



ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB
CRUISING CLASSIC RALLY 2025

Saturday 15th November

Rally Instructions

RALLY INSTRUCTIONS

The Rally Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. There will be a rally on Saturday to Poi To Ming Kee Seafood Restaurant for lunch, followed by a relaxed cruise back to ABC Middle Island for an evening of Sundowner cocktails & drinks and a BBQ & Curry party . Boats are encouraged to stay overnight and explore the surrounding area on the Sunday or just make their own way home. All boats, both power & sail, are all very welcome. The purpose of this event is participation to welcome new crew out on the water, in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Rally divisions for the event will be governed by the following:
- The Hong Sailing Federation (HKSF) Prescriptions where applicable:
 - The World Sailing 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);
 - These ABC Cruising Classic Rally Instructions 25 (ABC CCRI 25).
- 1.2 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 Notices to Rally Participants will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club and on the Club's website (www.abclubhk.com).
- 2.2 Any change to the CCRI 25 will be posted not later than 1800 hrs on the day before the start of rally.
- 2.3 Any Notices to Mariners which are applicable to sailing boats will be part of these CCRI 25.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry may be made by submitting an entry on Sailsys, including the Declaration of Skipper section before 1800 hrs. on Wednesday 12th November 2025: Please use the following link:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/180/profile?tab=entry>
- 3.2 The entry fee for all boats in the CCRI 25 will be **\$1,200 HKD**, which includes the MI Sundowners & BBQ party for four crew members. Any additional crew will be charged at **\$250 per person** for the curry party & breakfast the next day. **The lunch pit stop at the Ming Kee Po Toi Seafood Restaurant, is not included in the event entry fee.**

- 3.3 The event is open to both power and sailboats as outlined in clause 5.

4. SCHEDULE OF RALLY

- 4.1 The rally start time on Saturday 15th November 2025 will be 11:00 hrs., in Tai Tam Bay or Sheko Rock, depending on the course set. Please check the event website for the rally start area:
- 4.2 Make your own way home or explore the south side of HK waters on Sunday 16th November 25, if your boat decides to stay overnight.
- 4.3 There will be a club sampan service in Deepwater Bay, at ABC Middle Island on the Saturday until 22:30 hrs. There will be sampan service from 0830 hrs. on the Sunday morning for those boats on anchor or mooring in Deepwater Bay to attend breakfast ashore in the ABC MI clubhouse.

5. RALLY DIVISIONS

- 5.1 All sailing and powerboats are very welcome.
- 5.2 The Rally Divisions are indicative and may be allocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Rally Organisers (ABC) in the interest of fair rallying!

6. RALLY & CRUISING AREA

The Rally will take place in the east and south of Hong Kong waters.

7. RALLY PASSAGES

The possible rally routes to be sailed on Saturday 15th November 25 are described in Appendix A – Rally Passages.

8. RALLY START TIME

Saturday 15th November 25 - The Rally around the Islands, west of Hong Kong:

All boats in the event gather in the vicinity of Tai Tam Bay or Sheko Rock at 10:30 hrs. A single horn from the ABC Club boat will signal the setting off of the rally. Boats will rally in company around the islands west and south of Hong Kong to the **first destination – Po Toi Ming Kee Seafood Restaurant. Followed by the second destination, post lunch, with a leisurely cruise back to ABC Middle Island for sundowner drinks and a BBQ & Curry Dinner.**

9. RALLY END POINT

- 9.1 The Rally end club boat will be in vicinity of the entrance to the on the Saturday afternoon off the bottom of Po Toi Temple point.

- 9.2 When on station at the rally finishing position, the ABC club boat will fly a blue flag.
- 9.3 Boats will then anchor up in the vicinity of the Po Toi bay for lunch at the Ming Kee Seafood Restaurant, **the cost of which is not included** in the rally entry fee. All boats/crew members must settle their restaurant bills, themselves. Rally vessels will then cruise, post lunch, back to ABC Middle Island for An evening party. This will include rum cocktails & sundowners and a BBQ & Curry dinner on the Saturday and breakfast for those boats which wish to stay overnight. ABC # 18 sampan will be on station to ferry crews between boats at anchor or on moorings to/from the MI pontoons.

10. TIME LIMITS

The time limit on Saturday for all rally divisions will be 15:00 hrs.

11. RETIREMENTS

- 11.1 A boat that retires from the rally shall report this to the Rally Officer on VHF Channel 72 and by telephone (6773 2066) or as soon as practicable shall obtain an acknowledgement.
- 11.2 The Rally Organisers would like to remind all participants who wish to join, that this is a fun relaxed event, with the emphasis on participation of boats and crews out on the water, who do not normally rally or cruise.

12. RALLY PRIZES

- 12.1 Class prizes may be awarded on the principle of first boat to the rally end point for classic divisions such as Taipans, Cape Caribs, various Cheoy Lee builds and powerboats.
- 12.2 Boats will be judged by passing the ABC Committee boat prior to the start of the rally on Saturday; in addition to on the water during the event.
- 12.3 Other prizes may be awarded on Saturday evening at the ABC MI Clubhouse BBQ for:
- **The Oldest Yacht – Sail or Power** (By launch or build date as indicated on original builder's plate) and by declared average crew age.
 - **The Most Colourful Crew** (Judged on classic or themed attire worn during and after the Saturday rally.
 - **Spirit of The Event** (Best seamanship aboard and party behavior ashore!)
 - **Additional Fun Prizes** – at the discretion of the Rally Organisers.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 It is the sole responsibility of each participant to decide, each day, whether to participate, whether to wear a PFD, whether to continue to sail, and how to respond to changing weather, sea, and tidal conditions.

- 13.2 All Rally boats shall be in a seaworthy state suitable for an event of this nature.
- 13.3 All participating boats must have on board a compass and up-to-date detailed navigational chart.
- 13.4 All participating boats must have a functioning VHF radio on board. The Committee Boat may be called by each participating boat on VHF CH 72.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Rally Organisers, Rally 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.
- 14.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a rally or to continue participating is hers alone. In addition, participants' attention is drawn to World Sailing 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..." Crews participate in the event entirely at their own risk both in the rally divisions.
- 14.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Rally Organisers and ABC Marine & Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat rally by submission of all required information, within the deadline dates quoted throughout these rally instructions. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the Rally Organisers to comply.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 16.1 Visiting boats from other HK clubs will be provided a pontoon space or a mooring free of charge for the rally at ABC Middle Island on Friday 14th November 25. Please contact Jayne Lee – ABC Marine & Sailing Secretary: Email: marinecoord@abclubhk.com
Tel: 2552 8182 – ext. 834.
- 16.2 A club sampan will be available at ABC MI for those vessels on moorings or anchored from 15:00 hrs. till 22:30 hrs on Saturday 15th November 25. There will be a club sampan service on Sunday 16th November 25 for boats on anchor or on moorings in Deepwater Bay from 0900 hrs.

Appendix A – RALLY PASSAGES

Saturday 15th November 25

Route # 1 – Approx: 12.5 NM

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Tai Tam Bay | BEGIN |
| Cape D'Auglier | PORT PASSING |
| Sheko Rock | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| TCS # 2 Safe water Mark | PORT ROUNDING |
| Waglan Island | PORT PASSING |
| Sung Kong | STARBOARD PASSING |
| Beaufort Island | PORT ROUNDING |
| Castle Rock | STARBOARD PASSING |
| Off Po Toi Temple Point | END |

Route # 2 – Approx: 13 nm

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Sheko Rock | BEGIN |
| TCS# 2 Safe water Mark | STARBOARD PASSING |
| TCS # 1 Safe water Mark | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Waglan Island | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Sung Kong | PORT ROUNDING |
| Cape D'Auglier | STARBOARD PASSING |
| Beaufort Island | PORT ROUNDING |
| Castle Rock | PORT PASSING |
| Off Po Toi Temple | END |

Route # 3 – Approx: 14.2 NM

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Tai Tam Bay | BEGIN |
| Cape D'Auglier | PORT PASSING |
| TCS # 2 Safe water Mark | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Sung Kong | PORT PASSING |
| Po Toi Island | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Castle Rock | PORT PASSING |
| Beaufort Island | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Po Toi Island | PORT PASSING |

Appendix A – RALLY PASSAGES, CONTINUED

Route # 4 – Approx: 13 NM

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sheko Rock | BEGIN |
| TCS # 2 Safe water Mark | PORT ROUNDING |
| TCS # 1 Safe water Mark | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Waglan Island | STARBOARD ROUNDING |
| Sung Kong | PORT ROUNDING |
| Fury Rocks | PORT PASSING |
| Beaufort Island | PORT ROUNDING |
| Castle Rock | PORT PORTING ROUNDING |
| Off Po Toi Temple | END |

Sunday 16th November 25

Sail or cruise in the Southside of Hong Kong waters or return home to your normal berth or mooring.