



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2016

Notice of Race

Introduction – Important Information

Last year's enjoyable Series -----thirty- four boats entering at least one race, most four or more----saw the introduction of a seventh race allowing for two discards and a longer season. No reason to change that, it worked well. BUT.....participants are urged to take careful note of **several new significant** changes with effect from the first race. Please read this Notice of Race for full details.

The Courses have been completely revamped such that courses 31 - 48 in the ABC SSI have been cancelled and replaced by a new Summer Series Courses detailed in the Summer Series 2016 Notice to Competitors # 1 (SS 2016 NTC #1) split into East/West sections. The same will apply later in the season for the Waglan Series 2016/17.

Why should this be? The answer is to keep yachts when racing under sail from crossing the busy traffic lanes between Round Island and Lamma, in anticipation, and recognition, of increasing monitoring by Marine Department; plus simple prudence. There have been too many 5 blast sequences heard from container ships over the past several years! And of course some yachts have lost time as a result.

The major change is a shifting of the start line for Westward courses to a position off Wong Chuk Kok, the NE headland of Lamma. The opportunity has also been taken to tidy up courses where needed, to introduce some new marks, and set two new destinations for fun. One is a finish off Discovery Bay as a nod to regulars from that 'outpost', and a new finish with a raft-up off Stanley main beach.

Divisions too have been altered, so as to separate IRC and HKPN A; entrants have to make a decision at the commencement of the Series. HKPN will, as always, include the J-80's but without a separate start. Given sufficient entries there could be a class result.

The après race gathering at the restaurant is one of the highlights of each race so all crews are recommended to come ashore and join in; the ABC sampan will always be there. Since the last Series a number of new members with sailing experience have joined ABC and regulars are encouraged to seek them out and offer berths if available.

The ABC Marine & Sailing Office will be handing out laminated copies of the new courses in the SS 2016 NTC #1, make sure you get one; and also ring or visit if you have any queries. To that end you may also seek out the Rear Commodore and the writer, sometimes to be found at the bar.....

Finally with thanks to all who support the event. I wish you all fresh breezes and sparkling seas from May to August.

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) 2013-2016.
 - 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - the IRC Rules 2016, 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 Yachts/Cruisers or keelboat entries are not acceptable;**
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - 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 – J80s;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC SSI) with revisions outlined below in the;
 - the Summer Series 2016 Notice to Competitors # 1 (SS 2016 NTC #1) which covers new courses and amendments to the ABC SSI's 2013. **(To be issued separately before the Series begins.)**
 - 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 and the SS 2016 NTC # 1.
- ### 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 opened to all Yachts/Cruisers mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.
- 3.2 To Yacht/Cruisers mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating with a minimum length of 8m.
- 3.3 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 1050 will apply for that race. Privately owned boats enter on their own individual published HKPN.
- 3.4 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_2016.aspx
- 3.5 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and skipper's declaration by 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before the race takes place. **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.**
- 3.6 The series is open to the following classes and boats:
- 3.6.1 **Class or division of Class**
- | IP | DIVISIONS | SPLIT/SYSTEM |
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| • Flag G | Yachts/Cruisers IRC keelboats | Valid IRC certificates |
| • Flag T | Cruisers HKPN Class A | HKPN of 999 and below |
| • Flag V | Cruisers HKPN Class B | HKPN of 1000 and above |
| • Flag W | Multihulls | Catamarans/ tri-marans under the HKPN system |
| • Flag K | Combined start. | |
- 3.7 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 4th May.
- 3.8 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 6 May 2016. The J/80s will race in HKPN Division A.
- 3.9 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.
- 3.10 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for the series.
- 3.11 Eligible boats are Big Boats 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.
- 3.12 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating. 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: \$1,000 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:

- Summer Series 1 - Island Race: 8 May 2016
- Summer Series 2 - Island Race: 29 May 2016
- Summer Series 3 - Island Race: 12 June 2016
- Summer Series 4 - Island Race: 10 July 2016
- Summer Series 5 - Island Race: 24 July 2016
- Summer Series 6 - Island Race: 7 August 2016
- Summer Series 7 - Island Race: 21 August 2016

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 6th May, 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 2016, if their TCC changes for the new 2016/17 year or if their rating changes at any point in the series.

8. **Sailing Instructions**

The Summer Series 2016 will be sailed under the ABC SSI and the SS 2016 NTC # 1 Revised Courses and chart which can be downloaded from the series webpage or collected on any days from the 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 **SS 2016 NTC # 1 Courses: 31 – 47: Please use the new courses outlined in that document – not the original ABC SSI 2013 which have been canceled.**

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 **SS 2016 NTC #1.**

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.
- 12.2 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI: Clause 15.
- 12.3 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.4 Boats who choose to race with no Spinnaker under HKPN will be granted a 1.5% allowance. This must be declared before each race. There will be no dispensation for IRC boats.

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 regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulation Category 5 – Appendix J
- 15.2 VHF Radio & 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

Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to Yachts, Cruisers, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation only.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 The Summer Series 2016 Overall trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each division or class, at the series prize giving on Sunday 21st 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 two public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club 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 HK\$ 55. 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.

21. Further Information

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2016.aspx

21.2 For event enquiries:

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21.3 Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:

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