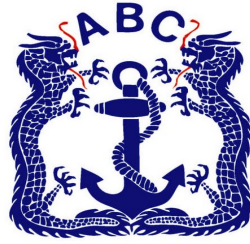


# Aberdeen Boat Club Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2022



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Notice of Race

The regatta Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta 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 will apply, together with:
  - The HKSF Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Number for dinghies;
  - the Class Association rules;
  - this NoR; and
  - the Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2022 Sailing Instructions (SSR 2022 SIs)
- 1.3 In case of a conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for competitors' boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Subject to entries, the eligible classes are as follows:

#### 3.1.1 Group A Dinghies

- Division A Boats with PY number of 1174 and below.
- Division B Boats with PY number of 1175 and above.
- Optimist
- 2.4mR
- Waszp

#### 3.1.2 Group B Dinghies

- 29er
- ILCA 7 (Standard)
- ILCA 6 (Radial)
- ILCA 4 (4.7)

3.2 The divisional split in NoR 3.1.1 between Divisions A and B may be adjusted before the regatta dependent on entries received and in the interests of fair racing.

3.3 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.

3.4 A class or division will consist of a minimum of three boats.

3.5 Entries should be made by returning a completed entry form and entry fee to the Aberdeen Boat Club Sailing Office on or before Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Late entries may be accepted subject to a late entry fee.

### 4. Entry Fees

4.1 The entry fee per boat is HK\$550 for single-handed entries and HK\$650 for double-handed entries.

4.2 For late entries received after Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the fee will be HK\$650 and HK\$800 for single-handed and double-handed entries, respectively.

### 5. Sail Numbers

5.1 Entry forms without full or correct sail numbers will not be accepted.

5.2 Entrants will only be allowed to change sail numbers up to 09:00 hrs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, unless agreed by the Organising Authority. Submission of an official Sail Number Change Form – available on the regatta website or registration at MI is mandatory.

5.3 Sail numbers changed without submission of a Sail Number Change Form will be treated as non-entrants and will not be scored. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### 6. Race Schedule

6.1 The race schedule is as follows:

- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** first warning signal 10:55 hrs.
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** first warning signal 10:55 hrs.

6.2 The starts for each day's subsequent races will follow as soon as possible after completion of the previous race.

6.3 Any number of races may be sailed each day, subject to the race officer's discretion. The regatta will comprise of a minimum of one race for all classes and divisions and a maximum of six races, except for the 29er class that shall be a maximum of eight races.

## 7. **Sailing Instructions**

The SSR 2022 SIs will be available from the ABC website from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. (<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta>)

## 8. **Venue**

- 8.1 Courses for Group A Dinghies will be sailed in the vicinity of Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Chung Hum Kok or Stanley Bay, depending on weather conditions.
- 8.2 Courses for Group B Dinghies will be sailed in an area west of Po Toi Island, outer Stanley Bay, Chung Hum Kok or Tai Tam Bay, depending on weather conditions.

## 9. **The Courses**

Courses will be trapezoid, windward-leeward or 'Optimist Worlds Course' and will be detailed in the SSR 2022 SIs.

## 10. **Penalty System**

- 10.1 For the 29er class RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **Exoneration Penalty**

- 10.2 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 RRS 44.3(c).
- 10.3 The exoneration penalty is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 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.
- 10.4 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.

## 11. **Scoring**

- 11.1 Divisions A and B will compete on the HKSF Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) handicap. The Optimists and one design classes will compete on finishing places.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3
  - (a) When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from five to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) For the 29er class only, when from seven to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 11.4 A boat which fails to sign out before racing or sign in after racing each day may result in a penalty of up to ten points without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5. [DP]

## 12. **Support Boats**

Coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

### **13. Prizes**

- 13.1 Details of a prize giving or prize collection will be advised to competitors closer to the time of the regatta.
- 13.2 First, second and third prizes will be awarded for each division and for one-design classes with 3 or more entrants. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

### **14. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, race sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, staff and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 14.2 Helms & crew are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Marine and Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their entry 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.

### **15. Insurance**

- 15.1 Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law. ABC members and cadets using club boats will be insured.
- 15.2 Proof of insurance will be requested by the Organising Authority for a boat entering the regatta which is not under the insurance of a HK club or organisation: e.g. – overseas competitor or a non-club associated HK competitor.

### **16. Safety**

- 16.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times whilst on the water.
- 16.2 The Regatta Registration will be open from 08:45 to 09:30 hours daily at ABC Middle Island Race Office.
- 16.3 A sign in / sign out registration sheet system will be placed at the ABC Middle Island hardstand. Failure to sign out or to sign back in after each day's racing may result in penalty at the discretion of the race committee. See NoR 11.4.
- 16.4 Boats which sail to and from the race area from their own respective clubs or locations, should arrange their own safety cover to and from the race area.

### **17. Visitor Berthing**

A limited number of pontoon berths will be made available for visiting competitor's ribs/safety boats. It should be noted that ABC takes no responsibility for boats left overnight, and competitors are responsible for their own mooring lines and safe berthing.

### **18. 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 (<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta>).

### **19. Further Information**

For further entry information and enquiries contact the Watersports Training Manager, Howie Suen, at: [chiefinstructor@abclubhk.com](mailto:chiefinstructor@abclubhk.com) Tel. No. 2518 9536 or the Assistant Marine and Sailing Manager, Jennifer Li at: [marinecoord@abclubhk.com](mailto:marinecoord@abclubhk.com) for marine enquires.