



Aberdeen Boat Club
2013 Sunseeker Opening Regatta

Sailing Instructions

For

29ers & Multihulls

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September 2013

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

The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016* (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation, relevant Class Rules, the Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) Sunseeker Opening Regatta Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, succeeding items of which take priority.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ABC's Yachting Notice Board and on the Official Notice Board at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. This will be marked by an IC Flag "L" at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse in daytime hours.

4. Signals Made Ashore

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

5. Programme and Schedule of Races

5.1 The programme is as follows:

- **Saturday 7 September** Racing, first possible warning signal: 11.55
- **Sunday 8 September,** Racing, first possible warning signal: 10.55
Latest possible start: 16.00

5.2 Any number of races may be sailed each day, subject to the Race Officers discretion, aiming for a minimum of 4 races for the regatta. 4 races will constitute a series. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will be:

- Flag V 29ers
- Flag T Formula 18s
- Flag R Other Multihulls

7. Racing Areas

Racing will take place in any area west of Po Toi Island including Tai Tam bay. The location of the starting line will be determined by the race officer on the day.

8. Marks

Race marks are detailed in the Course diagram, attachment B.

9. The Courses

- 9.1 The List of Courses from which the courses will be selected on the day is set out in the Appendix A, which forms part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The course selected to be sailed will be signalled, no later than the warning signal, by the committee boat displaying the appropriate course number, together with a red or green flag or board to denote port hand or starboard hand roundings, respectively.

10. Propulsion

For the 29er Class if the wind is consistently 10 knots or above, measured at deck level, the Race Committee may permit "pumping, rocking and ooching" by displaying the International Code Flag "O" before or with the warning signal, and these actions are permitted from the preparatory signal. This changes rules 42.1, 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal
- 11.2 The starting line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and an club buoy laid as an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the port end. At the starting line, the committee boat will fly a blue flag, or shape
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her designated starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12. Change of the next leg of the course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course in the context of rule 33, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change of course will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.1 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the course configuration without further signalling. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark. When a change of course mark is replaced, it may be replaced with a mark with a white covering.

13. The finish

The finishing line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the port end and the nearby finishing mark as an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the starboard end. At the finishing line, the committee boat will fly a blue flag, or shape. Boats shall finish between the committee boat and the ODM in the direction of the course from the last mark, the gate 2a / 2b.

14. Time Limits and Target Times

- 14.1 Irrespective of a course being shortened, the time limit for the first boat is 50 minutes and all other boats shall finish within 15 minutes of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within this time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This change rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2 The race will be abandoned if the first boat has not finished within the time listed.
- 14.3 The target time for each race is 35 minutes.

15. Protest

- 15.1 Protest and request for redress shall be delivered to the Race Officer or placed inside the protest box at the ABC Middle Island within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish the day's racing.
- 15.2 The onus is on each competitor to ascertain whether or not he is a party to a protest or a witness. The protestor and protestee shall each be responsible for contacting their own respective witnesses.

16. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 Results in 29er and Formula 18 will be based on finishing time over the finish line. For Other Multihulls results will be calculated on corrected time using SCHRS handicap rating system.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 A boat which wishes to retire from the race must advise the race officer or regatta safety boats. Boats must not return to shore without doing so.
- 18.2 Communication may be made to the race officer by hail but where possible should be avoided unless made to indicate retirement or for safety reasons.

19. 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.

20. Prizes

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

21. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The attention of owners and skipper is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to 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..."

22. Insurance

Third-party liability insurance is the responsibility of each participating boat. The organising authority will provide adequate insurance for the boats supplied by the organising authority.

APPENDIX A: COURSES

1. Marks of the course will be inflatable buoys and are identified as:

- 1 Windward mark
- 2a & 2b Leeward gate marks
- Offset
- ODM Outer Distance Mark

2. Except for start and finish line ODM and IDM buoys, all marks are rounding marks.

3. For all courses boats MUST pass through the 2a / 2b as a gate on each leg.

Course 2
“Double Windward-leeward”
Start - 1 – offset - 2a / 2b – 1 – offset – 2a/2b - finish

Course 3
“Triple Windward- leeward”
Start - 1 – offset - 2a / 2b – 1 – offset - 2a / 2b – 1 – offset - 2a/2b - finish

