



Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2009

Notice of Race

1. Date

The race will be held over the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2009. Racing will be in the coastal waters between Port Shelter in the eastern part of Hong Kong and Lantau Island in the southwest and will include the ascent by shore parties of three or four peaks depending on the Division entered.

2. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd., 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong (the Club).

3. Rules

The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2009 (the RRS) published by the Hong Kong Sailing Federation and The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2009 Racing Instructions (the RI) copies of which may be obtained from the Club or downloaded from the Club's web-site www.abclubhk.com.

A separate category for non sailing is being introduced for which the rules and entry forms are also available on the website. This division shall be Division R.

4. Minimum Safety Requirement

Boats shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Category 4 and 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.

5. 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 rating allocated by the Hong Kong Cruiser Owners Association (COA) and/or a valid IRC Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to either amend or issue an HKPN rating for the race at its sole discretion.

6. Insurance

All boats must have adequate third party insurance and entrants shall produce their certificates of insurance if requested by the Race Committee.

7. Entry

Entry may be made by submitting a completed entry form and crew or team list to the Club before 17:00 hours on 12th January 2009. The entry fee is HK\$800 for Divisions A, B and C, \$200 for Division R. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$100.

8. Crew and teams

The minimum number of crew is five, including the skipper. All crew members except three must complete the ascent of at least one peak. Division R teams may have 2-4 members. All members must complete all peaks.

9. Divisions

Racing will be held in the following classes and divisions:

Division A:	Class I	Monohulls with a valid IRC Certificate
	Class II	Monohulls with an HKPN of 949 and below
	Class III	Monohulls with an HKPN of 950 – 1075
Division B:		Monohulls with an HKPN of 950 and above, and open lugger rigged boats
Division C:		Multihulls
Division R		Non-sailing division with public transport between peak access routes
Motoring Division:		Boats that elect to motor after their start.

Monohulls with an HKPN of 950 – 1075 may compete in either Division A Class III, or in Division B. Monohulls with an HKPN of 1076 and above may only compete in Division B.

Classes and divisions may be re-allocated subject to entries received.

10. The Start

The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay and the first start will be on Saturday 17th January 2009 at 1100 hours. Division R will start at the ABC main clubhouse.

11. Courses

Boats in Divisions A & C will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of Ma On Shan, Mount Stenhouse, Lantau and Violet Hill in that order. Boats in Division B will sail a different course, which includes the ascent of Ma On Shan, Violet Hill, Mount Stenhouse, and Violet Hill again, in that order. The finish will be in Deep Water Bay in the vicinity of Middle Island

12. 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 or IRC rating; then adding back the Set Time. Motoring Division results will include a time penalty for the accumulated period of motoring. Division R Results are first past the post.

13. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the first to finish in each division and for the best corrected times in each class and division. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest hill running times for each peak. In Division R there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams. Prizes may also be awarded for other categories.

14. Advertising

The advertising category for the race is Category C.

15. Enquiries

Enquiries may be made by telephone on 2553 3032, or by fax on 2873 2945, or by e-mail to mbs@abclubhk.com