



Aberdeen Boat Club

**Waglan Series:
2025 - 2026**

Notice of Race

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Commodore's Message

After the Summer Series and Opening Regatta warm-up sessions, many crews will be primed and eager to enter ABC's main racing series, the Waglan: expanded to Fourteen Races again this season for the IRC division and Twelve races for PHS division. As ever the Series, and individual races, are open to any adequately crewed and insured yacht holding the appropriate handicap. With usually fine dry weather and dependable, sometimes robust, NE'ly winds, coupled with scenic racecourses weaving around HK's Southerly islands there is much to look forward to.

The Race series runs on Sundays from the 5th October 2025 until the end of March 2026 with a re-sail if needed in early April as set out in the NOR below, in other words the series runs for the duration of the NE Monsoon interrupted only by the occasional late typhoon, the Christmas break and the Four Peaks Race in January. The other interim date of note is 7th December Races 7/6, being the ever popular après of Commodore's Drinks at ABC Middle Island.

The steady NE'ly wind frequently reaches gale force with attendant heavy swells, so it is incumbent on Skippers and Navigators to take careful note of weather and sea conditions before every race with particular regard to conditions East of Beaufort and Po Toi Islands.

So, with safe and fair racing in mind skippers are urged to familiarize themselves with the details of the NOR below which together with the International Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and ABC's Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs) governs each race in the series. Copies of the 2025 edition can be obtained well in advance from ABC's Marine Office; similarly, anyone lacking the current edition should hasten to obtain a copy from that office. In common with all ABC races the courses have been set to keep yachts well clear of the Shipping Traffic Separation Zones. Any formally reported infringement to the HK Marine Dept could jeopardise future racing for all so the Race Committee will take a strict line with any suspected incidents that come to their attention.

While the Divisional splits aim to give all boats a competitive chance of success, and a podium place merits celebration, the underlying object of the Series is to offer exhilarating, sporting, and safe sailing enjoyment for all entrants during our best sailing season. The Main Prizes are split between the two halves of 6/7 races in the series and overall, with a modest prize for the winners in each division in every race in the informal ambience of the Waglan Bar & Main Club Terrace.

Once again, we owe a big vote of thanks to Fuegy for their continuing loyalty and support with generous discounts for reliable and clean fuels.

Let no one forget either, that none of the races could happen without the active engagement of ABC's dedicated and enthusiastic Marine Team both ashore and afloat; their efforts in making it what it is are deserving of our great appreciation

So once again it is time to look forward to the first race and I wish all participants an exhilarating, rewarding series whatever their finishing position in each race. Good luck to all and be safe on the water.



Chris Pooley - ABC Commodore



Waglan Series 2025 - 2026

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

1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing: RRS 2025 – 2028, as follows:

- RRS 2025 – 2028: Race # 1 to # 7 for the IRC Class and Race # 1 to Race # 6 for the PHS Class.
- RRS 2025 – 2028: Race # 8 to Race # 14 for the IRC Class
- RRS 2025 – 2028: Race # 7 to Race # 12 for the PHS Class, plus a re – sail, if required.

1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (SFHKC) 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 numbers or weight;
- **Single or shorthanded crewed Yachts or open keelboat entries are not acceptable, unless each specific individual race permission has been granted by the Race Committee and is sailed on a yacht set up specifically for single handed sailing;**
- The SailSys PHS handicap System (PHS) (formally the HKPN handicap system);
- The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix J, plus VH;
- Radio for Yachts with accommodation (except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the **Multihull Classes for Islands Races only**);
- Class Association rules of any competing classes – One Design/J80s;
- this Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Standard Sailing Instructions 202

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 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.

1.6 This changes RRS 64.2

- 1.7 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2025 Edition and the Waglan Series 2025 – 2026 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 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, a Declaration of Skipper form, (with IRC certificate if appropriate) to the Club before 1700 hrs. on the respective Friday before racing takes place. Details can be found on the event website at: [Aberdeen Boat Club - Waglan Series 2025-2026](#)
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter individual races must submit an online entry form and Skippers declaration 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, mini - series or 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:**
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| • 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 03rd October 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 03rd October 2025 in the Waglan Series 2025 - 2026 (NTC # 1.)**
- 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 all the series.
- 3.11 IRC & PHS ratings will be listed as published on the current Sailsys website: <https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

4. Entry Fees

- 4.1 The entry fees for boats entering the entire series in the IRC divisions will be as follows:
- IRC Divisions - X 14 Races: \$2,600 HKD.
 - PHS Divisions - X 12 Races:\$2,250 HKD.
 - Individual Race - \$380 HKD per race.
- 4.2 Boats may enter individual races but must submit an entry form and sign the skipper's declaration form online on the Club website, as outlined in the Waglan NoR 2025 – 2026: Clause 3.4.
- 4.3 Boats cannot sign up for any race on the water at the committee boat.

5. Qualifying Series

- 5.1 The overall series for the IRC Class will consist of fourteen races, with two mini-series consisting of seven races each, with an allowance of one discard per mini-series.
- 5.2 The overall series for the PHS Class 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 for the IRC Divisions:
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| • Waglan Series Race 1 - Island Race: | 05 October 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 2 - Island Race: | 19 October 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Races - 3 & 4 & 5: X 3 Windward/leeward Courses for IRC Divisions: | 02 November 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 6 - Island Race: | 23 November 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 7 - Island Race **:: | 07 December 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 8 - Island Race: | 11 January 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Races - 9 & 10 & 11: X 3 Windward/Leeward Courses: | 08 February 2026 |
| • Waglan Series 12 - Island Race: | 22 February 2026 |
| • Waglan Series 13 - Island Race: | 08 March 2026 |
| • Waglan Series 14 - Island Race & the HK IRC Nationals Race will also sail the Race # 12 course: | 29 March 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Re – sail: | 05 or 11 April 2026 |
- 6.2 Racing will be on Sundays on the following dates for the PHS Divisions:
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| • Waglan Series Race 1 - Island Race: | 05 October 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 2 - Island Race: | 19 October 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Races 3 & 4: X 2 Windward/leeward Races for PHS Divisions | 02 November 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Races 5 - Island Courses: | 23 November 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 6 - Island Race**: | 07 December 2025 |
| • Waglan Series Race 7 - Island Race: | 11 January 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Races - 8 & 9: X 2 races for PHS Windward/Leeward Courses: | 08 February 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Race 10 - Island Race: | 22 February 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Race 11 - Island Race: | 08 March 2026 |
| • Waglan Series 12 - Island Race & the HK IRC Nationals Race will also sail the Race # 12 course | 29 March 2026 |
| • Waglan Series Re – sail | 05 or 11 April 2026 |

**** Commodores Drinks – ABC Middle Island after racing – Sunday 07th
December 25**

- 6.3 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 Sailsys website, no later than **1800 hrs. on Friday 03rd October 2025, unless their IRC rating is already listed on the <https://www.sailsys.com.au/>**
- 7.2 Boats **must submit** a new IRC certificate to the Sailsys website, if their TCC rating changes, at any time during the series.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Waglan 2025 – 2026 Series will be sailed as follows:
- 8.1.1 Race # 1 to Race # 6 (PHS) & Race # 7 (IRC) - October to December 2024 will be sailed under the amended ABC SSI 2025 Edition.
- 8.1.2 Race # 7 (PHS) or Race # 8 (IRC) to Race # 12 /# 14, plus a re – sail, January to April 2025. will be sailed under the new ABC SSI 2025 Edition.
- 8.2 The ABC SSI 2025 Edition can be downloaded now from the event webpage. or a hard copy of 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 Edition and the new ABC SSI - 2025 Edition, once published.
- 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 For the IRC Class/divisions, there will be **fourteen races** of two mini-series consisting of **seven races each**, with one discard per mini-series which will also be included in the overall results for the IRC Class.

12.2 For the PHS Class/divisions, there will be **twelve races** of two mini-series consisting of **six races each**, with one discard per mini-series which will also be included in the overall results for the PHS Class.

12.3 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the nearest second.

12.4 Other prescriptions as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2025 Edition.

12.5 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race informal prize giving at ABC main club, subject to any outstanding protests, after each race day.

12.6 Boats may win a series or mini-series overall in IRC, or PHS classes. A boat which wins an individual race in the IRC or PHS class, may only win under one handicap rating system or under the class they originally entered or placed in by the Race Committee, from the start of the series.

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 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 2025 – 2026 Overall and Miniseries trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries. The prize giving will be on a separate date and time to be confirmed.
- 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 ABC main club - Waglan Bar & Terrace.
- 17.3 The Trophies award in the Waglan Series 2025 - 2026 are listed in Annex H of the ABC SSI 2025 Edition and the new ABC SSI - 2025 Edition, once published.

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, competitor's attention is drawn to the World Sailing Special Regulations 1.02.1 (first point) which begins "Under RRS 3, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. 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.
- 18.2 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, within the deadline dates quoted throughout this Notice of Race (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.

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 Commercial Car Park on Welfare Road.

20.2 Club House

Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Hebe Haven 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 \$95 HKD – early bird special - \$105 HKD after 0900 hrs. in the Four Peaks Restaurant & balcony during the current club renovations. Post renovations, the location will revert to the normal location on the main club coffee shop patio.

20.4 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 takeaway 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.

21. Further Information

21.1 Event website: www.abclubhk.com/Waglan25-26.aspx

21.2 Event enquiries or Race Management:

Alex Johnston – ABC Marine Services Manager

Email: marine.services@abclubhk.com

Tel: +852 6773 - 2066 (mobile)

21.3 Entries & Mooring enquiries to be submitted to:

Jayne Lee – ABC Assistant Marine and Sailing Secretary

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