



**TONG PO CHAU DINGHY RACING SERIES
Autumn Series 2022**

**ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB
Middle Island, Hong Kong**

NOTICE OF RACE

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 All series will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation will apply, together with:
The respective Class Association Rules where applicable,
this Notice of Race (NoR),
the ABC Dinghy Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC Dinghy SSI),
- 1.3 Non class legal sails may be used provided they are of the correct dimensions.
- 1.4 In the event of a protest involving one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31, an Arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest meeting in accordance with Appendix T.
- 1.5 If a 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

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all dinghies with a current HKSF Portsmouth Yardstick Number (HKSF PY No.).
- 2.2 Eligible dinghies shall enter each day's race(s) by submitting an on-line entry form on the ABC website (<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/tong-po-chau-dinghy-series>). This is also used for ABC members to book available ABC dinghies for racing.
- 2.3 Alternatively, boats may enter on the water on the day by informing the committee boat or sign on clearly and in full on the sign-on form provided in the Middle Island Dinghy area at least one hour before the first warning signal. Any boats entering on the water shall enter by hailing the race committee boat giving skipper details and receiving an acknowledgement no later than 11 minutes before the start and must provide to the Race Officer (RO) their Sail/Boat number and their Club membership number and name.

- 2.4 Racing will be held in the following divisions and classes.
- Open Division A: all boats with HKSF PY No. 1208 or less - handicap racing
Includes RS Quest, Laser 2000, 29er, Laser Standard/Radial/4.7
 - Open Division B: boats with HKSF PY No. of 1209 or greater, apart from Optimists: handicap racing
Includes RS Feva, Zest, Pico, Fusion
 - Optimist Division: scratch racing.
- 2.5 If there are insufficient numbers for a start in one of the divisions, the RO may combine that division with another division on a handicap racing basis.
- 2.6 Other classes such as 29er, Fevas, Quests, or other classes may be arranged by ABC prior to the commencement of racing.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Dates for races in the series to which this Notice of Race relates are

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Sun 11 September.
Sun 16 October.
Sun 6 November.
Sun 18 December.

- 3.2 There will be up to three races on each scheduled racing day, conditions permitting. The next race will start as soon as possible after completion of the previous race of the day.
- 3.3 The scheduled time of the **first warning signal** for the first race on each scheduled day will be 13.25.

4. CLASS FLAGS

The following International Code Flags (ICFs) will be used as the warning signal for the listed classes/divisions in the starting system:

Class/Division International Code Flag

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|---------------------------|---|
| All Boats except Optimist | W |
| Division A | T |
| Division B | F |
| 29er | J |
| Optimist | Q |

5. VENUE

Sailing will take place in either the vicinity of Middle Island and Round Island or Chung Hom Wan or in Stanley Bay to ensure fair and safe racing. Boats should allow time to reach Stanley Bay unless advised of another area in advance. Depending on the weather condition, the Optimist Class may occasionally race in a different area to other dinghies, as decided on the day by the RO. The distance race course may extend to the area west of Po Toi but at no time may competitors enter the Traffic Separation Scheme, namely the East Lamma Channel.

6. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be selected from the ABC Dinghy SSI (refer to SSI Appendix 1: Dinghy Courses): Dinghy Courses on the day of the race and be indicated by displaying the appropriate ICF numeral flag on the race committee boat. Each Class/Division may sail a different course. The course(s) for the Distance Race will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.

7. MARKS

All boats will sail a course using club marks. A separate inner course for Optimists may be laid using different marks.

8. RACE TIME LIMITS

8.1 The Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window for the first qualifying boat are shown in the table below.

| Race Time Limit | Finishing Window |
|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>50 mins</i> | <i>15 mins</i> |

8.2 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, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

8.3 The first qualifying boat will be:

8.3.1 In handicap racing divisions:

- for Division A - the first of a Laser of any type, or if no Laser, then a boat of PY No. > 1075
- for Division B - the first boat to finish.

8.3.2 In one design divisions – the first boat to finish.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 Protest forms are available in the ABC Middle Island. Protest and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race officer, or any member of the race committee or, in their absence, to the race office within 90 minutes of the last boat of the relevant Class/Division to finish the day's racing.

9.2 An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a Protest, in accordance with Appendix T.

9.3 Other requirements for protests are included in the ABC Dinghy SSI.

9.4 All protests received will not be heard on the day of racing. A date & time for the Protest Hearing will be arranged in the week following the date on which the relevant race took place. Both parties concerned will be given plenty of notice, in order to attend.

10. SCORING

10.1 For calculation of results, the Low Point scoring system in Rule A4 will apply, except that for the Series, Rule A5.3 will apply and is substituted for rule A5.2 as the series is of longer duration than a regatta. Scores to be excluded from Series Scores shall be in accordance with the following: per Division/Class (4 discards for 11 or more completed races; 3 for 8-10 completed races; 2 for 5-7 completed races). This modifies RRS A2.1

10.2 Divisions A and B may be combined in series scoring depending on numbers in races when the same course has been sailed, and the results counted in Division A.

10.3 The results of races in all Divisions/Classes will be calculated on the boat's HKSF PY handicap, except the Optimist one design class whose score will be their finish place score.

10.4 The minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is one.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded for the Division/Class winners in each series. Prizes will also be awarded for line honours and certain runner up places having regard to the number of boats competing in each Division/Class of the series.

11.2 It is intended to hold a Prize giving annually at ABC.

12. SAFETY

12.1 Whilst racing, the onus remains on boats to keep clear of commercial traffic. Any report to the organising authority that a boat may not have complied with this directive will be investigated. [DP]

12.2 Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times during racing.

12.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by hailing the committee boat before leaving the race area. Competitors from other clubs shall confirm their safe return to her home Club by completing advising the retirement to a member of the race committee or the dinghy sailing committee.[DP]

13. 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 (www.abcmiddleisland.com/tong-po-chau-dinghy-series).

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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.

14.2 The responsibility for a dinghy's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3). Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

14.3 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 or series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

15. INSURANCE

All competitors shall have adequate third party liability insurance for racing. Proof of insurance will be requested of a boat entering the series by the organising authority who is not representing or using a boat from a Hong Kong club or organisation. ABC members or cadets using club boats will be insured by the organising authority.