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The Regatta Organising authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club
under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.

1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:

- The IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply). There will be no limitations on crew number or weight, except single handed yacht entries are not acceptable.
- the HKPN Handicap System, (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme).
- the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B Inshore Racing plus VHF radio, except that the requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes.
- the Beneteau Cup HK 2022 Notice of Race (BNCP 2022 NoR).

In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.3 The 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.

1.4 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 64.1.

1.5 Any Notice to Mariners that may have an impact on racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at ABC main club and shall be deemed part of these SIs.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the event official Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located outside next to the top carpark club house entrance.

2.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors will also be displayed on the Regatta website: <http://www.benetaucuphk2022.com>

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB and regatta website before 1800 hrs on the day before it will take 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 Races

- 4.1 Racing will be scheduled to start on Saturday 29th October 22 with the warning signal for the first class or division of class at **1055 hrs.** The start line either at the vicinity of ABC Round Island or ABC Lamma Island Area and will be announced on the event website by **08:30 hrs., on both days of racing for the event.**
- 4.2 Classes might be started together depending on the entries received. For subsequent starts, classes may be started in any order.
- 4.3 On Sunday 30th October 22, the warning signal for the first and subsequent starts will be according to a boats HKPN rating due being a Pursuit Race. The individual boat start times will be published under -"Sunday – Pursuit Race Start time" on the event website at: <http://www.benetaucuphk2022.com>
- 4.4 **Skippers Briefing:** On Wednesday 26th October 22 there will be a briefing for the event at 1900 hrs. in the Harbour Room, Aberdeen Boat Club at 1900 hrs. The attendance of all boat Skippers/Person in Charge/ designated boat representative is mandatory.

5. Class Flags and Divisional Splits

- 5.1 The following flags will serve as divisional Flags:

| IP | DIVISIONS |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Flag T | Yachts HKPN Class A |
| Flag V | Yachts HKPN Class B |

- 5.2 The final divisional splits will be issued in a Notice to Competitors (NTC) by 1800 hrs on Wednesday 26th October 22.

6. Race Area

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

7. The Courses

- 7.1 All courses to be sailed are 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.
- 7.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing to the windward mark.

For all Island Courses:

7.3.1: If a windward mark is laid for Island Courses, the committee boat shall display a red or green flag or board to indicate that the mark is to be rounded to port or starboard, respectively

7.3.2: If a Red or Green flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed and described in the course description in Appendix A.

7.3.3: The Race Committee will broadcast on VHF Ch.72 if the windward mark, is laid.

8. Marks

8.1 The port end ODM Starting Mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

8.2 The Finishing Mark 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 or sequence of races 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 Saturday Islands Race the Race Committee intends to start classes in the order as signaled on the Committee Boat. For Sundays Pursuit Race – please see Clause 4.3 & the relevant NTC.

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 for Saturday's race 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 in the Saturday Island race or a boats individual start time in the Islands Pursuit Race on the Sunday.

9.9 Boats may without penalty request details or confirmation of a course change from the Race Committee Signal Boat on VHF Ch. 72.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end orange cylindrical finishing mark.

12. Time Limits

12.1 The time limit for the Island Race on Saturday 29th October is **1600 hrs**. The time limit for the Islands Pursuit Race on Sunday 30th October, is **1500 hrs**.

12.2 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.

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

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1 In the spirit and nature of the event, protests are not encouraged by the event organiser, unless necessary. **For example: A collision has taken place requiring a hearing.**

- 13.2 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 a race or a boat has finished in Sundays Island Pursuit Race.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 The protest time limit for a protest form to be submitted is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the race on the Saturday Islands race or a boats individual finish time for the Sunday Island Pursuit Race. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.5 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 held in the ABC protest tent at Middle Island, as soon as possible.

14. Scoring

- 14.1 All races will count equally and there will be no discards.
- 14.2 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the nearest whole second.
- 14.3 A minimum of one race will constitute a series.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Each skipper or his representative shall register for the Regatta 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.

18. Radio Communications

- 18.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information to the fleet on VHF Channel 72 at the start and finish of the race. Boats are strongly advised to monitor VHF 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 Channel 72.

19. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on Sunday 30th October 22 at approximately **1600 hrs**, subject to any outstanding Protests, at **“The Bay” Restaurant, Mo Tan Wan Bay, Lamma Island.**

20. 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: <http://www.benetaucuphk2022.com>

21. Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC), Simpson Marine, the Race Committee, Regatta 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.

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 ISAF Special Regulations 1.02.1 (first point) which begins "The safety of a yacht 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 – ABC & Simpson Marine, the 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 series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.

22. Insurance

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

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).

- 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

If a windward mark is displayed, the first mark of the course will be an orange mark to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port, if a red flag is displayed and to Starboard if a green flag is displayed. The second mark of the course will be the first mark in the course description. If no Red or Green flag is flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course descriptions below.

Tai Tam Club Mark (Course # 1 to # 5 and # 7) shall be a black round buoy with ABC identification letters.

| | ABC Round Island Start – Eastern Courses | |
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| 1. | Round Island Start line 銀洲起點 | |
| | Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門 | Through |
| | Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標 | S |
| | Sung Kong 宋崗 | P |
| | Shek O Rock 石澳排 | P |
| | Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標 | P |
| | Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門 | Through |
| | Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲 | (20NM) |

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| 2. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標</p> <p>TCS 2 TCS 2浮標</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲</p> | <p>Through</p> <p>P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>Through</p> <p>(18.7NM)</p> |
| 3. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標</p> <p>Fury Rocks 宋崗排</p> <p>Sung Kong 宋崗</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Round Island Finish 終點: 銀洲</p> | <p>Through</p> <p>S</p> <p>P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>Through</p> <p>(16.2NM)</p> |

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| 4. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Bluff Head Light 黃麻角燈塔</p> <p>Fury Rocks 宋崗排</p> <p>Beaufort Island 螺洲</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲</p> | <p>P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>P</p> <p>Through</p> <p>(15.4NM)</p> |
| 5. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標</p> <p>Beaufort Island 螺洲</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門</p> <p>Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲</p> | <p>Through</p> <p>P</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>Through</p> <p>(14.2NM)</p> |

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| 6. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排 P</p> <p>Beaufort Island 螺洲 P</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排 S</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門 Through</p> <p>Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲 (12.3NM)</p> |
| 7. | <p>Round Island Start line 銀洲起點</p> <p>Castle Rock 白排 S</p> <p>Tai Tam Club Mark 大潭浮標 P</p> <p>Chesterman Gate 黃麻角門 Through</p> <p>Finish: Round Island 終點: 銀洲 (9.7NM)</p> |

| ABC Lamma Start – Western Courses | |
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| 8. | <p>Lamma Start line 南丫島起點</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>P1 Buoy P1 海事浮標</p> <p>Cheung Chau Rock (Sham Shui Pai) 長洲排 (深水排)</p> <p>P6 Buoy P6海事浮標</p> <p>P1 Buoy P1海事浮標</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>Finish: Wong Chuk Kok 終點: 黃竹角</p> |
| | <p>S</p> <p>P (Passing)</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>P</p> <p>P</p> <p>S (Passing)</p> <p>(15.3NM)</p> |

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| 9. | <p>Lamma Start line 南丫島起點</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>Cheung Chau Rock (Sham Shui Pai) 長洲排 (深水排)</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>Finish: Wong Chuk Kok 終點: 黃竹角</p> | <p>S</p> <p>P (Passing)</p> <p>S</p> <p>P</p> <p>S</p> <p>(14.3NM)</p> |
| 10. | <p>Lamma Start line 南丫島起點</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>P1 Buoy P1 海事浮標</p> <p>Lamma Island 南丫島</p> <p>ABC Lamma Club Mark ABC南丫島浮標</p> <p>Finish: Wong Chuk Kok 終點: 黃竹角</p> | <p>S</p> <p>P (Passing)</p> <p>S</p> <p>P</p> <p>S (Passing)</p> <p>(7.2NM)</p> |

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