



TONG PO CHAU DINGHY RACING SERIES
Spring Series 2023
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).
- 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),
This ABC Dinghy Standard Sailing Instructions (ABC Dinghy SSI),
- 1.3 Non class legal sails may be used provided they are of the correct dimensions.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all dinghies with a current PYS number.
- 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. Eligible dinghies may also enter on the race day by hailing the race committee on the water.
- 2.3 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, 29er, ILCA4, ILCA6
 - **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
- 2.4 Depending on the number of entrants, the RO may combine that division with another division on a handicap racing basis.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Dates for races in the Spring Series 2023 to which this Notice of Race relates are
Sun 5 March
Sun 19 March
Sun 23 April
Sun 14 May

First Warning Signal: 13.25 for the first race on each race day

- 3.2 There will be up to three races on each scheduled racing day, conditions permitting.

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.

5. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be selected from the ABC Dinghy SSI (refer to SSI Appendix 1: Dinghy Courses): Courses on the day of the race will be displayed on the Committee boat on a whiteboard at the back. Each Class/Division may sail a different course.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 The minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is one.

7. PRIZES

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

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 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]
- 8.2 Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times during racing.
- 8.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.

10. 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.