



Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2012

Notice of Race

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 February 2012

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 race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The following will apply:
 - For cruisers with accommodation, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5 ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010AppJ081205-\[8004\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010AppJ081205-[8004].pdf)) plus VHF radio, the primary purpose of which is to make obligatory race check-ins and to monitor the Race Committee
 - The 2012 IRC Rules parts A, B and C.
 - The HKPN Handicap System, as administered by the HKPN Committee.
 - The Aberdeen Boat Club Standard Sailing Instructions
 - The Notice of Race
 - The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2012 Racing Instructions
- 1.3 In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 The Hong Kong Sailing Federation prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 HKPN PIPS shall apply to HKPN divisions.

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 30 January 2012. The entry fee is HK\$800. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but will be subject to an additional late entry fee of HK\$400.

7. Racing Instructions

The Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race 2012 Racing Instructions will be available on the website no later than 5 December 2011.

8. Crews

IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no upper limitation on crew numbers or weight. Notwithstanding this rule, 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 or HKPNs of 949 or lower

Class II Monohulls with HKPNs of 950-1025

Class III Multihulls

Division B

Monohulls with HKPNs over 1025 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 will compete in Division B unless they apply for permission to enter Division A.

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 3 February 2012 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 Racing Instructions or in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. The Start

The starting line will be laid in Tai Tam Bay and the first start will be on Saturday 4th February 2012 at 1100 hours.

13. Peaks

Boats in Division A will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of four peaks: Division A Ma On Shan, Violet Hill, Lantau Peak, Mount Stenhouse.

Boats in Division B will sail a course that includes the ascent by shore parties of three peaks: Mount Stenhouse, Violet Hill, Peak 300* on Cape d'Aguilar.

Note: Cape D'Aguilar Radio Station will be out of bounds. Shek O beach will be excluded from Dropping Zone.

Full details of courses, order in which peaks will be run and dropping zones for peaks will be in the Racing Instructions, downloadable from the Club's web-site www.abclubhk.com by Monday 6 December.

*NOTE 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.

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 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 Racing Instructions. A prize-giving will be held on Friday 10 February 2012.

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 Beverage Arrangements

A breakfast buffet will be available on Saturday 4 February at the main clubhouse from 8am.

