



# Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 January 2014

## Notice of Race

### Organising Authority

The race Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club.

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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### 1. Rules

The following rules will apply

- 1.1 Hong Kong Sailing Federation prescriptions
- 1.2 IRC Rules parts A, B and C 2013 will apply except IRC Rule 22.4.2. There will be no upper limitations on crew number or weight
- 1.3 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4
- 1.4 HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increased Penalty Scheme (PIPS)
- 1.5 Aberdeen Boat Club Standard Sailing Instructions 2013
- 1.6 This Notice of Race
- 1.7 Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2014 Sailing Instructions
- 1.8 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

**Note:** Sailing Instructions include hill climbing and other rules that do not comply with conventional RRS guidelines.

### 2. Minimum Safety Requirements

Boats shall be a minimum LOA of 7m, fitted with an engine capable of producing a speed in knots equal to the square root of LWL in feet. In cases where design features pre-empt compliance with this rule or with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4, exemption may be requested no less than 1 month before the race. Scrutineering checks may take place at any time in the week preceding the race or during the race itself after transfer of shore parties.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Eligible boats shall meet the safety requirements and have an HKPN handicap and/or a valid IRC Certificate.
- 3.2 Completed entry forms and crew lists shall be sent to the Club before **1700 on Monday 13 January 2014**. The entry fee is HK\$900. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$450.

#### 4. Disclaimer of Liability

The Aberdeen Boat Club, the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk.

#### 5. Insurance

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

#### 6. Sailing Instructions

The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2014 Sailing Instructions will be available on the website by 1 November 2013.

#### 7. Crews

The minimum number of crew is five, including the skipper. All crew members except three must complete the ascent of at least one peak.

#### 8. Divisions and Classes

Racing will be held in the following classes and divisions:

##### 8.1 Division A

Class I Monohulls with a valid IRC Certificate and/or HKPNs of 980 or lower

Class II Monohulls with HKPNs of 981-1050

Class III Multihulls

##### 8.2 Division B

Monohulls with HKPNs of 981 or over, all J80s and open lugger rigged boats

8.3 Monohulls with HKPNs of 981-1050, with the exception of J80s, may compete in Division B or Division A Class II.

8.4 Division and class splits may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

##### 8.6 Motoring Division

Boats that elect to motor after their start.

#### 9. Skipper's Briefing

A skippers' briefing will be held on **Friday 17 January 2014** in the Aberdeen Boat Club Main Clubhouse at **1900**.

#### 10. Notices to Competitors and Radio Communications

10.1 Notices to competitors and changes to SI (L Notices) will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Club and on the Club's website ([www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)).

10.2 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on VHF Channel 72. This applies to both divisions.

10.3 Except as required by the Sailing Instructions or in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

## **11. The Start**

The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay and the first start will be on Saturday 18 January 2014 at **1000**.

## **12. Peaks**

- 12.1 Boats in Division A will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks: Ma On Shan, Violet Hill, Lantau Peak and Mount Stenhouse.
- 12.2 Boats in Division B will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks in the following order: Lantau Peak, Mount Stenhouse, Violet Hill and Peak 300 on Cape d'Aguilar. Peak 300 is at GPS 22 13.213N 114 14.973E. It has no trig point at the summit but is easily distinguishable.

## **13. Prohibited areas**

The following areas are out of bounds:

- a. All private property
- b. Sai Kung Marine Police compound
- c. Stanley Prison premises
- d. Swire Institute of Marine Science, Cape d'Aguilar
- e. Cape d'Aguilar Marine Reserve
- f. Shek O Beach.
- g. Quarry, E side of Tai Tam Bay
- h. Cape d'Aguilar Peak (Hok Tsui Shan), and Cape d'Aguilar Radio Station

## **14. The Finish**

The finish will be in the vicinity of Round Island.

## **15. Scoring**

Corrected times will be calculated by deducting a fixed hill running time (i.e. Set Time) from a boat's elapsed time, then adjusting the resulting time in accordance with the boat's HKPN and/or IRC rating; then adding back the Set Time. Motoring Division results will include a time penalty for the accumulated period of motoring.

## **16. Prizes and anniversary prize-giving**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first to finish in each division or class and for the best corrected times in each division or class.
- 16.2 Prizes may also be awarded for first across the line in One-Design classes, subject to a minimum of 3 boats in such classes being in the starting area at their warning signal.
- 16.3 Prizes will be awarded for the fastest hill running times for each peak and to the fastest female runner(s). Lantau Peak times will be checked at gates. Other peak running times will be based on times taken according to the 'let go' rule.
- 16.4 The anniversary prize-giving and dinner will be held on Friday 24 January 2014.

## **17. Advertising**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## **18. Moorings**

A limited number of mooring facilities will be available upon early entry application to the race.

## **19. Food and Beverages**

A breakfast buffet will be available on Saturday 18 January 2014 at the main clubhouse from 0700.