



**Simpson Marine
Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2023**

Saturday 28th October

Notice of Race



Welcome Messages



Dear Beneteau Family,

I am delighted to announce the upcoming 3rd edition of the BENETEAU CUP in Hong Kong, a sailing rendezvous dedicated to BENETEAU owners. Building on the success of the previous editions, this event will once again bring together our passionate community of sailors.

In collaboration with our esteemed sailing partners, Simpson Marine and the Aberdeen Boat Club, we are excited to host this regatta again. The BENETEAU CUP goes beyond mere competition; it is an opportunity to forge lasting connections and create a vibrant social community for BENETEAU owners who share a deep love for sailing and the sea.

Whether you are a seasoned racer or a beginner, I invite each and every one of you to join us in this incredible competition. Together, we will experience the thrill of the Hong Kong waters and create unforgettable memories.

Mark the date on your calendars and prepare for an unmissable event. The 3rd edition of the BENETEAU CUP promises to be even more remarkable than before, filled with camaraderie, fun, and of course the joy of sailing.

Erwan HER
Sales Director
Beneteau Asia-Pacific



Dear Beneteau owners and friends,

Welcome to the Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2023!

Hosted with our long-term partners at Aberdeen Boat Club, we look forward to celebrating another year of yachting excellence on the water.

With a remarkable fleet of Beneteau yachts participating, this flagship event fosters friendships and truly embraces the sailing lifestyle that Beneteau offers. At the Beneteau Cup, Beneteau owners are exclusively invited to unite in our passion for the sea and sailing and spend quality time together.

We would like to thank to our participants, sponsors, and supporters, for being part of this fantastic event.

Get ready to hoist your sails, have a great time, and participate in one of the best sailing events in Hong Kong. Let fair seas and favourable winds guide us. See you soon at the Beneteau Cup 2023!

Cosmas Grelon
Beneteau Sales Manager
Simpson Marine



Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2023

Notice of Race

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 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 2023 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 to competitors' boat/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 Tuesday 24th October 2023:
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 27th October 2023 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 always fly their class or division flag.
- 3.5 All boats must be in the vicinity of the starting line at its class warning signal 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 2023 website.

4. Entry Fees

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

A one-day lifestyle racing event with a themed Gala Dinner (Live Music, Premium Foods and Free Flow of Drinks). Crews can expect a premium lifestyle Mediterranean Riviera event with great socialising & attractive high value prizes:

- Yacht Entry Fee - \$500 HKD.
 - Party Entry Fee - \$250 HKD per person.
- 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 on Saturday 28th October 2023, as follows:
- Beneteau Cup HK Race # 1 – Island Sprint Race.
 - Beneteau Cup HK Race# 2 – Islands Race.
- 5.2 The first warning signal for all classes for the Islands Race # 1 will not be before 10:25 hrs. on Saturday 28th October 2023.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The Beneteau Cup HK 2023 will be sailed under the events stand - alone Sailing Instructions which can be downloaded from the event webpage at: www.beneteaucuphk.com

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 2023 SI's: Island Courses.
- 8.2 All Courses will start in the vicinity of Round Island or Tai Tam Bay 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 2023 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 - two Islands Races. 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 2023 SI's.
- 10.4 Provisional results will be announced during the post-race festivities at the event dinner & prize giving at ABC Middle Island Clubhouse on Saturday evening, 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 handheld 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 to 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 2023 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 dinner & party at ABC Middle Island, on Saturday 28th October 2023, after racing.

15.2 Yachts will be encouraged to berth at the ABC Middle facility on the pontoon to attend the prize giving party, (on a first come – first served basis), all others will need to anchor. An event sampan will be provided to run crews ashore, who are at anchor.

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, 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.

16.3 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

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 28th October at the ABC Middle Island facility**, 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.

18.4 Ships Stores & Fuel

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day and the takeaway 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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19.3 For Event Marine & Race Management Enquiries:

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19.4 For Onshore Related Event Enquiries:

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