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FOUR PEAKS Race

To be held on
26-27 January 2013



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Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2013

Notice of Race

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January 2013

Organising Authority

The race Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club.

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The Hong Kong Sailing Federation prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2012 parts A, B and C except that IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 1.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.
- 1.5 The HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increased Penalty Scheme (PIPS).
- 1.6 The Aberdeen Boat Club Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7 The Notice of Race.
- 1.8 The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2013 Sailing Instructions.
- 1.9 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Minimum Safety Requirement

Boats shall be fitted with an engine capable of propelling the boat at a speed in knots equal to the square root of its LWL in feet. 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

Eligible boats are those of a thoroughly seaworthy type with a minimum LOA of 7 metres, which meet the safety requirements and have an HKPN handicap allocated by HKPN Committee, and/or a valid IRC Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to either amend or issue an HKPN handicap for the race at its sole discretion.

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. Registration

Registration will be completed by sending a completed entry form and crew list to the Club before 1700 hours on Monday 21 January 2013. 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.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2013 Sailing Instructions will be available on the website no later than Monday 26 November 2012.

8. 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.

9. Divisions

9.1 Racing will be held in the following classes and divisions:

Division A

Class I Monohulls with a valid IRC Certificate and HKPNs of 949 or lower

Class II Monohulls with HKPNs of 950 -1025

Class III Multihulls

Division B

Monohulls with HKPNs over 950, LOA 8 metres or less, and open lugger rigged boats

Motoring Division: Boats that elect to motor after their start

Monohulls with HKPNs of 950-1025 may compete in Division B or Division A Class II.

Monohulls with HKPNs over 1025 or an LOA of 8 metres or less will compete in Division B unless specially approved to enter Division A by the Race Committee.

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

10. Skipper's Briefing

A skippers' briefing will be held on Friday 25 January 2013 in the Aberdeen Boat Club Main clubhouse at 7pm.

11. Notices to Competitors and Radio Communications

- 11.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Yachting Notice Board at the Aberdeen Boat Club, which is located outside the doorway leading from the Upper Level Car Park into the Club Offices and Coffee Shop.
- 11.2 Copies of the Amendments and Notices to Competitors may also be displayed on the Notice Boards at HHYC, DBYC and RHKYC and on the Race website.
- 11.3 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 72. This applies to both Divisions.
- 11.4 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.



12. The Start

The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay and the first start will be on Saturday 26 January 2013 at 1000 hours.

13. Peaks

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.

Boats in Division B will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks: 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 is not Cape d'Aguilar Peak (Hok Tsui Shan), which has its summit within the restricted area. Peak 300 does not have a trig point at the summit but is easily distinguishable. Cape D'Aguilar Radio Station will be out of bounds. Shek O beach will be excluded from the dropping zone.

Full details of courses, order in which peaks will be run, out of bounds areas and dropping zones for peaks will be in the Sailing Instructions, downloadable from the Club's web-site www.abclubhk.com by Monday 26 November 2012.

14. The Finish

The finish will be in the vicinity of Round Island.

15. Results

Corrected time results 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 prize-giving

Prizes will be awarded for the first to finish in each division and for the best corrected times in each class and division. Prizes may also be awarded for first across the line in One-Design categories, provided that a minimum of 3 entries are received from such a category. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest hill running times for each peak and to the top 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. For details see the Sailing Instructions. A prize-giving will be held on Friday 1 February 2013.

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 26 January 2013 at the main clubhouse from 7am.

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