

Aberdeen Boat Club

Is proud to announce the

Four Peaks Race

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January 2027

Notice of Race



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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) 2025 – 2028.
- 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 PHS Handicap System;
 - the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with amendments;
 - 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;
 - this Notice of Race (NoR); and the Four Peaks Race 2027 Sailing Instructions (FPR - SI 2027).
- 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 The minimum number of crew is five, including the skipper. All crew members, except three, must complete the ascent of at least one peak.
- 1.6 This NoR may be amended by the FPR - SI 2027.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 Yachts may be required to display the regatta sponsor's advertising as chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.2 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply for Competitors boats/crew wear displayed during the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Mono-hull yachts holding a valid IRC certificate.
- 3.2 Yachts, mono hulls and multi hulls with accommodation and which hold a valid PHS rating. The Race Committee reserves the right to either amend or issue a PHS handicap for the race.
- 3.3 Eligible boats are those with a minimum LOA of 8 meters and which meet the required safety requirements for the race as outlined in this NoR and the FPR - SI 2027.
- 3.4 The entry fee is \$2,299 HKD. Entries will be accepted until Friday 08th January 2027. Late entries will be accepted, at the discretion of the Race Committee, until Wednesday 13th January 2027 but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$ 500.

- 3.5 Entry fees are non- refundable after the initial entry deadline on Friday 08th January 2027 at 1800 hrs.
- 3.6 Entry must be made by submitting a completed online entry form which includes crew list (available at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/180/profile?tab=entry>) before 1800 hrs. on Friday 08th January 2026.
- 3.7 **Any last-minute changes to the final crew list must be submitted to the Club in writing before 1200 hrs. on Friday 15th January 2027.**
- 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. PROVISIONAL DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**
- 4.1 **Racing will be held in the following provisional divisions & classes:**
- IRC - Division 1
 - IRC - Division 2
 - PHS - Division A
 - PHS - Division B
- 4.2 The final class/divisional splits for Yachts IRC and PHS or additional divisions of class will be published by the Race Committee in a NTC, subject to entries received and in the interests of fair racing by **Friday 15th January 2027**.
- 4.3 **MOTORING SUB - DIVISION**
1. **Boats may elect to enter the motoring sub - division by calling the Race Control Centre prior to switching on their engines, no earlier than 30 minutes, after their scheduled start.**
 2. The Motoring Sub - Division exists, so that a yachts runners may still compete to run the hills, if they have opted out of the main sailing race, due to a lack of wind on a location around the course, or a yachts sail or rigging failure, which prevents further propulsion under sail.
 3. All motoring times and peak running must be declared on the Race Declaration Form, on the completion of the race, and submitted to the Marine & Sailing Office by the deadline outlined in the (FPR - SI 2027).
- 5. EVENT SCHEDULE:**
- 5.1 **Thursday 14th January 2027 – Skippers Briefing**
A skippers' briefing will be held on Thursday 14th January in the Aberdeen Boat Club Main Clubhouse in the Harbour room at 1900 hrs. If the Skipper cannot attend; another nominated crew member must attend. This is compulsory. Failure to attend will result in a time penalty being given for the sailing and hill running times.
- 5.2 **Saturday 16th January 2027**
The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay with the warning signal for the first start at 1030 hrs.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 **Sunday 17th January 2027**
The Race finish time will be 1900 hrs. All boats which have not yet finished must report into the Race Safety Control Centre at ABC Main Club when they have returned to a safe haven.

5.5 **Friday 29th January 2027**

The Prize Giving will be held at ABC Main Club, Aberdeen at 1900 hours on the Coffee shop patio. The later date is due to the Sail GP HK 2027 event, the previous week – end.

6. Measurements

6.1 Boats entering the IRC Class shall submit at the beginning of the series a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Sailsys website, no later than **1800 hrs. on Friday 08th January 27, unless their rating is listed on the <https://www.sailsys.com.au/>**

6.2 Boats **must submit** a new IRC certificate to the Sailsys website, if their TCC rating changes, at any time during the series.

7. Sailing Instructions.

The FPR - SI 2027 will be available no later than Friday 18th December 2026, before the start of the race.

8. Race Control

The Race Control & Safety office will be located at ABC main club in Aberdeen.

9. Courses & Peaks

9.1 Boats in IRC Division 1 & 2 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 PHS Division A & 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. **Ma On Shan.**

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 FPR - SI 2027.

10. 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. Quarry, E side of Tai Tam Bay.
- g. the Maritime Control Zone (MCZ) of the LN76G Terminal South of Lantau Island: All vessels must keep a distance off at least 500m. Please see HK Marine Dept Notice – 192/2022 for further details.

11. Penalty System

The penalties for infringement of instructions outside the RRS will be a time penalty not less than 15 minutes for each infringement. Repeated or gross violations of the Rules may result in disqualification.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 Corrected times will be calculated by deducting each boat's recorded hill times from a boat's total elapsed time, then adjusting the resulting time in accordance with the boat's PHS and/or IRC rating; then adding back the cumulative Hill Times. Further details will be available in the FPR - SI 2027.
- 12.2 Motoring Division results will include a time penalty for the accumulated periods of motoring. The formula will be outlined in the FPR - SI 2027.
- 12.3 Lantau Peak running times will be checked at a gate. Details for this and other peak running times will be based on times taken as determined in the FPR - SI 2027.

13. Safety & Support Boats

- 13.1 Competitors are reminded that in the interests of both safety and competitiveness it is essential to reconnoiter landing places, routes, and peak control locations in advance of the start of the race.
- 13.2 Boats shall comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2026 – 2027 Category 3 with amendments. Please see the separate Safety Equipment Amendments Checklist which will be posted on the race website.
- 13.3 Boats whose design pre-empts compliance with any clause of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 or the engine requirement may apply to the Race Committee for exemption. Such applications should be made in writing to the Race Committee by Wednesday 13th January 2027.
- 13.4 Boats may be scrutineered at any time immediately prior, during or immediately after the race.
- 13.5 Safety patrol boats will be on duty at key positions around HK waters. Details will be provided at the Skippers Briefing.

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 FPR - SI 2027 or in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio or telephone communications which are 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 boat 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 male & female overall runner(s), whose boats sailed the entire course.
- 16.4 Prizes will be awarded in the motoring division for the fastest runners on all four hills, once the boat has entered the division, or individual peaks, as outlined in clause 4.3.

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 race.
- 17.2 The responsibility for 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 the World Sailing 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 race entirely at their own risk.
- 17.3 Owners and skippers are invited to co-operate with the Organising Authority, Race Committee and ABC Marine & 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 race correctly and would require supporting evidence to be presented to the race committee in order to compete.

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 race days at ABC. Public car parks are opposite the main clubhouse or at the Jumbo Car Park on Welfare Road.

20. Club Signing Rights

Visiting competitors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Hebe Haven Yacht Club may sign chits on the race day on presentation of their club membership cards.

21. Food and Beverage

Non-member competitors may use Octopus Cards at 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 16th January and the bar and coffee shop may be used after racing on Sunday 17th January 2027.

22. Ships Stores & Fuel

Drinks and ice are available from the Galley on the day of the race and the takeaway food requires pre-order the day before. Fuel is obtainable from the FUEGY fuel barge at the western entrance of the Aberdeen Harbour or the Aberdeen Marina Club fuel pier opposite the Club.

23. Further Information

Event website: www.4peaksrace.com

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