

ABC Four Peaks Race
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Is proud to announce

The “Simpson Marine” Four Peaks Race

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January 2016

Revised Notice of Race



19th November 2016

Notice of Race

The Race Organising Authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club under the auspices of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF) will apply, together with:
 - the IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C (IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply).
 - the HKPN Handicap System; (including the PIPS – Performance Increase Penalty Scheme – if required).
 - the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4
 - The International regulation for preventing collisions at sea IRPCAS, (Steering and Sailing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace RRS Rule of Sailing Part 2.
 - Class Association rules of all competing classes – J80s, Impalas etc;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR);
 - the Simpson Marine Four Peaks Race 2016 Sailing Instructions (FPSI 2016);
- 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 The minimum number of crew is five, including the skipper. All crew members, except three, must complete the ascent of at least one peak. **Single or shorthanded entries are not acceptable.**
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the Simpson Marine Four Peaks 2016 Sailing Instructions (FP16 SI).

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display the regatta sponsors advertising as chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 ISAF Regulation 20 will apply for Competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Cruiser mono hulls holding a valid IRC certificate.

- 3.2 Cruiser mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation who hold a valid HKPN rating. The Race Committee reserves the right to either amend or issue an HKPN handicap for the race.
- 3.3 Eligible boats are those with a minimum LOA of 7 metres and which meet the required safety requirements for the race as outlined in this NoR and the FPSI 2016.
- 3.4 The entry fee is HK\$ 1,850. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee up to Monday 18th January 2016 but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$ 500.
- 3.5 Entry fees are non- refundable after 1800 hrs on Monday 18th January 2015.
- 3.6 Completed Entry forms, Skipper Declaration forms and Crew lists shall be sent to the ABC Sailing Office before 1800 hrs on Monday 18th January 2016.
- 3.7 Any change to the crew list must be submitted to the Club in writing before 1800 hrs on Thursday 21st January 2016.
- 3.8 Any crew under the age of eighteen NOT sailing with their parent(s) or guardian must submit a signed Parental/Guardian Consent form. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult on any hill runs.

4. Classes & Divisions

4.1 Division A

- Class I: Monohulls with a valid IRC Certificate and/or a valid HKPN rating of 999 or lower.
- Class II Monohulls with valid HKPN rating of 1000 to 1049.

4.2 Division B

- Monohulls with a valid HKPN rating of 1050 and above.
- Multihulls with a valid HKPN rating.
- J 80's and Impalas and other eligible class boats with at least 3 boats sailing as a class.

- 4.3 Division and class splits listed above are indicative and may be reallocated subject to entries received. The decision will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee in the interests of fair racing.

4.4 Motoring Division

Boats may elect to enter the motoring division by calling the Race Control centre **prior** to switching on their engines, no earlier than 30 minutes after their scheduled start. All motoring times must be declared on the Race Declaration on completion of the race.

5. Schedule

5.1 Thursday 10th December 2015 – Four Peaks Race 2016 Introductory Evening.

An introduction for new and experienced crews to explain the race dynamics, safety requirements and equipment plus useful seamanship and runner tips. To be held at the Aberdeen Boat Club main club house at 1900 hrs.

- 5.2 **Friday 22nd January 2016 – Skippers Briefing.**
A skippers' briefing will be held on Friday 22nd January 2016 in the Aberdeen Boat Club Main Clubhouse in the Harbour room at 1900 hrs.
- 5.3 **Saturday 23rd January 2016**
The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay with the warning signal for the first start at 0955 hrs for Division A.
- 5.4 The starting system will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal for subsequent class or division of class starts.
- 5.5 **Sunday 24th January 2016**
The Race cut off time will be 1800 hrs. All boats who have not yet finished must report into the Race Safety Control Centre at ABC Main Club when they have returned to a safe haven.
- 5.6 **Friday 29th January 2016**
Prize Giving and Dinner at ABC Main Club, Aberdeen at 1900 hours.
- 6. Measurements.**
- 6.1 Boats that hold a valid IRC certificate that are NOT listed on the HKSF website shall submit a copy of their current IRC certificate to the Sailing office no later than 1800 hrs on Thursday 21st January. A scanned soft copy is acceptable.
- 6.2 No alteration to a boats TCC will be permitted after this date, except as result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.3 Boats that have had recent alternations such as new sales or otherwise that may affect their handicap, are to submit a completed HKPN PIPS declaration form to the ABC Sailing Office, no later than 1800 hrs on Thursday 21st January.
- 7. Sailing Instructions.**
The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2015 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available no later than ten days before the start of the race on Saturday 23rd January 2016.
- 8. Race Control**
The Race Control & Safety office will be located at ABC main club in Aberdeen.
- 9. Courses & Peaks**
- 9.1 Boats in Division A will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks in the following order:
- a. **Lantau Peak,**
 - b. **Mount Stenhouse,**
 - c. **Violet Hill,**
 - d. **Ma On Shan.**
- 9.2 Boats in Division B will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks in the following order:

- a. Lantau Peak,
- b. Mount Stenhouse,
- c. Violet Hill,
- d. Tung Lung Chau.

9.3 Additional rules and important details regarding the dropping off points for the runners and the ascent of the hills will be contained in the FP2016 SI's.

10. Prohibited areas

10.1 **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. Quarry, E side of Tai Tam Bay.
- g. Cape d'Aguilar Peak (Hok Tsui Shan), and Cape d'Aguilar Radio Station.
- h. Tung Lung Chau Fort & Rock Carvings.

11. Penalty System

The penalties for infringement of instructions outside the RRS will be a time penalty up to and including 5% of total elapsed time. Repeated or gross violations of the Rules may result in disqualification. These penalties will be detailed within the FP 2016 SI's.

12. Scoring

12.1 Corrected times will be calculated by deducting the running 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 Hill Time. Further details will be available in the FP2016 SI's.

12.2 Motoring Division results will include a time penalty for the accumulated period of motoring. The formula will be outlined in the FP2016 SI's.

12.3 Lantau Peak and Tung Lung Chau peak times will be checked at gates. Details for this and other peak running times will be based on times taken as determined in the FPSI 2016.

13. Safety & Support Boats

13.1 Competitors are reminded that it is essential to reconnoiter landing places, routes and peak control locations in advance of the race start, in the interests of both safety and competitiveness.

13.2 Boats shall comply with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 with amendments.

13.3 Boats whose design pre-empts compliance with any clause of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 or the engine requirement may apply to the race committee for exemption. Such applications should be made in writing to the Race Committee no less than two weeks before the race.

- 13.4 Boats will be scrutineered at any time immediately prior, during or immediately after the race.
- 13.5 When transferring from boat to shore, and vice versa, between sunset and sunrise, swimmers and shore party transfer craft must display a conspicuous, all round, white light e.g. a personal strobe safety light. Headlamps, worn by all crew in transfer craft, may substitute for an all-round white.
- 13.6 All persons shall wear a personal floatation device while swimming or when in shore party transfer craft. These may be personal buoyancy aids strapped around the waist.
- 13.7 Safety patrol boats will be on duty at key positions around the HK waters. Details will be provided in the Skippers Briefing.
- 13.8 Anchors may be carried on deck at any time after the start.

14. Berthing & Moorings

Limited mooring will be available and will be allocated in order of entries received.

15. Radio Communications

- 15.1 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on VHF Channel 72.
- 15.2 All boats will be required to carry a tracking device.
- 15.3 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.

16. Prizes

- 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).
- 16.4 **Interclub J 80 Challenge Trophy** – Skippers of J 80's who are members of ABC, DBYC, HHYC, RHKYC or Tai Po Boat Club may compete for this prize. A minimum of three entries is required for this prize to be awarded.
- 16.5 **Simpson Marine Beneteau Cup** – All Beneteau yachts will be eligible to compete for the Simpson Marine Trophy.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 The Aberdeen Boat Club, the 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 series.

- 17.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4). 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 series entirely at their own risk.
- 17.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Sailing Office in completing the formalities of their boat entries by submission of all required information, certificates, forms, etc. within the deadline dates quoted throughout this NoR. Failure to comply will result in a boat not entering the series correctly and will require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee to comply.
- 18. Insurance**
Entered boats shall have third party liability insurance at least to the minimum cover required under Hong Kong SAR law.
- 19. Car Parking**
Car parking is not available for visitors on the race days. There are two public car parks, one at the Aberdeen Marina Club and one at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.
- 20. Club Signing Rights**
Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club may sign chits on the race day on presentation of their club membership card.
- 21. Food and Beverage**
Non-member competitors may purchase cash coupons from the Coffee shop which are valid for use only on the designated race days and prize giving presentation. There will be a buffet breakfast served in the Coffee shop from 0700 hrs on Saturday 23rd January and the bar and coffee shop may be used after racing on Sunday 24th January.
- 22. Ships Stores & Fuel**
Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day of the race and the take away food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club.
- 23. Further Information**
Event website: www.abclubhk.com/four_peaks_race_2016.aspx
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