



Aberdeen Boat Club

2011 Sunseeker Opening Regatta

Sailing Instructions

for
Dinghies Class A, Dinghies Class B and Optimists

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September 2011

The Regatta Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The Regatta Office will be at the Aberdeen Boat Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), relevant Class Rules, the Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) Sunseeker Opening Regatta Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, succeeding items of which take priority.
- 1.2 Non class-legal sails may be used provided they are of the correct dimensions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Yachting notice board before 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect. This will be marked by an IC Flag "I" at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.



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5. Programme and Schedule of Races

5.1 The programme is as follows:

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| • Saturday 3 September | Competitors Briefing: | 11.00 |
| | Racing, first possible warning signal: | 12.55 |
| | Latest possible start: | 16.00 |
| • Sunday 4 September, | Competitors Briefing: | 9.30 |
| | Racing, first possible warning signal: | 11.15 |
| | Latest possible start: | 16.00 |

5.2 Two races are scheduled for the Saturday and three are scheduled for the Sunday for each division. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race. If less than two races are completed on Saturday, the Race Officer may try and complete additional races on Sunday, if conditions are suitable. If additional races are to be run, the race committee boat at the finishing line of the third race on Sunday will display IC Flag 'L' requiring finished boats to remain in the vicinity.

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will be:

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| Open Division A | "E" flag |
| Open Division B | "U" flag |
| Level Class Division C, Optimists | "Q" flag |

7. Racing Areas

The racing areas will be selected from around Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hum Kok Bay or Stanley Bay. Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas and this will be notified to competitors by the race committee hoisting signals ashore using the appropriate flag not less than 90 minutes before the first warning signal of the day.

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| Area G (Green Flag) | Area Outside Middle Island / Repulse Bay |
| Area Y (Yellow flag) | Chung Hom Kok |
| Area R (Red Flag) | Stanley Bay |

8. The Courses

Courses will be chosen from those shown in Attachment B, and will be signalled by flags flown on the Race Committee Boat indicating the division and course.

9. Marks

The marks for Division A and Division B, will be Large Black Buoys

The marks for Division C, will be Orange buoys.

The start and finish buoys will be Orange buoys and any IDM (if used) will be a smaller round orange buoy.



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The compass bearing from the start line to the first mark may be displayed on a black or white board on the race committee boat

10. The Start and Finish

- 12.1 The Race Committee Boat will fly a blue flag when on station.
- 12.2 Races will be started by using Rule 26 signals, with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for the succeeding division will be made as soon as practicable after the starting signal of the previous division and may occur simultaneously with the start of the preceding class.
- 12.3 The starting and finishing lines will be between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM). An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid at the starting line and, if laid, boats shall start by passing between the IDM and ODM in the direction to the first mark of the course.

11. Protests and Requests for redress

Protests or request for redress must be lodged to the Protest Box at the bar of the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. A fee of HK\$200 will be charged with the submission of each protest or request for redress. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible. The list of protests or requests for redress received and Hearing Schedule will be posted on the notice board, within 15 minutes of the end of Protest Time and a red flag will be hoisted on the club's flagpole. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse.

12. Scoring

Results in Open Divisions A and B will be calculated on corrected time using RYA PY handicaps. Results in Level Rating Divisions C, Optimists, will be based on finishing time over the finish line. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.

13. Time Limits

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat in her class to finish. However, this time limit may be waived by the race committee in the interests of obtaining a result if the leading boat is capable of finishing within an additional 5 minutes (i.e. within 65 minutes). A boat finishing more than 25 minutes (Divisions A and B) and 15 minutes (Division C) after the first boat in her division may be scored DNF, at the absolute discretion of the race officer. This changes RRS Rule 35.



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14. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay clear outside areas where the dinghies are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to the finish of the race. Race Control boats may fly white flags to indicate their role.

15. Registration & Safety

- 15.1 Competitors shall sign in / sign out on the registration sheets at ABC Middle Island Race Office. Failure to sign in or back out after the race may result in penalty or disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 15.2 Personal floatation devices (PFD's) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times while on the water during the regatta

16. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday of the Regatta after racing at around 1830 at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, Regatta volunteers, the Aberdeen Boat Club and its officers, members and employees, Regatta sponsors and their representatives, officers, and members, accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Regatta.
- 19.2 The term "Skipper" shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the Entry Form as the "Skipper". The Skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the Regatta and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew before, during and after each race, and for compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

18. Entries, Further Information & enquiries

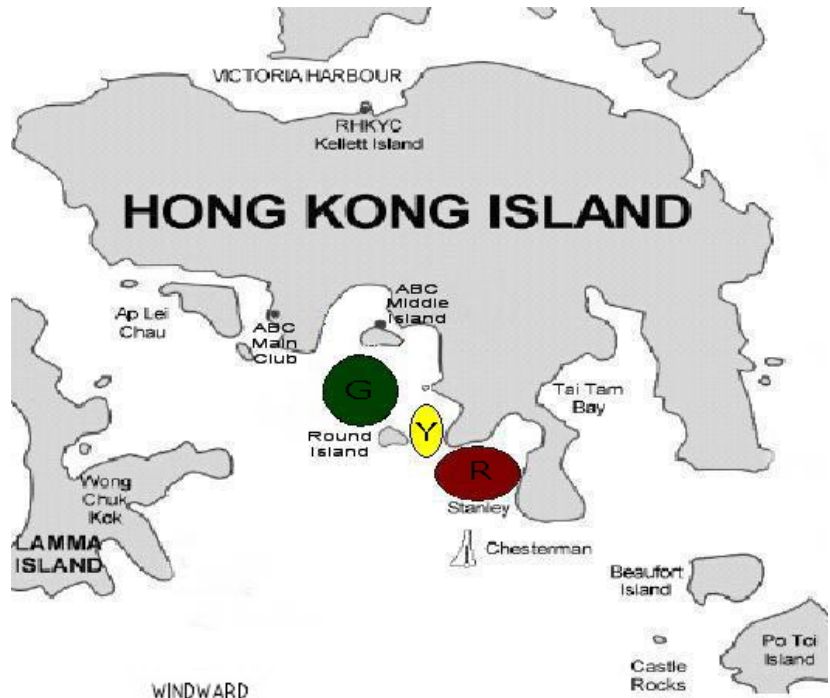
Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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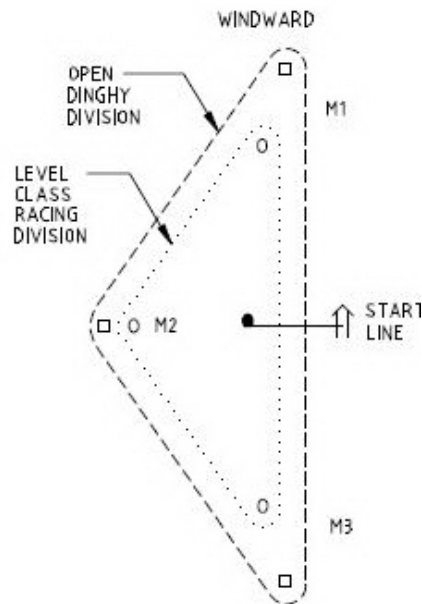


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Attachment A Sailing Areas



Attachment B Courses



Course marks for Div A & B:

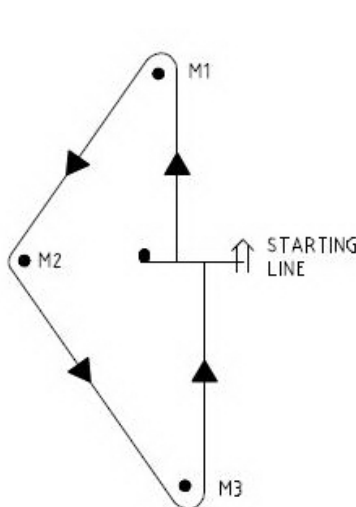
□ Large Round Black Buoys

Course marks for Optimists:

○ Orange Buoys

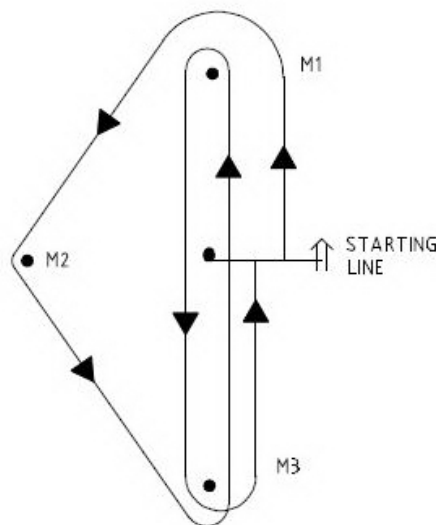
Outer Distance Mark:

● Orange Buoy



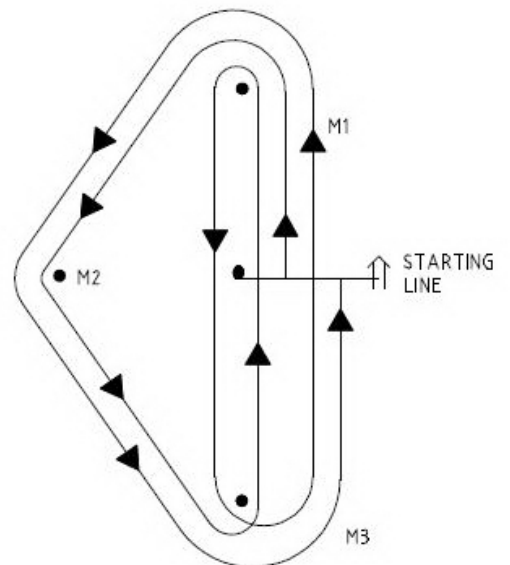
COURSE NO.1

START - M1 - M2 - M3 - FINISH.



COURSE NO.2

START - M1 - M2 - M3 - LINE -
M1 - M3 - FINISH.



COURSE NO.3

START - M1 - M2 - M3 - LINE -
M1 - M3 - LINE -
M1 - M2 - M3 - FINISH.



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