards.**
- 12.5 **If any scheduled race is then sailed and the Hong Kong sailing activities are again suspended, after the start or during the series, then the result for the overall series will be taken from the accumulative score of races completed, up to the last race sailed.**
- 12.6 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 12.7 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2017 – June Edition: Clause 15.
- 12.8 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.9 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.
- 13.3 All boats must carry a hand held VHF radio, in addition to a ship's radio set, if installed.
- 13.4 **If a boat retires or has an incident during a race requiring assistance, the Committee Boat and/or Race Officer must be informed immediately.**

**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](mailto: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, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation.

**17. Prizes**

- 17.1 The Summer Series 2020 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 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 \$75 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 – there is a special discount for ABC members on production of your club membership card.
- 21. Further Information**
- 21.1** Event website: [www.abclubhk.com/Summer\\_Series\\_2020.aspx](http://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2020.aspx)
- 21.2 For event enquiries:**  
Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager  
Email: [marine.services@abclubhk.com](mailto:marine.services@abclubhk.com)  
Tel: +852 2518 9523
- 21.3 Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:**  
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