



Aberdeen Boat Club

**Waglan Series:
2022 - 2023**

Notice of Race

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With appetites whetted by the Opening Regatta or the more so if missed, sailors can look forward to the start of the Series on Sunday 9th October continuing over twelve races into the spring weather of April.

ABC's Waglan Series tends to have stronger more reliable winds, choppy seas and sometimes heavy swells, the series offers much more of a racing challenge to sailors. Hence its long-term attraction. Large entry lists on races for much of the current year augur well for buoyant support for the Autumn and Winter Mini Series, so roll up and enter!

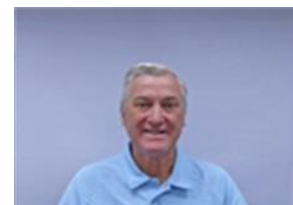
As usual, there are five divisions open to entry with the reminder that the division in which a boat is placed in the first race determines its placement for the whole series irrespective of any subsequent changes to handicap. The actual divisional splits will be decided once entry lists are closed. As ever the divisional splits, and courses themselves, have been drafted so as to allow the more leisurely boat designs to compete with their peers. All courses have been drafted with cut-off points requiring passing times to be noted in the event of shortening.

Last year's series was governed by a revised set of ABC SSI's, Please NOTE that there has now been a FURTHER revision and a new Edition published. Copies are obtainable from ABC's Marine & Sailing Office and are an essential guide to race governance. Your particular attention is drawn to some changes to marks and course made to accommodate measures imposed recently by Mardep. Some of these relate to growing concerns about possible obstruction to shipping in the Traffic Lanes: all sailors must bear in mind at all times that Race Permits are under increasing scrutiny and subject to HK Mardep approval, for each race. Compliance with these safety considerations is essential to the continuation of racing in our waters.

That said, it is a pleasure to look ahead and thank our regular sponsors for their continuing generous support: Fuegy Fuels with their useful discounts and provision of reliably clean fuel throughout the Series. Plus, as a spur to all skippers and crews, the invigorating, and warming Kraken Rum awaits as prizes for winners and anyone willing to sample a bottle or two of amber delight, once ashore post-race to enjoy ABC's friendly hospitality.

Finally, a reminder that the enjoyment to come is the result of much preparation by the Marine & Sailing Team and their active support on the water for each race regardless of weather conditions, which merits a big thank-you from each one of us.

With that, I wish all entrants enjoyable, even exhilarating but, above all, safe racing in the attractive, sometimes challenging, seas in ABC's ambient waters which it is our great privilege to be able to enjoy, whether long-term regular sailors or newcomers to the scene, who are always most welcome.



Chris Pooley
ABC Commodore



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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - The IRC Rules, 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 Yachts or open keelboat entries are not acceptable;
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix J, plus VHF
 - Radio for Yachts with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes);
 - Class Association rules of any competing classes – One Design/J80s;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 2021 – 2024: ABC SSI 2022 – Revised September (Sept) Edition.
- 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 week-ends over 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 2022 – Revised Sept Edition and the Notice to Competitors (NTC) # 1.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the series sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for Competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats are Yachts which have valid IRC Certificates or HKPN 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 HKPN rating.
- 3.3 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form, Declaration of Skipper form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before racing takes place.
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and Skippers declaration by 1700 hrs on the respective Friday before the race takes place.
- 3.5 **Boats may enter on the water, on the day, by informing the committee boat at the discretion of the Race Officer but must submit an online entry form and skipper declaration prior to racing, which can be completed via mobile phone or tablet. Any boat which fails to enter correctly on the water, will be given a score of DNF.**
- 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 HKPN Division A
•	Flag V	Yachts HKPN Division B
•	Flag M	Multihulls

- 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 07th October 22.**
- 3.8 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and HKPN will be published by the Race Committee subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by **Friday 07th October 2022 in the NTC # 1.** One Design/J 80s will race in the HKPN class. IRC will also get a result in the HKPN 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 at all times.
- 3.10 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for a race throughout all of the series.
- 3.11 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. IRC & HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF website.

4. Entry Fees

The entry fees for all series boats will be as follows: \$2,000 HKD. Boats may enter individual races at a fee of \$350 HKD but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in the Waglan NoR 2022 – 2023: Clause 3.4.

5. Qualifying Series

The overall series will consist of twelve races, with two mini-series consisting of six races each, with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates:

- Waglan Series 1 - Island Race: 09 October 2022
- Waglan Series 2 - Island Race: 23 October 2022
- Waglan Series 3 & 4: X 2 Windward/Leeward cse: 13 November 2022
- Waglan Series 5 - Island Courses: 27 November 2022
- Waglan Series 6 - Island Race: 11 December 2022
- Waglan Series 7 - Island Race: 15 January 2023
- Waglan Series 8 & 9: X 2 Windward/Leeward cse: 26 February 2023
- Waglan Series 10 - Island Race: 12 March 2023
- Waglan Series 11 - Island Race: 26 March 2023
- Waglan Series 12 - Island Race: 02 April 2023
- Waglan Series Re – sail 16 April 2023

6.2 The first warning signal for all classes will not be before **10:55 hrs** on any given race day.

7. Measurements

7.1 Boats entering the IRC Class shall submit at the beginning of the series, a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Club office no later than **1700 hrs on Friday 07th October 2022**, unless their IRC rating is listed on HKSF website. A scanned soft copy sent by email is acceptable.

7.2 Boats must submit a new IRC certificate to the Sailing Office, if their TCC rating changes during the series.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Waglan 2022 – 2023 Series will be sailed under the new amended ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition.

8.2 The ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition can be downloaded from the series webpage or a hard copy 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 All courses, both island & windward/leeward are described in the ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition.

10.2 All Island Courses will start in the vicinity of ABC Round Island or ABC Lamma start areas.

10.3 All Windward and Leeward Courses will be held in the vicinity East of Lamma Island.

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.
- 11.6 RRS rule Appendix A – Clause 5.3 will apply.
- 12. Scoring**
- 12.1 There will twelve races of two mini-series consisting of six races each, with one discard per mini-series, which will also be included in the final results.
- 12.2 If less than twelve races are sailed under normal circumstances – please see the ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition: Clause 15. If any Covid 19 restrictions are still in force throughout the series, then the following clauses 12.3 & 12.4 will apply.
- 12.3 Potentially, if Hong Kong sailing activities are still suspended at the start of the series, this may only result in only a race or a couple of races being sailed for the series in 2022 or 2023, so then the overall series will then consist of a minimum of one race, with no discards.
- 12.4 If any scheduled race is then sailed and the Hong Kong sailing activities are again suspended, after the start or during the series, then the result for the overall series will be taken from the accumulative score of the actual races completed, up to the last race sailed.
- 12.5 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the nearest second.
- 12.6 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition.
- 12.7 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race informal prize giving at ABC main club or Middle Island, subject to any outstanding protests.
- 12.8 Boats may win a series or mini-series overall in IRC, HKPN. A boat which wins an individual race in IRC or HKPN may only win under one handicap rating system or under the class they originally entered or placed in by the Race Committee.
- 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 hand held VHF radio, in addition to a ship's VHF radio set 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.
- 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 1812 (Ext. 834) or by emailing to marinecoord@abclubhk.com. Space booking is required but not guaranteed.
- 15. Minimum Safety Requirement**
 15.1 Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements and Yachts must comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation Category 4: Appendix J.
- 15.2 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the multihull classes with accommodation: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>
- 16. Radio Communications**
 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on **Marine VHF Channel 72**. This applies to all boats competing in an individual race or the series. In the event of an incident, the ABC Marine Services Manager can also be called by mobile phone on: +852 6773 2066.
- 17. Prizes**
 17.1 The Waglan Series 2022 – 2023 Overall and Mini Series trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries, at the end of series prize giving in March 2022 after Race # 12 or the re –sail in April 2023; if applicable, subject the current HK Government Covid 19 restrictions.
- 17.2 A short informal prize giving will be held after each race, with the first placed boat in each division receiving a prize at either ABC main club or Middle Island.
- 17.3 The Trophies award in the Waglan Series 2022 - 2023 are listed in Annex H of the ABC SSI 2022 – Revised Sept Edition.
- 18. Disclaimer of Liability**
 18.1 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 series.
- 18.2 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 series entirely at their own risk.
- 18.3 Owners and skippers 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 series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

19. Insurance

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

20. Further Information

20.1 Car Parking

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

20.2 Club House

Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club may sign chits on the race day on presentation of their club membership card.

20.3 Food and Beverage

Non - member competitors may use 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 from 0800 hrs at \$85 HKD – early bird special - \$95 HKD after 0900 hrs. 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.

20.4 Ships Stores & Fuel

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the take away food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Fuegy Fuel Barge at the Western end of Aberdeen Harbour – there is a discount for ABC members.

20.5 Social Distancing

All participants will be required to follow the Hong Kong Government guidelines on social distancing which are in force at the time of this event. The event may need to be modified, rescheduled or cancelled if Government imposed health related restrictions apply. Check the event website for the latest information – see clause 21.1.

21. Further Information

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Waglan22-23.aspx

21.2 Event enquiries or safety issues on the water:

Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager

Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com

Tel: +852 6773 - 2066 (mobile)

21.3 Entries & Mooring enquires to be submitted to:

Jennifer Li – Assistant Marine and Sailing Manager

Email: marinecoord@abclubhk.com

Tel: +852 2552 8182 – Ext: 834