



**Simpson Marine  
Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2021**

**Notice of Race**



## Welcome Messages

Dear Beneteau owners & Beneteau family,

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, BENETEAU together with SIMPSON MARINE, will fire the starting gun of the first Hong Kong edition of the renowned BENETEAU CUP!

For the first time in Hong Kong we will have the pleasure to celebrate the Beneteau Family for a unique 2-day experience of sailing and fun. I can already tell that Simpson Marine and Aberdeen Boat Club are organising for us a truly exciting edition, mixing (fun!) races, sailing, parties, games, music and so much more!

At Beneteau we are very proud to see such amazing event being held by Simpson Marine our historical partner in the region and to connect or reconnect with all of you in Hong Kong.

I look forward to seeing you as many of you as possible in just one month!

Vianney Guezenec  
Beneteau Asia-Pacific Director

Dear Beneteau Owners,

Welcome to this new fun regatta for all Beneteau owners. There are Beneteau Cups taking place all over the world but we have never had a dedicated Beneteau Cup event in Hong Kong and that had to change!

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 2021 Beneteau Cup HK. With two days of fun racing, big social events, a treasure hunt, a white sails pursuit race and a beach BBQ 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 2021 Beneteau Cup Hong Kong.

Richard Allen  
Managing Director - Simpson Marine

Dear Competitors,

It is my privilege and delight to welcome you all to Hong Kong's inaugural Beneteau Cup, hosted and organised by ABC in a significant extension of our existing relationship with Simpson Marine and Beneteau.

ABC takes great pride in our selection as Beneteau's partner in what is intended should become an annual event in the Racing Calendar. That said, you can be sure that ABC's Marine & Sailing Team will do their utmost to ensure that the weekend is efficiently organised, successful and enjoyable ---with Safety aforethought.

At Beneteau's request the theme of the weekend's racing is FUN so that owners of Beneteau yachts can pit their skills on the water in friendly competition with their peers. Let us hope that by then restrictions will have been sufficiently relaxed so that each day's racing can be celebrated ashore in the traditional way :-with a wholesale vote of thanks to Beneteau for creating this exciting new event.

I am wishing you all a memorably favourable start to the summer season with all the fun this new event promises.

Chris Pooley  
ABC Commodore



## **Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2021**

### **Notice of Race**

The Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup Hong Kong (HK) 2021 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 new ABC Standard Sailing Instructions ABC SSI 2021 – 2024 (ABC SSI – 2021).
- 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 64.1.
- 1.5 This NoR may be amended by the ABC SSI 2021. However please also see Clause 10.3 – Courses.

#### **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 1700 hrs on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021:  
[www.beneteaucuphk.com](http://www.beneteaucuphk.com)

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

**3.3.1 Provisional Divisions:**

	<b>IP</b>	<b>DIVISIONS</b>	<b>SPLIT/SYSTEM</b>
•	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 NTC on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by 1800 hrs. See Clause 3.7

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 2021 website.

**4. Entry Fees**

4.1 The entry fees for all boats will be as follows: \$2,000 HKD, this includes:

- A two day racing event with dinner on Day 1 and BBQ on Day 2 for 5 pax.
- Every additional pax 500 HKD/ fee for the meal tickets (booked in advance).

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: 15 May 2021
- Beneteau Cup HK Race # 2 – A Pursuit Race (white sails only): 16 May 2021

5.2 The first warning signal for all classes for the Islands Race # 1 will not be before 10:55 hrs on Saturday 15 May 2021.

5.3 The start times for the Pursuit Race # 2 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May will be determined by each individual boats HKPN adjusted number posted by a NTC to competitors on the event website by 1800 hrs on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

5.4 Annex F: Pursuit Races – ABC SSI - 2021: the following clauses: 3.2, 3.3 & 3.4 will apply.

**6. Sailing Instructions**

The Beneteau Cup HK 2021 will be sailed under the ABC SSI - 2021 which can be downloaded from the event webpage at: [www.beneteaucuphk.com](http://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 ABC SSI - 2021: Island Courses: 11 - 47.
- 8.2 For the Pursuit Race # 2 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the ABC SSI – 2021, Annex F: Pursuit Races – Clauses 3 to 5, will also apply.
- 8.3 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 Western Courses. All courses will be chosen on the day from the ABC SSI - 2021.
- 8.4 Beneteau Cup HK 2021 - Eastern Courses: Chesterman Buoy/mark in light airs and/or strong tide may be dropped at the discretion of the Race Officer from any course See ABC SSI – 2021: 7 Courses – clause 7.5. This is to prevent competing from drifting into the Lamma TSS, at the request of the HK Marine Dept.

## **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 11.2. If an arbitration hearing is not available, a boat may nonetheless take a postrace penalty as defined in NoR 11.2. (This changes Appendix T2.)
- 9.2 A boat may take a 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 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 as outlined in Scoring and Results of the ABC SSI 2021.
- 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 BBQ (venue to be confirmed) 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 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 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 serve basis. Please contact Simpson Marine for details.
- 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**  
The Beneteau Cup HK 2021 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 on Sunday 16th May 2021 after racing. The venue is to be confirmed. 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 NoR. 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 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 at \$75 HKD: 0800 – 0900 hrs - early bird special and \$85 HKD from 0900 – 1100 hrs. This will only become available, if the Covid 19 F & B restrictions have been lifted 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](http://www.beneteaucuphk.com)

**19.2 For event entries:**

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