

# Aberdeen Boat Club Southside Open Dinghy Regatta 2025



**Organized by Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC)**

**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Middle Island, Hong Kong**

## Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

For the notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR, refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction - Notation.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the HKSF Prescriptions
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.3 [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 will apply. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) in good serviceable condition shall be worn at all times whilst on the water except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 ILCA class rule 7(a) is changes as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The SI will be available by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at [www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta](http://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta).

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta](http://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta).
- 3.2 [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats except when using equipment provided by the race committee.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats in the following classes/fleets:
- 2.4mR
  - 29er
  - ILCA 4
  - ILCA 6
  - ILCA 7
  - Optimist Intermediate Fleet
  - Optimist Main Fleet
- 4.2 A class or fleet will consist of a minimum of three boats. Other classes may be considered by making a request to the organising authority (minimum of 6 boats).
- 4.3 [NP] Allocation of any competitor to the Optimist Intermediate or Main Fleets is subject to the approval of the organising authority. The race committee may reallocate sailors between the Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets during the event at its discretion.
- 4.4 **Optimist Intermediate and Main Fleets:**
- 4.4.1 Sailors shall have been born in 2010 or later.
- 4.4.2 Guidance notes on the Optimist Intermediate Fleet (Fleet Outline - Main vs. Intermediate) are available at [www.hkoda.org/about/documents/](http://www.hkoda.org/about/documents/).
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at [www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta](http://www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta) and pay all fees by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025. If payment is made after this date, late entry fee will apply.
- 4.6 Late entries received after 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 will be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising authority and will be subject to the late entry fee.
- 4.7 No entry will be accepted after 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat is HK\$700 for single-handed entries and HK\$900 for double-handed entries.
- 5.2 For late entries/payments received after 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025, the late entry fee will be HK\$900 for single-handed entries and HK\$1,100 for double-handed entries.

#### 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats intending to display advertising on their hulls, sails and/or spars shall supply a copy of their national authority license to the race committee prior to the first race sailed unless that Authority has in its prescriptions prescribed otherwise.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

##### **All classes/fleets**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Competitors sign out/in open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Competitors sign out/in open	0845hrs
	Coaches briefing/notes	0900hrs
	First warning signal	1055hrs
	Latest possible warning signal	1530hrs

7.2 Number of races:

Class/Fleet	Max. no of races	Target no. of races per day
2.4mR, ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Optimist Main & Intermediate Fleet	6	3
29er	8	4

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

7.4 Notwithstanding NoR 7.2, any number of races may be sailed each day, subject to the race officer's discretion. Boats should not leave the racing area until they have been advised by the race committee that there will be no further races on that day.

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

Boats shall comply with their class rules. Boats may be measured and inspected at any time during the event.

## 9. VENUE

9.1 The event venue will be at ABC Middle Island club house.

9.2 Racing will take place in Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay, Chung Hom Wan, Stanley Bay, Tai Tam Bay, or west of Beaufort/Po Toi Islands.

## 10. COURSES

The Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward, trapezoid, or Optimist Worlds courses.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 12. SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## 13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [NP][DP]

13.1 **All Support persons shall wear a suitable PFD while afloat and the driver must attach a suitable kill cord while the engine is on.**

13.2 **All personnel on support person vessels shall wear life jackets while afloat.**

13.3 All support person vessels shall carry on board and operate while afloat a marine band VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the normal international channels and agree to assist the race committee if requested to do so.

13.4 Support person vessels shall display identification of the club they represent on the engine cowling, or in some other prominent position whilst afloat.

#### **14. BERTHING [NP][DP]**

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
- 14.2 Hardstand space is limited at Middle Island so please contact the sailing office if you are planning to bring and store your boats during the event to ensure availability.
- 14.3 A limited number of pontoon berths will be made available for support person vessels. 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.

#### **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the ABC Middle Island club house.
- 15.2 There will be prizes awarded for each Class/ Fleet. The number of prizes to be awarded will be as follows:
  - 3-4 entrants 2 prizes
  - 5+ entrants 3 prizes
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

#### **16. RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. All those taking any part in the event do so entirely at their own risk.
- 16.2 The organising authority, the sponsors, the venue, the race committee, 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.

#### **17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of HK\$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be available for inspection if requested. ABC members and cadets using club boats will be insured.

#### **18. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

By entering the event, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the event facilities and they automatically grant to the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

#### **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further entry information and enquiries contact the Marine and Sailing Office of Aberdeen Boat Club by email at [sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com) or by phone at 2518 9536.