



**TONG PO CHAU DINGHY RACING SERIES
Autumn Series 2024**

**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 that they are of the correct dimensions. This changes RRS 78.1.
- 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 64.2.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all dinghies with a current HKSF Portsmouth Yardstick Number (HSKF PY No.) For dinghies without HKSF PY No., other PY No. (e.g. RYA PY No.) may be used.
- 2.2 Eligible dinghies shall enter each race day by submitting an on-line entry form on the ABC website (www.abcmiddleisland.com/tpc-dinghy-series). This is also used for ABC members to book available ABC dinghies for racing, subject to availability.
- 2.3 Alternatively, eligible dinghies may also enter on the water on the day by informing the Race Committee Boat. Any dinghies entering on the water shall enter by hailing the Race Committee Boat giving skipper and crew details and receiving an acknowledgement at least 11 minutes before the warning signal of her first race of the day and must provide to the Race Officer (RO) their Sail/Boat number and their Club membership number and names.

2.4 Racing will be held in the following divisions and classes:

- **Open Division A:** boats with HKSF PY No. 1208 or less - handicap racing
Includes RS Quest, Laser 2000, 29er, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7
- **Open Division B:** boats with HKSF PY No. of 1209 or greater, apart from Optimists - handicap racing. This includes the following classes: RS Feva, RS Zest, RS Tera, Pico & Fusion.
- **Optimist Class:** scratch racing.

2.5 Depending on the number of entrants, the RO may combine a division with another division on a handicap racing basis.

2.6 Other classes such as 29er, RS Fevas, RS 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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- Sunday 8th September
- Sunday 13th October
- Sunday 17th November
- Sunday 15th 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 race day will be 1325hrs.

4. 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. Competitors shall not enter the Traffic Separation Scheme, namely the East Lamma Channel.

5. THE COURSES

Please refer to ABC Dinghy SSI Clause 7.

6. MARKS

Please refer to ABC Dinghy SSI Clause 8.

7. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Please refer to ABC Dinghy SSI Clause 14.

8. HEARING REQUESTS

Please refer to ABC Dinghy SSI Clause 15.

9. SCORING

9.1 For the 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 Class/Division (4 discards for 11 or more completed races; 3 discards for 8-10 completed races; 2 discards for 5-7 completed races). This modifies RRS A2.1

9.2 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.

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

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

10. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded for the Class/Division winners in each series.

11. SAFETY

11.1 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]

11.2 Competitors shall always wear personal floatation devices, while afloat.

11.3 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 also confirm their safe return to their home Club by notifying the race committee. [DP]

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

13. 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.

14. CAR PARKING

Car parking is not available for visitors on race days. There are three public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club, above Shun Wan Bus terminal and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

15. FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Non-member competitors may make purchases with an octopus card at the Coffee shop.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 Event website: <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/tpc-dinghy-series>

16.2 For Event Entries & Enquiries:
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