



**ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB**  
**CLASSIC YACHT RALLY 2025**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**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, followed by anchor up and party on the club junk on Saturday evening off Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove. Boats are encouraged to stay overnight and explore the surrounding area on the Sunday or just make their way home. All boats, both power & sail, are 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 Classic Yacht Rally Instructions 25 (CYR SI 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](http://www.abclubhk.com)).
- 2.2 Any change to the CYR SI 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 CYR SI's 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. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Please use the following link:  
[Classic Yacht Rally 2025 - SailSys](#)
- 3.2 The entry fee for all boats will be \$1,200 HKD, which includes the anchor/raft up party for four crew and breakfast the next morning. Any additional crew will be charged at \$200 per person for the curry party & breakfast the next day.
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 25 will be 11:30 hrs., in Tai Tam Bay.
- 4.2 Make your own way home or explore the area on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 25, if the boat decides to stay overnight.
- 4.3 There will be a club sampan service on the Saturday for trips around the anchorage until 22:00 hrs. There will be no sampan service after 11:00 hrs. on the Sunday morning as the ABC club junk will return to Aberdeen.

#### **5. RALLY DIVISIONS**

- 5.1 The following yachts and powerboats are very welcome:
- **Classic Racing Yachts built more than 25 years ago: Flag E.**
  - **Classic Cruising Yachts built in the last 25 years: Flag F.**
  - **Non-Classic Racing Yachts – any yacht or multi – hull which wants to join: Flag G.**
  - **Classic or new Motorboats – Flag T of any age.**
  - **Additional Fun prizes at the Rally organisers' discretion.**
- 5.2 The Rally Divisions listed above are indicative and may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Rally Organisers in the interest of fair rallying!

#### **6. RALLY & CRUISING AREA**

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

#### **7. RALLY PASSAGES**

The rally route to be sailed on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 25 is described in Appendix A – Rally Passages.

#### **8. RALLY START TIME**

##### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 25 - The Rally around the Islands, west of Hong Kong:**

All boats in the event gather in the vicinity of Tai Tam Bay at 11:30 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 destination – **Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove.**

## **9. RALLY END POINT**

- 9.1 The Rally end club boat will be in vicinity of the entrance to the **Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove** on the Saturday afternoon.
- 9.2 When on station at the rally finishing position, the ABC club boat will fly a blue flag.
- 9.3 Boat will then anchor up in the vicinity of the ABC Club junk for the event F & B which will be provided. This will include dinner on the Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning for boats which stay overnight. ABC # 14 will be on station to ferry crews between boats.
- 9.4 Shun Fung – the ABC Committee boat will return to ABC main club with any crew who wish to return back to ABC main club in Aberdeen at 18:00 hrs. on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 25.

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

The time limit on Saturday for all rally divisions will be 17:00 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 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 “Concours d’élégance” prizes will be awarded by the Rally Organisers for the best Classy, Classic, Vintage and Antique yacht. No actual parade will take place. 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 for:
- **The Oldest Yacht** (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.
- **The Best Performing Classic Yacht** (Considering the year of construction, the general appearance, and the original equipment.
- **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 series.
- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 25. Please contact Mark Cheng – ABC Assistant Marine & Sailing Manager: Email: [marinecoord@abclubhk.com](mailto:marinecoord@abclubhk.com)  
Tel: 2552 8182 – ext. 834.
- 16.2 A club sampan between the Club junk and anchored boats will be provided from 15:00 hrs. till 22:00 hrs. There will be no club sampan service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 25 after 11:00hrs when the ABC Club junk will return to Aberdeen.

## Appendix A – RALLY PASSAGES

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 25

#### **Route # 1 – Approx: 11.7 NM**

Tai Tam Bay	BEGIN
Cape D'Auglier	PORT PASSING
TCS # 2 Safe water Mark	PORT PASSING
Trio Island	PORT
Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove	END

#### **Route # 2 – Approx: 14.92 NM**

Tai Tam Bay	BEGIN
Cape D'Auglier	PORT PASSING
TCS# 2 Safe water Mark	STARBOARD
Steep Island	STARBOARD
Trio Island	PORT
Shelter Island	STARBOARD
Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove	END

#### **Route # 3 – Approx: 15.77 NM**

Tai Tam Bay	BEGIN
TCS # 2 Safe water Mark	PORT PASSING
North Ninepin Island	PORT
Steep Island	STARBOARD
Trio Island	PORT PASSING
Ping Min Chau (Table Island)	STARBOARD
Kau Sai Wan/Cascade Beach, Shelter Cove	END

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 25

**Make your own way home or go and explore the surrounding area at your leisure.**