



**Simpson Marine
Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2022**

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October

Notice of Race



Welcome Messages

Dear Beneteau Family,

BENETEAU has always been associated with activities driven by passion, team spirit and love of the sea. Therefore the idea of a BENETEAU CUP in Hong Kong has come up last year to offer you a new sailing rendezvous dedicated to BENETEAU owners.

Riding on the success of the first edition, this two-day regatta will be held in collaboration with our long-time sailing partners in the region, Simpson Marine and the Aberdeen Boat Club. The competition is truly beyond winning or awards. This is a chance to build a greater social community for BENETEAU owners who share these same passions for sailing and the sea.

I invite all of you, from the racer beginners to the more experienced ones, to join this great competition and have fun together. This second edition will surely be as unforgettable as the first one! Bon vent!

Erwan Her - Beneteau Asia Pacific – Director

Dear Beneteau Owners,

Following the tremendous success of the first Beneteau Cup in Hong Kong we are pleased to announce the dates for the 2022 Beneteau Cup. This will be even bigger and better than last year and we welcome all Beneteau owners in Hong Kong to this new exciting and fun regatta.

With the support of Beneteau and the Aberdeen Boat Club we would like to invite you to come with your crew, friends and family to the Beneteau Cup HK on the 29th and 30th October 2022. With two days of fun racing, big social events, a treasure hunt, a white sails pursuit race, lots of prizes and a fantastic parties there is plenty for everyone.

We want to invite all Beneteau yachts in Hong Kong to join, it's aimed at fun so if you have never raced before don't worry - you will have fun and meet lots of other Beneteau owners from around Hong Kong.

I look forward to seeing you on the water at the 2022 Beneteau Cup Hong Kong.

Richard Allen - Simpson Marine Group General Manager

Dear Competitors,

Writing this welcoming letter in the freezing throes of winter's last blast adds extra relish to the thought of the delights to come from the weekend of the Beneteau Cup in the sunny month of October.

Following on from the successful first Hong Kong celebration event last year, ABC is immensely proud to have been selected by Beneteau and their HK agents Simpson Marine to support this festival for a second year. Given the enthusiasm which brought twenty - one boats onto the water last year we are hopeful of an even larger turn-out of satisfied Beneteau customers encouraged let us hope, by the spur of a post-Covid boost.

Although the concept is that of a fun weekend afloat and ashore nonetheless Sailing Rules and safety factors apply, as in all sailing events, so participants need to acquaint themselves fully with the details in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction's which govern the conduct of the event itself and each race.

A splendid weekend to come with plenty of pleasure for all thanks to our hosts Beneteau and Simpson Marine whose generosity is hugely appreciated, and whose confidence in ABC 's support team is a great honour. Roll on the event!

Chris Pooley – ABC Commodore



Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2022

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The Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong HK 2022 Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club and Simpson Marine Ltd under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

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 Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - the HKPN Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 - Appendix B: Inshore Racing, plus VHF radio for yachts with accommodation;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR) and;
 - 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 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.
- 1.5 This Notice of Race may be amended by the Beneteau Cup HK 2022 Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsor's advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority or Simpson Marine Ltd.
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to all Beneteau mono hulls holding a valid HKPN number.

3.2 Entry may be made by submitting a completed online entry form, Declaration of Skipper form, to Simpson Marine before 1800 hrs on Monday 24th October 2022:

www.beneteaucuphk.com

3.3 The event is open to the following classes and boats:

3.3.1 Provisional Divisions:

IP	DIVISIONS	SPLIT/SYSTEM
• Flag T	Yachts HKPN Class A	HKPN
• Flag V	Yachts HKPN Class B	HKPN
• Flag M	Yachts HKPN Class C	HKPN
• Flag K	Combined start.	

3.3.2 The above provisional HKPN Divisional splits will be adjusted depending on entries received and their current HKPN rating as listed on the HKSF official list on the HKSF website:

3.3.3 The final HKPN divisional rating splits will be issued by a Notice to Competitors (NTC) on Friday 28th October 2022 by 1800 hrs. See Clause 3.6.

3.4 A class or division will consist of a three boat minimum for all classes. Boats must fly their class or division flag at all times.

3.5 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal in order to be eligible for both races of the event.

3.6 Boats without HKPN ratings must apply for a HKPN rating from the HKSF. Any such allocation will not be subject to protest. HKPN ratings will be listed as published on the current HKSF 2022 website.

4. Entry Fees

4.1 The entry fee for all boats will be as follows and including:

A two day lifestyle racing event with a themed Gala Dinner (Live Music, Premium Foods and Free Flow of Drinks) and a Grand Finale Sunset Party on Day 2 for 5 pax/yacht. Teams can expect a premium lifestyle Mediterranean Riviera event with great socialising & attractive high value prizes:

- **Early Bird fee: 3,000 HKD (yacht + 5 pax).**
- **Every additional pax: 600 HKD (for 2 - day programme as above). Booked with Yacht Entry (or before the last entry deadline).**
- **Late Entry Fee: 4,000 HKD (yacht + 5 pax).**
- **Late Entry additional pax: 800 HKD (for 2 - day programme as above). Booked with Yacht Entry (or before the last entry deadline 24 October 2022).**

4.2 All Skippers/Person in Charge must submit an entry form and sign the Skipper's Declaration form online on the event website, as outlined in Clause 3.2.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Racing will be as the following schedule:

- Beneteau Cup HK Race # 1 – Island Race: 29th October 22
- Beneteau Cup HK Race # 2 – A Pursuit Race: 30th October 22.

5.2 The first warning signal for all classes for the Islands Race # 1 will not be before 10:55 hrs on Saturday 29th October 2022.

- 5.3 The start times for the Pursuit Race # 2 on Sunday 30th October will be determined by each individual boats HKPN adjusted number posted by a Notice to Competitors (NTC) on the event website by 1800 hrs on Friday 28th October 2022. **This will be a white sails race only – no spinnakers allowed at the request of the event sponsor.**
- 6. Sailing Instructions**
- 6.1 The Beneteau Cup HK 2022 will be sailed under the events stand - alone Sailing Instructions which can be downloaded from the event webpage at: www.beneteaucuphk.com
- 6.2 Annex F: Pursuit Races – ABC SSI – 2021 - Revised October edition: the following Clauses: 3 to 5 will also apply for the race on Sunday 30th October 2022. More details will be outlined in the event SI's.
- 7. Venue**
Racing will take place to the South, East and West of Hong Kong Island.
- 8. Courses**
- 8.1 Courses will be described in the Beneteau Cup HK 2022 SI's: Island Courses.
- 8.2 All Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island for the Eastern Courses or the Lamma Racing area south of Wong Chuk Kok head for the Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the Beneteau Cup HK 2022 SI's.
- 9. Penalty and Arbitration**
- 9.1 Prior to a protest hearing an Arbitration Hearing may be offered in accordance with Appendix (T) as modified in NoR 9.2. If an arbitration hearing is not available, a boat may nonetheless take a postrace penalty as defined in NoR 9.2. (This changes Appendix T2.).
- 9.2 A boat may take a two turn penalty at the time of the incident as per RRS 44.1.
- 9.3 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident, in accordance with Appendix T, as modified below:
- 9.4 (a) The Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty except the minimum scoring penalty shall be 3 places. (This changes Appendix T1.b.)
- (b) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by notifying a member of the race committee, or for incidents resulting in a protest, an arbitrator or a member of the protest committee in writing that she accepts a scoring penalty. (This changes Appendix T1 (c) and Appendix A.5).
- (c) Arbitration Process of Appendix T2 - 4 may be offered for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat. (This changes Appendix T2).
- 9.5 Protest time limit for all boats is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 10. Scoring**
- 10.1 The event will have a maximum of two races to be sailed for the event - one Islands Race on the Saturday, followed by one Pursuit Islands Race on the Sunday. A minimum of one race will be required for the event.
- 10.2 Corrected times for boats racing under a rating system will be calculated to the second.
- 10.3 Other prescriptions will be outlined in Scoring and Results of the Beneteau Cup HK 2022 SI's.

10.4 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the event dinner at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse on the Saturday evening, and the Prize Giving party at “The Bay Restaurant”, Mo Tan Wan, Lamma Island on the Sunday, subject to any outstanding protests.

10.5 Boats will be scored under their HKPN rating only.

11. Safety & Support Boats.

11.1 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.

11.2 ABC or Simpson Marine event support boats may be suitably marked with the sponsors or event branding.

11.3 All boats must carry a hand held VHF radio, in addition to a ship’s radio set, if installed.

11.4 If a boat retires or has an incident during a race requiring assistance, the Committee Boat and/or Race Officer must be informed immediately.

12. Berthing & Moorings

A limited number of pontoon space is available at ABC Middle Island on a first come first served basis. Please contact Jennifer Li in the ABC Marine & Sailing office for details. (Contact details in Clause 19.2). Berthing is limited on the ABC Middle Island “ Med style “ Pontoon Berths, so space will be given on a first come first served basis and the LOA/Width of the vessel applying.

13. Minimum Safety Requirement

Boats must comply with their class rules (if applicable), regarding safety requirements and must comply with the World Sailing Special Regulation Category 4 – Appendix B: Inshore Racing.

14. Radio Communications

All boats must have a working VHF radio. All communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to all boats competing in the event.

15. Prizes

15.1 The Beneteau Cup HK 2022 overall trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placed overall first, second and third places for each division or class which they originally entered, at the event prize giving at the Bay, Mo Tan Wan, Lamma Island on Sunday 30th October 2022 after racing.

15.2 Yachts will be encouraged to anchor at Mo Tat Wan Bay to attend the prize giving party, as the exciting prize giving venue overlooks the anchorage. An event sampan will be provided to run crews ashore.

15.3 If however, Covid 19 social distancing prevents a prize giving taking place, all winning competitors will be asked to collect their prizes from the Marine & Sailing Office at ABC Main Club and have their picture taken for the Club and Simpson Marine magazine/website. There will also be a number of other prizes awarded on the day!

16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1 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.

- 16.2 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 competitors' attention is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 (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 event entirely at their own risk.
- 16.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race 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 race committee to comply.
- 17. Insurance**
Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law.
- 18. Further Information**
- 18.1 **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.
- 18.2 **Club House**
Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club may sign chits **on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October at Middle Island**, on presentation of their club membership card.
- 18.3 **Food and Beverage**
Non-member competitors may make purchases with an octopus card at the Coffee shop. There will be a buffet breakfast served on the Sunday morning in the club coffee shop from 08:00 hrs to 1100 hrs. This will be available, if no Covid 19 F & B restrictions are in place at the time of the event. This does not apply to ABC members.
- 18.4 **Ships Stores & Fuel**
Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the take away food requires Pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club or from the Fuegy Barge at the western entrance of Aberdeen Harbour. There is a special fuel discount available for ABC members on production of your club membership card.
- 19. Further Information**
- 19.1 Event website: www.beneteaucuphk.com
- 19.2 **For Event Entries:**
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