



Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2013 Notice of Race

Saturday 7 September and Sunday 8 September

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

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The following will apply:
 - For cruisers with accommodation, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5 (<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2012AppJ06122011-11804.pdf>) plus VHF radio, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee. (except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes)
 - The 2013 IRC Rules parts A, B and C.
 - The HKPN Handicap System, as administered by HKSF.
 - The rules of the SMS system for the sportsboat class.
 - Class Rules where they apply.
 - The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Handicap System in relation to dinghies.
 - The Notice of Race (unless amended by the Sailing Instructions).
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- 1.3 The Hong Kong Sailing Federation prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 HKPN PIPS shall apply to HKPN divisions.
- 1.5 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats are cruisers which have valid HKPN ratings or IRC Certificates and other seaworthy boats at the discretion of the Race Committee, including multihulls with or without accommodation, and dinghies with handicaps issued by HKSF or RYA. Boats without IRC, HKPN or PY ratings may be accepted by and have HKPN/PY ratings allocated for the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest.

3.2 Classes

Racing will be in the classes and under the rating systems as follows.

| CLASS | SPLIT / SYSTEM |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cruisers IRC Class 0 | IRC of 1.200 and above |
| Cruisers IRC Class 1 | IRC of 1.080 to 1.199 |
| Cruisers IRC Class 2 | IRC of 1.000 to 1.079 |
| Cruisers IRC Class 3 | IRC of 0.999 and below |
| Cruisers HKPN Class A | HKPN of 999 and below |
| Cruisers HKPN Class B | HKPN of 1000 and above |
| Multihulls with accommodation | HKPN |
| Sports boats | SMS |
| J80s | OD |
| Flying Fifteens | OD |
| Formula 18s | Formula 18s |
| Other Multihulls | SCHRS |
| Dinghies Class A | PY of 1140 and below |
| Dinghies Class B | PY of 1141 and above |
| Optimists | Level rating |
| 29ers | OD |

3.3 A boat may enter only one class.

3.4 Class splits may be re-allocated subject to entries received.

3.5 Entry may be made by submitting a completed Entry form and Declaration of Skipper form to the Club before 1700 on Wednesday 4 September. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee.

3.6 For a Class to be recognised by the Regatta, a minimum of 3 boats must enter that Class.

3.7 IRC boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than 1930 Friday on 6 September unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

3.8 Class Lists will be published on the event website no later than 1700 on Thursday 5 September and will be distributed at the Skipper's Briefing.

3.9 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats rated as one design, which shall comply with their class rule.

3.10 Dinghies: Entry forms without full sail numbers will not be accepted. Entrants will not be allowed to change sail numbers within 48 hours of the start of the event except under special circumstances agreed with the Organising Authority.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees will be as follows:

- Cruisers, multihulls (with accommodation) & sports boats \$400
- J80s & Flying Fifteens \$400
- Multihulls (without accommodation) & 29ers \$300
- Dinghies: double-handed \$200
- Dinghies: single-handed \$150

5. Schedule and Course Locations

5.1 Friday:

- The Skipper's Briefing, registration and registration party will be held at ABC at 1900 on Friday 6 September. This will be the last opportunity for boats to submit their required paperwork.

5.2 **Saturday:**

- Cruisers, multi-hulls (with accommodation), sports boats, Flying Fifteens and J/80s: two windward / leeward races in the area to the southeast of Lamma Island, between Lamma and Po Toi Island. First warning signal at **1155**.
- Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers: no more than five races in the area to the west of Potoi Island. First warning signal at **1155**.
- Dinghies: up to three races in the areas around Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay. Actual location at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. First warning signal at **1155**.
- All races on the Saturday shall be geometric courses.

5.3 **Sunday:**

- Cruisers, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and sports boats: start in the general area between and south of Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) and Round Islands for all classes: There will be one race over an island course, with first warning signal at **1025**
- Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers: no more than five races in the areas around west of Potoi Island. First warning signal at **1055**.
- Dinghies: up to three races in the areas around Middle Island, Repulse bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay. Actual location at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. First warning signal at **1115**.

5.4 Cruisers, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and sports boats: Scoring all races will count equally, with no discards.
Formula 18s, Other Multihulls and 29ers & Dinghies: There will be 1 discard for 6 completed races.

6. **Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available for downloading from the website no later than 30 August.

7. **Registration**

Registration will be completed by sending the signed Declaration Form (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the ABC Race Office before 1930 Friday 6 September. Class Flags and bow stickers (if required) will be handed out at the Skipper's Briefing.

8. **Penalty System**

8.1 For Multihull and Dinghy Classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

8.2 Exoneration Penalty

8.2.1 A boat that may have broken a rule may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty, except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. This changes Rule 44.3(c).

8.2.2 The Exoneration Penalty is not available for a breach of Rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach of the rules:

8.2.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,

- a) neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty
- b) the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that the exoneration penalty was appropriate to the facts found and the appropriate rules.

9. **Safety**

9.1 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow.

9.2 **Minimum Safety Requirement**

Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Cruisers must comply with Offshore Special Regulation Category 5. No dinghy or multihull without accommodation will be ranked as a starter unless all persons on board are wearing personal buoyancy, throughout the race.

10. **Notice to Competitors and Radio Communications**

- 10.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located outside the doorway outside Coffee Shop
- 10.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors may also be displayed on the Regatta website.
- 10.3 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to cruisers, sports boats, J80s, Flying Fifteens and multihulls with accommodation only.
- 10.4 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. **Prizes**

- 11.1 The Sunseeker Opening Regatta Trophies will be awarded to boats placed Overall First, Second and Third places for each Class, depending on the number of entries.
- 11.2 A Line Honours Trophy will be awarded to the first boat in each class to finish the Island Course on Sunday 8 September, with the exclusion of Formula 18s, other multihulls and dinghies.
- 11.3 Cruisers, multi-hulls, J/80s, Flying Fifteens and sports boats: First Place prizes will be awarded in each class for each race, depending on the number of entries.

12. **Prize Giving**

Prizes will be awarded at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse on both the Saturday and Sunday after racing.

13. **Disclaimer of Liability**

The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Regatta. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

14. **Insurance**

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

15. **Moorings**

A limited number of mooring facilities will be available upon early entry application to the Regatta.

16. **Food and Beverage Arrangement**

Breakfast buffet on both days will be available at the main clubhouse from 8am
For the dinghy racers there will be sandwiches, fruits and water available for a modest price on both days from Middle Island starting at 0830.

- On Saturday night, there will be a "Super Pasta" buffet held during the prize-giving party for \$120. Prior booking required.
- On Sunday evening there will be a "Indian Curry" buffet including beer, held during the prize-giving party for \$168. Prior booking required.