



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2024

Notice of Race

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Commodore's Welcome Message

As the Monsoon transitions so too does ABC racing from Waglan via the Classic Yacht Rally on 4th May to the ever-popular Summer or Restaurant Series commencing on 2nd June, by which date the SW' Monsoon should be well settled in.

Warm summer breezes, fluffy fair-weather cumulus in clear skies, racecourses weaving between scenic islands and a finish at an island seafood restaurant: what a compelling attraction for sailors whether regulars or newcomers. Last year saw twenty-seven participating boats enjoying the fortnightly fun races and this year ? Let us see . The Entry List is now open.

Of course, summer warm or hot thought it is, is no guarantor of clement weather. May is the start of the Typhoon season which may disrupt races and squalls can occur during any race, so as ever, be well prepared.

Preparation includes digesting the contents of this NOR and ABC's SSI's which govern the Series. Your particular attention is drawn to SSI Clause 10.1 relating to Traffic Separation Zones . No courses are laid across or near the zones, but western starts involve a crossing of the Lamma Channel. Horn blasts from commercial vessels are most unwelcome and could result in complaints to Mardep who could impose race restrictions in response.

Fuergy, loyal supporters over many years, have once again kindly agreed to support the race for which ABC and sailors using their fine clean deiseal fuel products are most grateful .Newcomers please take note and pull up alongside to fill up.

This Series could not happen without the dedication and support, always cheerful----of ABC's Marine & Sailing staff. Not least coxswains of the support craft ferrying sailors to and from island anchorages to shore.

A reminder, if keen racers wish to claim their divisional wine prizes at each restaurant you must be there, or the prizes work their way down the list! Finally, a warm welcome to all participants to make the most of what's on offer.



Chris Pooley
ABC Commodore



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The Event Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021- 2024.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules 2024, 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, unless prior written permission from the Race Committee has been granted for each individual race in a series.**
 - the PHS 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.- J 80s.
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
 - the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions: ABC SSI 2022 Revised Edition. (ABC SSI 2022/Rev Etd).
- 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 weekends throughout 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 64.2.
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2022/Rev Etd.

2. Advertising

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

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to all yacht mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.
- 3.2 For yacht mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid PHS rating with a minimum length of 8m.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1800 hrs. on the respective Friday before racing takes place: https://www.abclubhk.com//Summer_Series_2024.aspx
- 3.4 **Boats cannot enter individual races on the water, on the day. Boats wishing to enter late MUST submit an online entry form online before the race by 1800 hrs, on the Saturday, the day before the race will take place. Boats which enter the whole ABC Summer Series 2024 event are exempt.**
- 3.5 The event is open to the following classes and boats:

3.5.1 Provisional Divisions:

IP	DIVISIONS	SPLIT/SYSTEM
• Flag G	Yachts IRC 1 Keelboat	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag O	Yachts IRC 2 Keelboat	Valid IRC certificates.
• Flag T	Yachts PHS Class A	PHS
• Flag V	Yachts PHS Class B	PHS
• Flag M	Multihulls Class C	Catamarans/tri-marans under the PHS system.
• Flag K	Combined start.	

- 3.5.2 The above provisional IRC & PHS Divisional splits will be adjusted depending on entries received and their current valid IRC or PHS rating as listed on the Sailsys website.
- 3.5.3 The final IRC & PHS divisional rating splits in the interests of fair racing, will be published by the Race Committee and issued by a Notice to Competitors – (NTC # 1) on Friday 31st May 2024 by 1800 hrs. Please also see Clause 3.7.
- 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 Friday 31st May 2024.
- 3.7 A class or division will consist of a three-boat minimum entered for all classes, for the entire race series. This may vary for individual races, on any listed race date.
- 3.8 Boats must always fly their class or division flag while racing.
- 3.9 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line, at its class warning signal, to be eligible for the series.
- 3.10 Eligible boats are Yachts or keelboats which have valid PHS 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 event is under way. Also see clause 7.2.
- 3.11 Boats without PHS ratings must apply for a PHS rating from the Sailsys website. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & PHS ratings will be listed as published on the current Sailsys website.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all event boats will be as follows: **\$1,450 HKD**. Boats may enter individual races at a fee of **\$375 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

The overall event 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: 02 June 2024
- Summer Series 2 - Island Race: 16 June 2024
- Summer Series 3 - Island Race: 30 June 2024
- Summer Series 4 - Island Race: 14 July 2024
- Summer Series 5 – island Race 28 July 2024
- Summer Series 6 - Island Race: 11 August 2024
- Summer Series 7 - Island Race: 25 August 2024

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 2024 Certificate to the Sailsys website no later than 1800 hrs. on Saturday 01st June 2024, unless their IRC rating is already listed on the Sailsys website:

<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

7.2 Boats must also upload their new valid IRC 2024 certificate to the Sailsys website by 1800hrs on Saturday 01st June 2024, unless their new IRC rating is listed on the Sailsys Website or have applied for an expedited IRC 2024 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally, any amendments to a boat's 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 2024 certificate.

7.3 Failure to provide or inform the Sailsys website of a new valid IRC 2024 certificate or TCC rating change will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 1 on 02nd June 2024. 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 2024 event will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2022 - Rev Etd 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 in the waters to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be described in the ABC SSI 2022/ Rev Etd: Annexe B: Island Courses – Summer Series 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 Chum Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2022 - Rev Etd - Annex B: Island Courses Summer Series - Islands Courses: # 31 to # 47.

11. Penalty and Arbitration

- 11.1 Prior to a protest hearing an Arbitration Hearing may be offered in accordance with Appendix T as modified in NoR 11.2. If an arbitration hearing is not available, a boat may nonetheless take a postrace penalty as defined in NoR 11.2. (This changes Appendix T2.)
- 11.2 A boat may take a penalty at the time of the incident as per RRS 44.1.
- 11.3 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident, in accordance with Appendix T, as modified below:
- 11.4 (a) The Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. (This changes Appendix T1.b.)
- (b) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by notifying a member of the race committee, or for incidents resulting in a protest, an arbitrator, or a member of the protest committee in writing that she accepts a scoring penalty. (This changes Appendix T1 (c) and Appendix A.5).
- (c) Arbitration Process of Appendix T2 - 4 may be offered for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat. (This changes Appendix T2).
- 11.5 Protest time limit for all boats is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 A maximum of seven races will be sailed in the event series with two discards.
- 12.2 When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores. Please also see Clause 5.
- 12.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores, including one discard.
- 12.4 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 12.5 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2022 - Rev Etd.
- 12.6 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.7 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and PHS, but prizes will only be awarded for each race the overall series; for the division/class the boat is originally entered in – e.g., IRC or HKPN.
- 12.8 RRS rule Appendix A – Clause 5.3 will apply.

13. Safety & Support Boats.

- 13.1 While racing, no anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow, unless enclosed by the hull or a fixed bowsprit.
- 13.2 ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.
- 13.3 All boats must carry a handheld 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, either by VHF channel # 72 or mobile phone – please see Clause 20.2 for details.**

13.5 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.

13.6 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

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. 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.

16. Prizes

16.1 The Summer Series 2024 event 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 event series prize giving on Sunday 25th August 2024 after racing, at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse. Any competitor who cannot attend this event, please come to the ABC Marine & Sailing office at main club in Aberdeen, post event, to collect your prize,

16.2 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.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race or 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 event series.

17.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3). 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 event series entirely at their own risk.

17.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Marine & 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 event series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

18. Insurance

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

19. Further Information

19.1 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.

- 19.2 **Club House**
Visiting competitors only for the Summer Series 2024 from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club may sign chits for food and beverage **on the race day only**, on presentation of their own club membership card.
- 19.3 **Food and Beverage**
Non-member competitors may use Credit or Octopus cards 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/patio from 08:00 – 0900 hrs. at **\$95 HKD** (early bird special) & 0900 - 1100 hrs. at **\$105 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.
- 19.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**
Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the takeaway 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 the production of your club membership card.
- 20. Further additional information:**
- 20.1 The Event website can be found at: www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2024.aspx
- 20.2 **For Event enquiries:**
Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager
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- 20.3 **For Summer Series 2023 Entries, Mooring & Berthing enquires to be submitted to:** Jennifer Li – Assistant Marine & Sailing Manager
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