



Aberdeen Boat Club Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017

Optimists & other Dinghies

Revised Notice of Race

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September

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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 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;
 - this Revised Notice of Race (NoR) and the ABC Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017 Sailing Instructions Dinghy Course (DC SI's).
- 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.
- 1.5 This NoR may be amended by the ABC ODR 2017 DC SI's.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta 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 The regatta is open to the following classes and boats:

3.1.1 **Classes** - Repulse Bay / Chong Hom Wan / Stanley Bay Race Area.

- Optimists
- Other dinghies

Other dinghies will race under Divisions.

3.1.3 Divisions

- In the Repulse Bay / Chong Hom Wan / Stanley Bay Race Area all other dinghies, if sailing the same courses, will be in two divisions under PY handicap. The divisions includes the classes sailing the same course.

3.2 Boats from other classes may also be considered by the Race Committee on application, by 1700 hrs on Thursday 7th September 17.

3.3 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum.

3.4 Eligible boats are dinghies with handicaps issued by HKSF or RYA.

3.5 Boats without PY ratings may be accepted by and have PY ratings allocated for the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest.

3.6 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form and Declaration of Helm form to the Club before 1700 hrs on Friday 1st September 17. Late entries may be accepted up to Thursday 7th September but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of 50% of the class entered.

3.7 Class and Division Lists will be published on the event website at 1800 hrs on Thursday 7th September.

3.8 **Entry forms without full sail numbers will not be accepted. Entrants will not be allowed to change sail numbers except under special circumstances agreed in writing using the official Sail Number Change Form with the Organising Authority. The deadline is Thursday 7th September – 1800 hrs.**

4. Entry Fees

4.1 The entry fees will be as follows:

- Dinghies: double-handed: \$370
- Dinghies: single-handed: \$270

5. Schedule and Course Locations

5.1 Saturday:

- A briefing will be held on the Saturday morning at Middle Island before racing.
- Dinghies: Optimists and other dinghies will race in the areas around Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay.
- The location will be at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. The first warning signal will not be before **1055 hrs.**

5.2 Sunday:

- Dinghies: Optimists and other dinghies will race in the areas around Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan (Chung Hom Bay) or Stanley Bay. Actual location will be at the discretion of the Race Officer and will be indicated on the day. The first warning will not be before: **1055 hrs.**

6. Sailing Instructions

The ABC ODR 2017 Sl's Dinghy Course (DC) will be available for downloading from the event website no later than Friday 1st September 17 at 1800 hrs.

7. Venue

The ABC main club house and Middle Island club house will be used by the Organising Authority. Racing will take place to the South and East of Hong Kong Island.

8. Registration

Registration will be completed by sending the signed Declaration Form to the ABC Sailing Office before 1700 hrs on Friday 1st September 17. Class Flags and bib stickers (if required) will be handed out at the briefing on Saturday morning prior to the regatta.

9. Penalty System & Protests

9.1 For all Classes and Divisions Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9.2 Exoneration Penalty

9.2.1 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).

9.2.2 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:

9.2.3 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.

10. Scoring

A maximum of 10 races will be sailed in the regatta, depending on class, with 1 race constituting a series.

11. Safety & Support Boats.

ABC support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.

12. Minimum Safety Requirement

12.1 Boats must comply with their class rules regarding safety requirements.

12.2 No boat be ranked as a starter unless all persons on board are wearing personal buoyancy, throughout the race.

13. Prize

The ABC 50th Anniversary Opening Dinghy Regatta 2017 Trophies will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each class, depending on the number of entries.

14. Prize Giving

Prizes will be awarded at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse on the Sunday after racing, subject to any outstanding protest hearings.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 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.

15.2 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 helm/crew..." Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

15.3 Helms and crews 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 race correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

16. 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.

17. Food and Beverage Arrangement

17.1 A breakfast buffet on both days will be available at the main clubhouse from 0800 hrs.

17.2 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 hrs.

17.3 A 50th Anniversary party for the dinghy crews, with music and food, will take place at Middle Island on Saturday 9th September from 1700 – 2000 hrs. This will be free for all participants and volunteers.

18. Further Information

18.1 Event website: http://www.abclubhk.com/opening_regatta_2017.aspx

18.2 For Regatta enquires;

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18.3 Entries to be submitted to:

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