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The Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong HK 2023 Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club and Simpson Marine Ltd under the auspices of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China.

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Sailing Federation of Hong Kong, China (SFHKC) will apply, together with:
  - the Sail Sys PHS Handicap System (PHS), (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme);
  - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B Inshore Racing plus VHF radio for yachts with accommodation.
  - the Beneteau Cup HK Notice of Race (NoR);
  - the Beneteau Cup HK Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Any Notice to Mariners that may have an impact on racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) outside the Marine & Sailing Office at main club and ABC Middle Island clubhouse and shall be deemed part of these SIs.

#### **2. Notice to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is in the passage outside the Marine & Sailing Office and on the ONB at ABC Middle Island.
- 2.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors will also be displayed on the event website: [www.beneteaucuphk.com](http://www.beneteaucuphk.com)

#### **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB and event website before 1800 hrs. on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 Late changes may be made on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the warning signal, in this event Code flag L will be displayed on the committee boat.

#### **4. Schedule of Race**

- 4.1 Racing will be scheduled to start on Saturday 28th October with the warning signal for the first class or division of class at 1025 hrs.
- 4.2 Classes might be started together depending on the entries received. For subsequent starts, classes may be started in any order.
- 4.3 The start line will be announced on the event website by 9:00am. The start line will be either at the vicinity of ABC Round Island or ABC Lamma Island Area.

#### **5. Class Flags and Divisional Splits**

- 5.1 The following flags will serve as divisional Flags:

<b>IP</b>	<b>DIVISIONS</b>
Flag T	Yachts PHS Class A
Flag V	Yachts PHS Class B

- 5.2 While racing, a boat shall display the flag assigned to her class on her backstay.
- 5.3 The Final Divisional splits will be issued in a Notice to Competitors (NTC) by 1800 hrs on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 23.

#### **6. Race Area**

The Racing Area will be in Hong Kong Waters and outlined in Appendix A to these SI's.

#### **7. The Course**

- 7.1 The course to be sailed is listed in Appendix A – Island Courses.
- 7.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled by a flag showing the course number in conjunction with the Class Flag and on a course board on the stern upper deck of the Committee boat.
- 7.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Committee Boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the windward mark.
- 7.4 If a windward mark is laid for an Island Course, the committee boat will display a red or green flag or board to indicate that the mark is to be rounded to port or starboard, respectively.
- 7.5 Chesterman Gate may be omitted at the discretion of the Race Officer on the race day. The C Flag will be raised to signal that Chesterman Gate is omitted entirely from a course (outbound & inbound) for the race and announced on VHF radio channel # 72.

#### **8. Marks**

- 8.1 The marks of the courses will be inflatable black buoys and islands as described in Appendix A.
- 8.2 The port end Outer Distance Mark(ODM) Starting Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 8.3 The finishing mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- 8.4 The windward mark, if laid, will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

#### **9. The Start**

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

- 9.2 To warn boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the first warning signal.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end, and an orange cylindrical starting mark (ODM) at the Port end. If an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) is laid, boats shall not pass between the Committee Boat and the IDM.
- 9.4 For the first race the Race Committee intends to start classes in the order as signaled on the Committee Boat.
- 9.5 In addition to RRS 29.1 individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72. Individual recall details such as sail numbers and/or yacht names may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It remains the responsibility of individual boats to start correctly.
- 9.6 In addition to RRS 29.2 general recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch. 72.
- 9.7 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her Starting Signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 9.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 10. Change of the Next leg of the Course.**
- 10.1 Marks will be changed according to RRS 33.
- 10.2 Boats may without penalty request details or confirmation of a course change from the Committee Boat on VHF Ch. 72.
- 11. The Finish**
- The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end orange cylindrical finishing mark.
- 12. Penalty System**
- 12.1 For Monohull and Multihull Classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 RRS rule Appendix – Clause 5.3 will apply.
- 13. Exoneration Penalty**
- 13.1 A boat that may have broken a rule may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty, except the minimum scoring penalty shall be three places. This changes Rule 44.3(c).
- 13.2 The Exoneration Penalty is not available for a breach of Rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach of the rules.
- 13.3 When an exoneration penalty is accepted; neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- 14. Time Limit**
- 14.1 The time limit for the Island Race on Saturday 28th October 2023, is 1500 hrs.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within these time limits will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 The Race Officer may shorten the course, as he sees fit, in accordance to RSS 32, to give all boats a finish.

## **15. Protests and Requests for Redress**

15.1 A boat that wishes to protest or seek redress shall advise the Race Committee by hailing or on VHF Ch. 72, or by telephone to the Race Officer (Tel: 6773 2066) no later than 30 minutes after the last boat of the specific division finishes each race.

15.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate Time Limit. Protest Forms are available at the Race Office and in the Middle Island Protest tents.

15.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the last race scheduled for the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 ABC protest tent at Middle Island, as soon as possible.

15.5 On the day of the event, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.

15.5.1 Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

15.5.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## **16. Scoring**

16.1 There will be one race only for the event.

16.2 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the nearest whole second.

16.3 A minimum of one race will constitute a series.

## **17. Safety Regulations**

17.1 Each skipper or his representative shall register for the event in accordance with the Notice of Race.

17.2 While racing, no exposed anchors or large bow rollers shall be carried on deck forward of the bow, unless enclosed by the hull or a fixed bowsprit.

17.3 All boats must carry a working VHF radio fitted with Channel # 72.

## **18. Radio Communications**

18.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information to the fleet on VHF Radio Channel 72 at the start and finish of the race. Boats are strongly advised to monitor VHF Radio Channel 72 with a loudspeaker or handheld VHF on deck. A boat may, without infringing RRS 41 (outside help) request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether, or not, a broadcast has been made.

18.2 Any boat which retires from racing must report to the ABC Committee boat on VHF Radio Channel 72.

## **19. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October hrs, subject to any outstanding Protests, at the event prize giving & party from 1600 hrs, at the ABC Middle Island Club house.

## **21. Disclaimer of Liability**

21.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Simpson Marine 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 event.

21.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3). In addition, competitor's attention is drawn to the World Sailing Special Regulations 1.02.1 (first point) which begins "Under RRS 3, the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person-in-charge..." Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

21.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee to comply. Committee, and the Simpson Marine Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates stated throughout this Notice of Race. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the event correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the event Race

## **22. Insurance**

Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law.

## **23. Further Information**

### **23.1 For Event Marine & Race Management Enquiries:**

Alex Johnston – ABC Marine Services Manager

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Tel: +852 2552 8182 – Ext 835.

### **23.2 For Onshore Related Event Enquiries:**

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## APPENDIX A

### DESCRIPTIONS FOR ISLAND COURSES

All Island courses will start & finish in the following locations, depending on the prevailing weather conditions: (Note: The following GPS are only approximates).

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|--|-----------|------------|
| • ABC Round Island Start Line                | 22°13'.5N | 114°10'.8E |
| • ABC Round Island Finish East               | 22°12'.5N | 114°11'.4E |
| • ABC Lamma Start Line/ABC Finish West       | 22°11'.4N | 114°09'.3E |
| • Chesterman Gate                            | 22°11'.2N | 114°12'.1E |
| • ABC Tai Tam Club Mark                      | 22°11'.8N | 114°14'.1E |
| • ABC Lamma Club Mark                        | 22°10'.5N | 114°09'.2E |
| • LCS I – Safe water buoy - end of Lamma TSS | 22°09'.3N | 114°12'.7E |
| • Weather Beacon Buoy                        | 22°09'.2N | 114°06'.0E |

If a “W” flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course description below. The Race Office may drop Chesterman Gate, **if required**, due to light winds, with strong tide. Please see SI clause: 7.5 clause

Tai Tam Club Mark (Course 7,9,11 & 12) shall be a black round buoy with ABC identification letters.

<b>ABC Round Island Start – Eastern Courses</b>	
No	Course
1	ABC Round Island Start; Castle Rock (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Shek O Rock (Starboard);Sung Kong (Port), Beaufort Island (Port), Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (21.33 nm).
2	ABC Round Island Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Waglan Island (Port); TCS2 (Port); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (20.51nm).
3	ABC Round Island Start; Chesterman Gate (Through); Waglan Island (Starboard); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman Gate (Through), Round Island Finish (17.97 nm).
4	ABC Round Island Start; Shek O Rock (Starboard); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (17.47 nm).
5	ABC Round Island Start; Beaufort Island (Port); Po Toi Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (14.45nm).
6	ABC Round Island Start; Po Toi Island (Port); Beaufort Island (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (14.07 nm).
7	ABC Round Island Start; Chesterman Gate (Through); Castle Rock (Port); Tai Tam Club Mark (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (12.29nm).

8	ABC Round Island Start; Chesterman Through (Through); Tai Tam Club Buoy (Starboard); Castle Rock (Starboard); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (10.6 nm).
9	ABC Round Island Start; Chesterman Gate (Through); Castle Rock (Port); Chesterman Gate (Through); Round Island Finish (9.2 nm).
	<b>ABC Lamma Start – Western Courses</b>
10	Lamma Start: Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard), Lamma Island (Starboard); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Datum Rock (Port); Cheung Chau Rock (Port); Weather Beacon Buoy (Port), P1 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (24.64 nm).
11	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard), Lamma Island (Starboard); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Datum Rock (Port); Hei Ling Chau (Port); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (22.19 nm).
12	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Starboard); Datum Rock (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (21 nm).
13	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (14.39 nm).
14	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard), Lamma Island (Starboard); Cheung Chau Rock (Port); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (14.36 nm).
15	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard); Lamma Island (Starboard); P1 Buoy (Port); Weather Beacon Bouy (Starboard); P1 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (13.22 nm)
16	Lamma Start; Lamma Yuen Kok (Starboard), Lamma Island (Starboard); P2 Buoy (Starboard); Lamma Island (Port); Lamma Yuen Kok (Port); ABC Lamma Finish (8.36 nm).