

ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2011

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The Aberdeen Boat Club, as Organising Authority for the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2011, advises competitors that it has received the following notice from the HKPN Committee.

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE UNDER HKPN

A yacht's HKPN is based on its previous racing performance. All yachts racing under HKPN should achieve a similar corrected time and significant outperformance of the fleet should not happen without good reason. Improvements in a yacht's performance through changes in crew or sails are catered for by the HKPN Performance Increase Penalty Scheme (PIPS). This scheme may not, however, be sufficient to accommodate gross improvements in a yacht's performance.

This notice amends the HKPN Manual with immediate effect and is applicable to those racing in a HKPN division or class which is governed by PIPS.

“The fundamental principle of the HKPN handicap is to give every yacht a fair chance of winning a race. It is NOT considered in the spirit of HKPN and sportsmanship to deliberately create a situation where a yacht's handicap is not reflective of its potential performance.

A Competitor expecting a significant improvement in a yacht's performance whilst racing under its published HKPN shall declare this to the HKPN Committee (racehkpn@gmail.com) and to the Organising Authority before racing.

A PIPS declaration form should still be submitted if required by the sailing instructions or the notice of race.

A significant improvement in a yacht's performance is deemed to be a corrected time 7% faster than the average corrected finishing time of the top 2/3's of its HKPN division or class. If a yacht significantly outperforms the fleet, and no declaration has been made, its HKPN may be reviewed by the HKPN Committee.

Most cases of a significant improvement in a yacht's performance are easily explained, for example, a dying breeze favouring a faster boat. A review of a yacht's HKPN for a significant improvement in performance may result in removal of the yacht from the HKPN list.”

HKPN Committee
25th August 2011