



**Aberdeen Boat Club**  
**Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2014**  
*Incorporating the 2014 Bart's Bash*  
**Notice of Race**

**Saturday 20 September and Sunday 21 September**

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

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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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](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2012AppJ06122011-[11804].pdf)) plus VHF radio (except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
  - The 2014 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 Div.A and B.
  - The Notice of Race (unless amended by the Sailing Instructions);
  - The Sailing Instructions.
- 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 sponsor.

**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.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>SPLIT / SYSTEM</b>
Cruisers IRC classes	IRC tba
Cruisers HKPN classes	HKPN tba
Multihulls with accommodation	HKPN
Sports boats	SMS
Day Keelboats	Level rating
Formula 18s	Formula 18s
Other Multihulls	SCHRS
29ers	Level rating
Dinghies Class A	PY tba
Dinghies Class B	PY tba
Optimists	Level rating
Access 303(W), Access 2.3 and 2.4mR	Level rating by type

3.3 A boat may enter only one Class.

3.4 Class splits will be allocated subject to entries received.

3.5 Entries should be made by submitting a completed Entry form and Declaration of Skipper form to the Club before 1700 on Wednesday 17 September. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of 50%.

3.6 For a Class to be recognised by the Regatta, a minimum of three boats must enter that Class, and two for access dinghies.

3.7 IRC boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than 1930 Friday on 19 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 HKPN and PY handicaps will be as listed on the HKSF website.

3.9 Class Lists will be published on the event website no later than 1700 on Thursday 18 September and will be distributed at the Skipper's Briefing.

3.10 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 apply with their class rule.

3.11 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	\$420
• J80s & other day keelboats	\$420
• Multihulls (without accommodation) & 29ers	\$320
• Dinghies: double-handed	\$220
• Dinghies: single-handed	\$170

## 5. Schedule and Course Locations

### 5.1 Friday:

- The Skipper's Briefing and reception will be held at ABC at 1900 on Friday 19 September. This will be the last opportunity for boats to submit their required paperwork.



- 5.2 **Saturday:**
- Cruisers, multi-hulls (with accommodation), sports boats, day keelboats 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: races in the area to the west of Potoi Island. First warning signal at **1155**.
  - Dinghies: 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 will be geometric courses.
- 5.3 **Sunday:**
- Cruisers, multi-hulls, J/80s, day keelboats 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: geometric course races in the areas around west of Po Toi Island. First warning signal at **1055**.
  - Dinghies: geometric course 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: Provisions for discards will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
6. **Sailing Instructions**  
The Sailing Instructions will be available for downloading from the website no later than 12 September.
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 19 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 the Coffee Shop and at ABC Middle Island clubhouse.
- 10.2 Copies of 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, day keelboats 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 21 September.
- 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 the 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 evening, there will be a Barbecue held at Middle Island at a charge of \$138 per person. **Prior booking required.**
- On Sunday evening there will be an Indian Curry buffet including beer, held after the prize-giving party at Middle Island at a charge of \$168 per person. **Prior booking required.**

