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The "Simpson Marine" Four Peaks Race

Saturday 31ST January and Sunday 1st February 2015
Incorporating the "Beneteau cup"

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 2014 will apply except IRC Rule 22.4.2. There will be no upper limitations on crew number or weight
- 1.3 HKPN handicap system, including the HKPN Performance Increased Penalty Scheme (PIPS)
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Aberdeen Boat Club Standard Sailing Instructions 2013
- 1.6 This Notice of Race
- 1.7 Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2015 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

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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 26th January 2015.
- 3.3 The entry fee is HK\$ 1,000. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$ 500.

4. Disclaimer of Liability

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4).

- 4.3 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 2015 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the website by 15 December 2014.

7. Crews

- 7.1 The minimum number of crew is five, including the skipper.
7.2 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 30th January 2015 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).
- 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 31st January 2015 at 1000.

12. Peaks

- 12.1 Boats in Division A will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks in the following order:

- a. **Ma On Shan,**
- b. **Violet Hill,**
- c. **Lantau Peak ,**
- d. **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:

- a. **Lantau Peak,**
- b. **Mount Stenhouse,**
- c. **Violet Hill,**
- d. **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

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Motoring Division results will include a time penalty for the accumulated period of motoring.

16. Prizes and 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 prize-giving and dinner will be held on Saturday 7 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 31 January 2015 at the main clubhouse from 0700 at HK\$ 58.