



HONG KONG

Southside Regatta

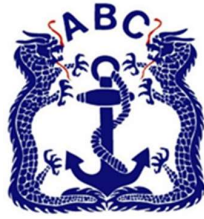


2022

Sailing Instructions

Aberdeen Boat Club

Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2022



3rd & 4th December 2022

Sailing Instructions

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

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that a breach of that rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

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 Class Association rules;
 - the ABC Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2022 Notice of Race (SSR 2022 NoR); and
 - these SIs.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply but changed as follows: P2.2 will apply to second and all subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse. Copies of notices to competitors may also be posted on the event website (<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta>).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag D with one sound means "The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the ABC or RHKYC hardstand until this signal is made. If this applies to fewer than all classes then the respective class flag(s) will be displayed below flag D.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The programme is as follows:




Saturday 3 rd December	Competitors Sign on open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs
Sunday 4 th December	Competitors Sign on open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs

- 5.2 Any number of races may be sailed each day, subject to the race officer's discretion. The regatta will comprise 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.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Group A

2.4mR	Flag F	
Optimists Mainfleet	Flag Q	
Optimist Intermediate	Blue	

Group B

29er	Flag J	
ILCA 4	Flag G	
ILCA 6	Flag K	

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the vicinity of Middle Island, Repulse Bay, Deep Water Bay, Chung Hom Kok, Stanley Bay, or West of Po Toi depending on weather conditions. The intended race areas for each classes will be posted on the ONB by 0910hrs each race day.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams and notes in Attachment A describe the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the class warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting white mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP][NP]
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing white mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Refer to SSR 2022 NoR 10.1.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The race target time is 30 minutes for the 29er class, and 45 minutes for all other classes/divisions.
- 14.2 The Finish Window is 15 minutes for all classes/divisions. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.

15. ARBITRATION

SSR 2022 NoR 10.2 – 10.4 shall not apply. Arbitration may be offered in line with procedures laid out in RRS Appendix T.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing Request forms are available online at the regatta webpage <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted online within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class or division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the class or division has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 16.3 Rule 61.1 'Inform the Protestee' is changed as follows: Add to rule 61.1(a) 'The protesting boat shall inform the Finishing Boat of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing'. [DP][NP]
- 16.4 Notices will be posted as soon as possible and no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the ABC Middle Island Clubhouse.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available on the regatta website.
- 16.7 Breaches of SIs 18, 19 and will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17. SCORING

Refer to SSR 2022 NoR 11.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall sign out/sign in each race day at the ABC Middle Island Race Check Point on the hardstanding. Failure to sign out before racing or sign in after racing may result in a penalty of up to 10 points for each race sailed on that day without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.1. [NP]
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP][NP]
- 18.3 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) in a good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times whilst on the water during the regatta. [NP]
- 18.4 Competitors are reminded of RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with their class rules. [NP]

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing (at least 100 metres) from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP][NP]
- 20.2 If the race committee hoists IC Flag V, all support boats shall observe a listening watch on the designated VHF (96 or 99) channel and may enter the race area to assist with safety support for any competitor. If assistance is provided, those competitors shall retire from that race. Coaches are requested to record those boats they provide assistance to and report it to the race committee.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 4th December at the ABC Middle Island clubhouse.

23.2 There will be prizes awarded for each class/division. The number of prizes to be awarded will be as follows:

3-4 entrants 1 prize
5+ entrants 3 prizes

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA. This changes the NoR.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

25. INSURANCE

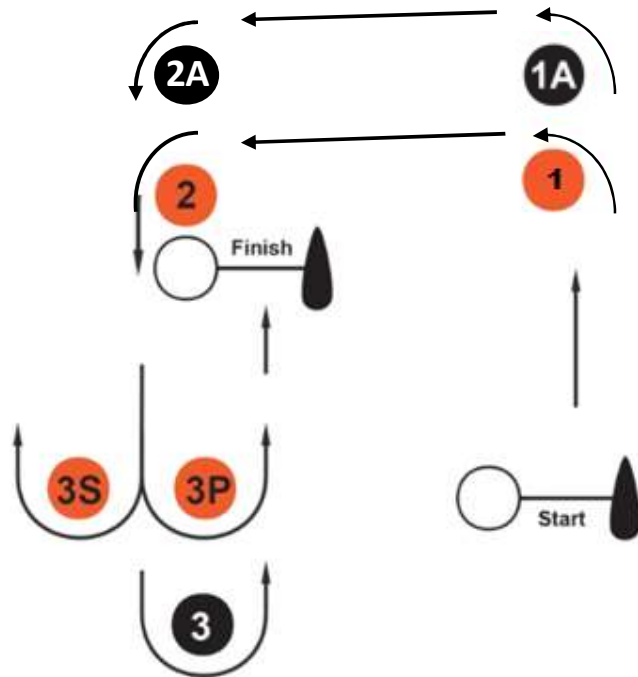
All competitors shall have adequate third party liability insurance for racing. Proof of insurance may be requested of a boat entering the regatta by the Organising Authority. ABC members using club boats will be insured by the Organising Authority.

26. 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.

Attachment A: COURSES

Amended Worlds Courses (Group A Intended Courses)



Signal	Course	Intended Fleet
O1A	Start – 1A – 2A - 3S/3P – Finish	Optimist Main
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish	Optimist Intermediate
O1A Long	Start – 1A – 2A – 3 – Finish	2.4 mR

Notes for Ammended Courses

Marks 1, 2 will be orange inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

Mark 1A, 2A and 3 will be black inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

Gate 3S/3P will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting white mark.

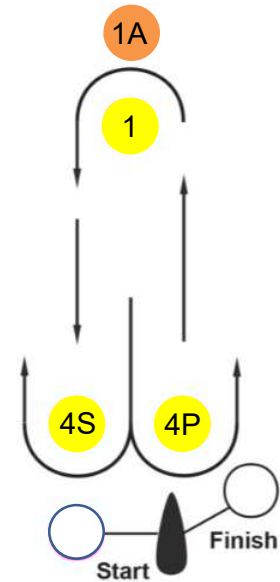
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing white mark.

Windward and Leeward Courses

(Group B intended courses)

L2 Short	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4P – Finish
L3 Short	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4P – Finish

L2 Long	Start – 1A – 4S/4P – 1A – 4P – Finish
L3 Long	Start – 1A – 4S/4P – 1A – 4S/4P – 1A – 4P – Finish



Notes for Windward / Leeward Courses

Mark 1 will be an yellow inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.
 Mark 1A will be a orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.

Gate marks 4S/4P will be yellow inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a white inflatable buoy or a race committee vessel at the port end.

The finishing marks will be race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a white inflatable buoy at the port end.