



50th Anniversary

Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017

Sailing Instructions

“Dinghy Course”

Optimists & Other Dinghies

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 2017

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 (RRS) 2017 – 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - the HKSF Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Number List for Dinghies;
 - the Class Association rules;
 - these ABC 50th Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017 Sailing Instructions (ABC 50 ODR 2017 SI's) – Dinghy Course and the Revised ABC 50th Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017 - Notice of Race.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 If the Protest Committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

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 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. Schedule of Races

The programme is as follows:

• Saturday 9th September	Competitor's Briefing:	09.30 hrs
	Racing, first possible warning signal:	10.55 hrs
• Sunday 10th September	Racing, first possible warning signal:	10.55 hrs
	Latest possible start:	16.00 hrs

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will be:

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| • Open Division A FAST | "E" flag |  |
| • Open Division B SLOW | "V" flag |  |
| • Optimists: | "Q" flag |  |

7. Racing Areas

The racing area 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

8.1 The List of Courses from which the courses will be selected on the day is set out in the Appendix B, which forms part of these Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The course selected to be sailed will be signalled, no later than the warning signal, by the committee boat displaying the appropriate course number, by means of a flag or board.

9. Marks

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

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a club buoy laid as an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the port end.

- 10.3 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 of the first mark of the course.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 When Flag U is displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26, 63.1 and A5. RRS 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be a line between a signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the Starboard end and the nearby finishing mark as an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) at the port end.

13. Time Limits

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each division to sail the course and finish shall be 60 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) unless the Race Office finishes them on the water as set out in paragraph 12.3 below. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.
- 13.3 Boats still racing when their time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

14. Arbitration

- 14.1 Arbitration will be offered in line with procedures laid out in the RRS 2013 – 2016 HKSF Appendix 3.
- 14.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in Rule 44.3 (c) during an arbitration hearing.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 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 protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Middle Island as soon as possible.

- 15.3 The list of protests or requests for redress received and Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Middle Island within 15 minutes of the end of Protest Time. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 A maximum of 6 races will be sailed in the regatta, 1 race will constitute a series. The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.
- 16.2 Results in Open Divisions A and B will be calculated on corrected time using RYA PY handicaps, and results in level rating divisions for the Optimists, will be based on finishing time over the finish line.
- 16.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 16.4 Rule A2 is changed as follows:
When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races or more have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5 Provisional results will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice board at Middle Island and the Regatta website.

17. Registration & Safety

- 17.1 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. This changes rules A4 & A5.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 Personal floatation devices (PFD's) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times while on the water during the regatta.
- 17.5 Competitors are reminded of RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

18. Support Boats

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay clear outside areas where the dinghies are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 If the Race Committee hoists IC Flag K all support boats shall observe a listening watch on designated VHF safety channel and may enter the race area to assist with safety support for any competitor. If assistance is provided those competitors shall retire from that race. Coaches are requested to record those boats they provide assistance to and report it to the Race Committee via VHF or verbally by approaching the committee boat at an appropriate time. This changes RRS Race Signals, "other signals".

19. Prizes

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

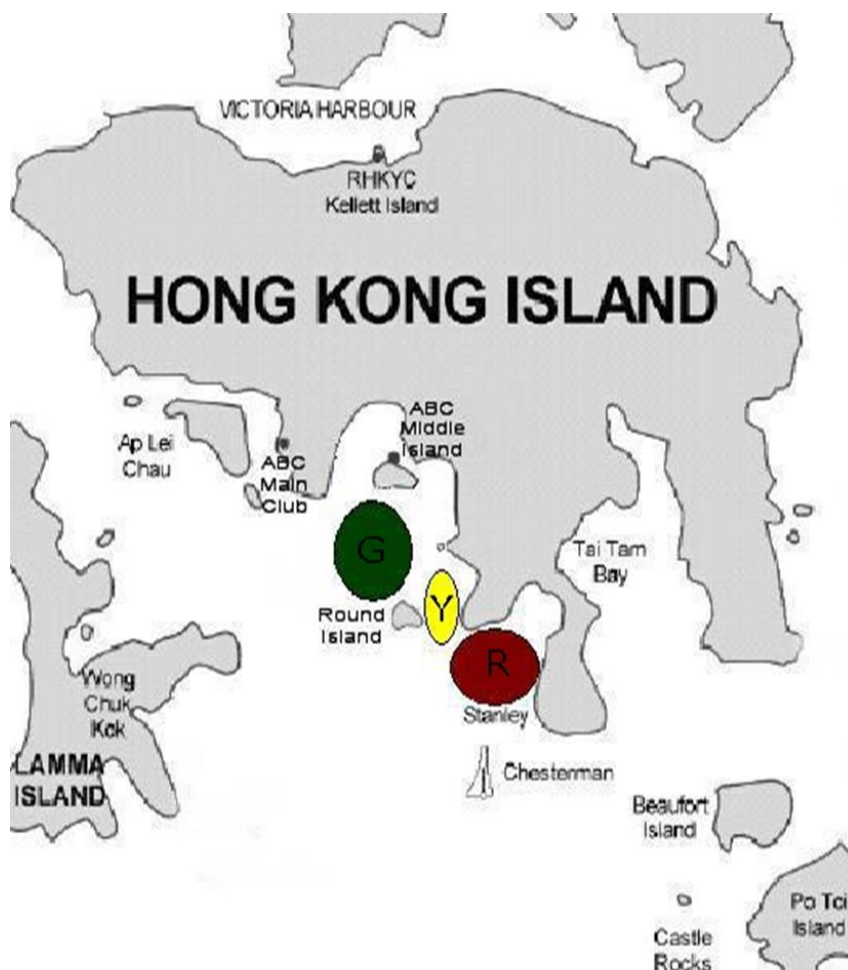
20. Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, staff 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.
- 20.2 The responsibility for a dinghy's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). In addition competitor's attention is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 (first point) which begins "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..." Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
- 20.3 Helms and crews are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the race correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

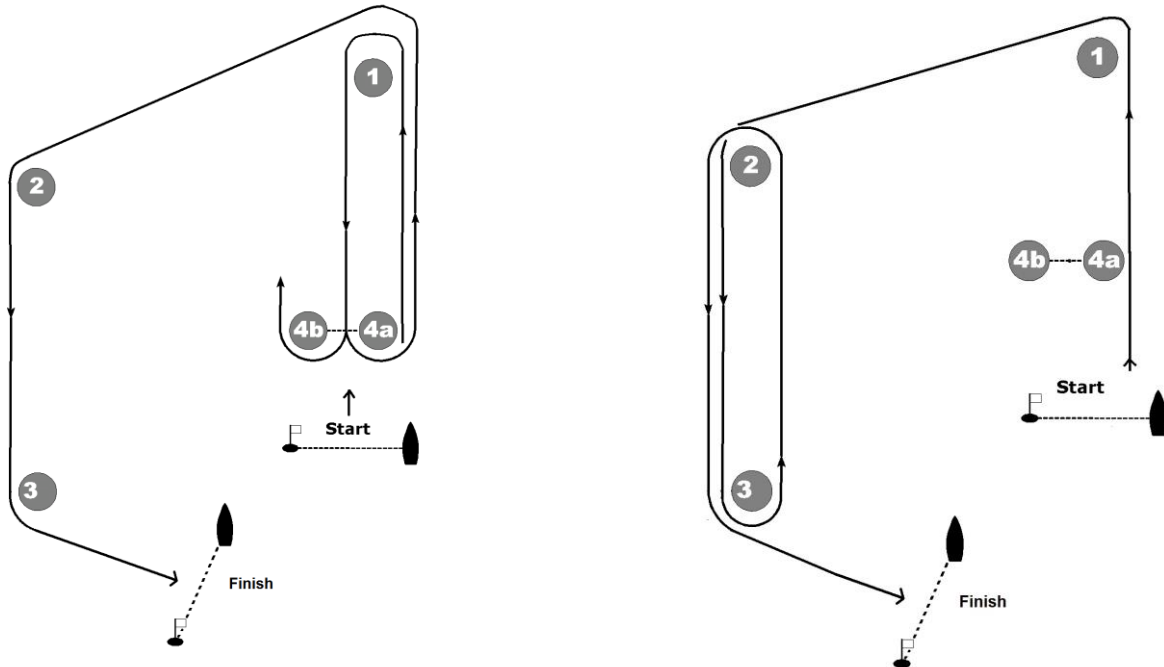
21. Insurance

All competitors shall have adequate third party liability insurance for racing. Proof of insurance will be requested of a boat entering the regatta by the organising authority who is not representing a HK club or organisation. ABC members or cadets using club boats will be insured by the organising authority.

Attachment A – Sailing Areas



Attachment B: Courses



- Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be Yellow Spherical buoys
- Marks 4a and 4b will be Yellow Cylindrical buoys
- The start / finish ODMs will be Orange Cylindrical Buoys

	<p><u>Course O1:</u> “Circuit” Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>
<p><u>Course I2:</u> “Inner Loop” Start, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>	<p><u>Course O2:</u> “Outer Loop” Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish</p>
<p><u>Course I3:</u> “Double Inner Loop” Start, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 4a/4b, 1, 2, 3, Finish</p>	<p><u>Course O3:</u> “Double Outer Loop” Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish</p>