



Aberdeen Boat Club

Summer Series 2025

Notice of Race

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Commodore's Welcome Message

At the time of writing this year's lingering winter has finally faded and we can look forward to better weather which brings with it the Summer Series starting on 1st June 25. As ever this is an open invitation event which attracts yachts from all over HK with crews keen to enjoy the waters, islands and restaurants which ABC is fortunate to have as its bailiwick.

Last year's Series attracted 29 entries and judging by the enthusiastic attendance at the recent Waglan prize-giving night, we are hopeful this number will at least be equaled this year. No matter the number all entrants are warmly welcomed especially newcomers and those who face a lengthy voyage to and from to enjoy the fun.

Before the Series starts all intended participants are urged to take careful note of the clauses within the N.O.R. below, which contain some changes from last year. Of particular note: the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28 and ABC's complementary Standard Sailing Instructions 2025 will govern the Series. Copies of the SSI's are available from ABC's Marine & Sailing Office for Skippers & Yacht Owners, so please ensure your yacht has a copy.

This year's format is unchanged, one-way races around the islands ending at a restaurant with individual race prizes for first place in each division awarded there but non-attending winners will forfeit theirs as prizes work their way down the results list! That proviso does not apply to the Series prizegiving on Sunday 24th August 25 to which all entrants are cordially invited.

As this Series offers relatively light racing in generally clement weather conditions it's an ideal entry point for aspirant new racers keen to make a start, be involved and learn. However as always, the SW Monsoon is prone to passing squalls and takes place during the typhoon season so sailors will then have to take the usual precautions; while the HK Observatory Signal No 3 can and does occasionally delay starts or cause courses to be shortened.

Fuegy's many satisfied customers who benefit from their fine clean fuels will be pleased to note that once again they are offering their support for which ABC is most grateful, a valuable loyal partner.

This popular series could not take place without the planning and active support of ABC's Marine & Sailing Staff, not least those who provide sampan services between yachts and island restaurants where needed, for which a big vote of thanks to them all.

Finally, I emphasise the welcome to all participants and wish you all *SAFE* and enjoyable fun sailing in HK's delightful warm Southern waters.



Chris Pooley
ABC Commodore



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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules 2025, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, **except single or shorthanded boats or keelboat without engines – for which entries are not acceptable, unless prior written permission from the Race Committee has been granted for each individual race in a series.**
 - the PHS Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B: Inshore Racing, plus VHF radio for cruisers with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
 - Class Association rules of competing classes – e.g.- J 80s.
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the revised;
 - the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions: ABC SSI - 2025 Edition. (ABC SSI - 2025 Etd).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) the series is run on weekends throughout the season. Replacement sails may be permitted during the series by informing the Race Committee. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area, and design.
- 1.5 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 64.2.
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2025 Etd.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply to competitors' boat/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats are Yachts which have valid IRC Certificates or PHS ratings and other seaworthy keel boats at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.2 Yacht mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid PHS rating.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form on SailSys, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs. on the respective Friday before racing take place. Details can be found at the event website at:
https://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2025.aspx
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and on the SailSys by 1700 hrs. on the respective Friday before each race takes place. Details can be found as stated in clause 3.3, above.
- 3.5 **Boats may not enter on the water on the day. All boats must have entered for the series, or an individual race by the above stated deadline, in clause 3.4.**
- 3.6 The series is open to the following classes and boats:

3.6.1 Class or Division of Class:

IP	CLASS/DIVISIONS
• Flag G	Yachts IRC 1
• Flag O	Yachts IRC 2
• Flag T	Yachts PHS Division A
• Flag V	Yachts PHS Division B
• Flag M	Multihulls – Island Races only.

- 3.7 Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Race Committee on application, prior to the start of the event by **1700 hrs. on Friday 30th May 2025.**
- 3.8 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and PHS ratings will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by **Friday 30th May 2025 in the Summer Series 2025.**
- One Design/J 80s will race in the PHS class. IRC divisions will also get a result in the PHS class, for rating adjustment purposes only.
- 3.9 A class or division will consist of a three-boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag, always while racing.
- 3.10 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal to be eligible for a race throughout the whole series.
- 3.11 IRC & PHS ratings will be listed as published on the Sailsys website:
<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all event boats will be as follows: **\$1,450 HKD.** Boats may enter individual races at a fee of **\$375 HKD** but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in Clause 3.4.

5. Qualifying Series

The overall event series will consist of seven races with an allowance of two discards.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:

- Summer Series 1 - Island Race: 01 June 2025
- Summer Series 2 - Island Race: 15 June 2025
- Summer Series 3 - Island Race: 29 June 2025
- Summer Series 4 - Island Race: 13 July 2025
- Summer Series 5 – island Race 27 July 2025
- Summer Series 6 - Island Race: 10 August 2025
- Summer Series 7 - Island Race: 24 August 2025

6.2 The first warning signal for all classes will not be before 10:25 hrs.

7. Measurements

7.1 Boats entering the IRC division shall submit at the beginning of the series a copy of their current IRC 2025 Certificate to the Sailsys website no later than 1800 hrs. on Saturday 31st May 2025, unless their IRC rating is already listed on the Sailsys website:
<https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

7.2 Boats must also upload their new valid IRC 2025 certificate to the Sailsys website by 1800hrs on Saturday 31st May 2025, unless their new IRC rating is listed on the Sailsys Website or have applied for an expedited IRC 2025 certificate to the HK IRC Rule Authority by the same deadline. Additionally, any amendments to a boat's IRC certificate that result in a change of TCC must be notified to the Sailing Office together with the issue date of the new IRC 2025 certificate.

7.3 Failure to provide or inform the Sailsys website of a new valid IRC 2025 certificate or TCC rating change will result in a boat being unable to be given a result for Race # 1 on Sunday 01st June 2025.

7.4 For any subsequent race in the series, the new certificate application must be submitted to the HK IRC Rule Authority by 1800 hours on the Monday, prior to the following Sunday race.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Summer Series 2025 event will be sailed under the ABC SSI 2025 - Etd which can be downloaded from the series webpage or collected on any day from the Marine & Sailing Office at ABC main club.

9. Venue

Racing will take place in the waters to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.

10. Courses

10.1 Courses will be described in the ABC SSI 2025 Etd: Annex B: Island Courses – Summer Series 31 - 47.

10.2 All Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island for the Eastern Courses or the Lamma Racing area south of Wong Chum Kok head for Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI 2025 Etd - Annex B: Island Courses Summer Series - Islands Courses: 31 to # 47.

11. Penalty and Arbitration

11.1 Prior to a protest hearing an Arbitration Hearing may be offered in accordance with Appendix T as modified in NoR 11.2. If an arbitration hearing is not available, a boat may nonetheless take a postrace penalty as defined in NoR 11.2. (This changes Appendix T2.)

11.2 A boat may take a penalty at the time of the incident as per RRS 44.1.

- 11.3 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident, in accordance with Appendix T, as modified below:
- 11.4 (a) The Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. (This changes Appendix T1.b.)
- (b) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by notifying a member of the race committee, or for incidents resulting in a protest, an arbitrator, or a member of the protest committee in writing that she accepts a scoring penalty. (This changes Appendix T1 (c) and Appendix A.5).
- (c) Arbitration Process of Appendix T2 - 4 may be offered for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat. (This changes Appendix T2).
- 11.5 Protest time limit for all boats is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 A maximum of seven races will be sailed in the event series with two discards.
- 12.2 When five or fewer races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores. Please also see Clause 5.
- 12.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores, including one discard.
- 12.4 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 12.5 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2025 - Etd.
- 12.6 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the restaurant chosen on the day, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.7 Boats will be dual scored under IRC and PHS, but prizes will only be awarded for each race the overall series; for the division/class the boat is originally entered in – e.g., IRC or HKPN.
- 12.8 RRS rule Appendix A – Clause 5.3 will apply.

13. Safety & Support Boats.

- 13.1 While racing, no anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow, unless enclosed by the hull or a fixed bowsprit.
- 13.2 ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.
- 13.3 All boats must carry a handheld VHF radio, in addition to a ship's radio set, if installed.
- 13.4 **If a boat retires or has an incident during a race requiring assistance, the Committee Boat and/or Race Officer must be informed immediately, either by VHF channel # 72 or mobile phone – please see Clause 20.2 for details.**
- 13.5 Boats must comply with their class rules (if applicable), regarding safety requirements and must comply with the World Sailing Special Regulation Category 4 – Appendix B: Inshore Racing.
- 13.6 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

14. Berthing & Moorings

Subject to availability, temporary moorings can be provided, in either Deepwater Bay or Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter for boats wishing to stay overnight before or after the race. Details may be obtained from the Club on 2552 8182 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com Space booking is required but not guaranteed.

15. Radio Communications

All boats must have a working VHF radio. All communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all Yachts, J80s, and Multihulls with accommodation.

16. Prizes

16.1 The Summer Series 2025 event overall trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each division or class which they originally entered, at the series prize event giving on Sunday 24th August 2025 after racing, at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse. Any competitor who cannot attend this event, please come to the ABC Marine & Sailing office at main club in Aberdeen, post event, to collect your prize,

16.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race at the designated destination restaurant, with the first placed boat in each division or class receiving a prize depending on the number of entries on the day.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race or 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 event series.

17.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3). In addition, competitors' attention is drawn 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..." Competitors participate in the event series entirely at their own risk.

17.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Marine & 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 event series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

18. Insurance

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

19. Further Information

19.1 Car Parking

Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. There are three public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club, above Shun Wan Bus terminal and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

19.2 **Club House**

Visiting competitors only for the Summer Series 2024 from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club may sign chits for food and beverage **on the race day only**, on presentation of their own club membership card.

19.3 **Food and Beverage**

Non-member competitors may use Credit or Octopus cards from the Coffee shop which are valid for use only on designated race days. There will be a buffet breakfast for every race served in the Coffee shop/patio from 08:00 – 0900 hrs. at **\$95 HKD** (early bird special) & 0900 - 1100 hrs. at **\$105 HKD**. After racing, dinner is available from 1830 hours until 2200 hours. Shorts and collarless shirts are not permitted in the restaurant in the evening and casual clothing should be clean and smart.

19.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the takeaway food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club or from the Fuegy Barge at the western entrance of Aberdeen Harbour. There is a special discount for ABC members on the production of your club membership card.

20. Further additional information:

20.1 The Event website can be found at: https://www.abclubhk.com/Summer_Series_2025.aspx

20.2 **For Event enquiries:**

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20.3 **For Summer Series 2025 Entries, Mooring & Berthing enquires to be submitted to:** Mark Cheng – Assistant Marine & Sailing Manager

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