ACHIEVEMENT

4 PEAKS RACE

Record times, record finishers and two days of wind and brilliant sunshine. The Fragrant Harbour 4 Peaks Race '93 saw 19 boats cross the line at 1100 on Saturday the 30th of January and by 1326 the next day, 16 of the 18 official entries had completed the course. The old hands say it was the best 4 Peaks ever and the newer hands are discussing next year's strategies. FH is indeed proud to have been associated with such a successful event.

From start to finish, there was an exciting duel between Mark Leese's X-412 *Xiabu Xiabu 5* and Vic Locke's Holland *Bugis*. *Bugis* has taken line honours for the past two years and was denied a hat trick by the determination of Mr Leese and his crew. Overall winner in Division A was John Blay's *Windseeker* and in Division B – which allows the use of an engine – the winner was Peter Orange's *Kotuku*.

Club records indicate that the fastest finish was in 1986 when *Cuchulain* crossed the line at 11:24:26. This means that five boats in Division A broke the record.

The 4 Peaks Race requires extensive organisation and the control room at the Aberdeen Boat Club is manned around the clock. More than 40 people are directly involved in the race and there are two Gurkhas and two ABC officers taking times on all the peaks. The Gurkhas, incidentally, have been manning the peaks and organising communications since the first 4 Peaks in 1985.

There were some 120 people participating this year with each boat carrying a minimum of five crew. A provision has been made for one crew to remain on board during the race but each runner did at least one peak. One of *Tamarisk's* crew got a little carried away and did all four!

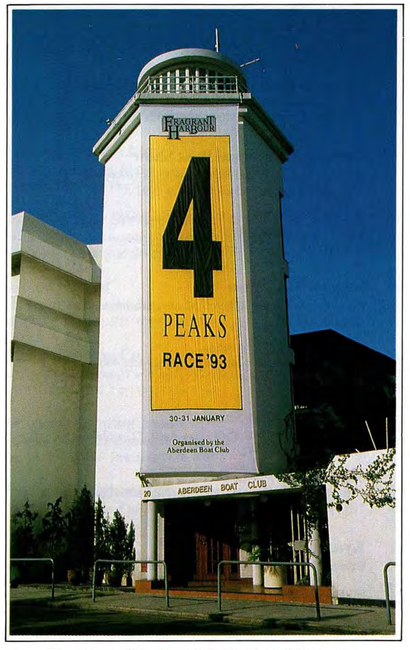
Five men in a crabber

Shikari retired with an injured runner and *Shogun* had to pull out because of crew suffering severe sea sickness. *Kinabalu*, a 16-foot crabber, was this year's unofficial entry but its crew of five endured cramped conditions and a painfully slow pace to complete the course at half past eight on Sunday night.

It is hoped that next year will see even more entries. "We've always wanted 30 or more boats," said Norman Martel of *Gipsy*. Mr Martel has competed every year and says 1993 was the best weather he can ever remember. In the past, the 4 Peaks as been plagued by very light airs.

There's talk of bringing in overseas teams in 1994. Excellent idea! Now that "peaks" races are catching on in places like Australia and Japan, it seems logical to have competitors from abroad. And how about a team of Gurkhas?

The 4 Peaks Race is more about achievement than winning. The committee would be wise to stay with PYS, an acceptable handicapping system which the average yachtsman can understand. For next year FH hopes the basic format of the race is kept the same and that more effort is made to increase entries.



The Fragrant Harbour 4 Peaks Race '93 banner

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TIMES ON PEAKS – Division A

Pos.	Yacht	Ma On Shan	Lamma Peak	Stenhouse	Violet Hill	Finish time
1	Bucephalus	14:30:00	04:10:00	09:16:20	12:14:00	13:03:07
2	Bugis	14:10:00	00:57:00	05:10:40	07:55:10	08:42:21
3	Crumpet	15:00:00	02:21:00	07:49:10	10:50:55	11:40:50
4	Delphian	14:06:00	02:56:00	07:50:50	10:31:40	11:12:22
5	Farr Fetched	14:44:00	03:57:00	09:00:45	12:12:29	12:59:37
6	Gale Force	14:37:00	03:05:00	09:04:25	11:43:32	12:26:41
7	Gambit	14:11:00	01:35:00	06:08:10	08:37:40	09:26:16
8	Gipsy	14:36:00	04:35:00	09:50:45	12:15:08	13:13:43
9	Montrachet	14:23:00	02:57:00	08:59:00	11:25:35	12:09:41
10	Shikari	15:41:00	Retired			
11	Shogun II	14:40:00	Retired			
12	Skerryvore	15:17:00	02:15:00	07:08:55	10:34:30	11:21:13
13	Tamarisk	14:54:00	00:52:00	06:33:20	10:12:32	11:25:49
14	Vengeance	14:35:00	04:52:00	09:43:35	12:06:50	12:53:13
15	Warrawilla	14:47:00	04:56:00	10:06:25	12:40:41	13:26:55
16	Windseeker	14:19:00	01:54:00	06:55:40	09:27:31	09:54:15
17	Xiabu Xiabu 5	14:01:00	00:20:00	05:15:00	07:56:16	08:37:01

TIMES ON PEAKS – Division B

Pos.	Yacht	Ma On Shan	Lamma Peak	Stenhouse	Violet Hill	Finish time
1	Kinabalu	17:25:00	07:36:00	15:45:00	19:49:00	20:37:00
2	Kotuku	14:45:00	03:26:00	08:38:35	11:34:20	12:20:01

Windseeker, overall winner, powers to the finish on Sunday morning

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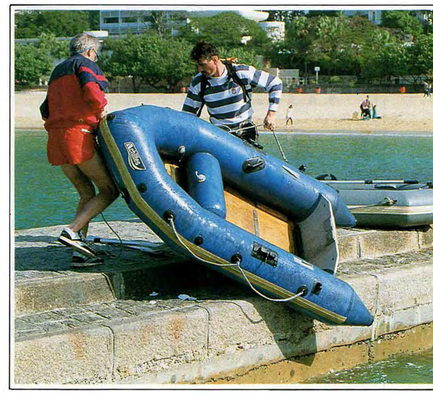
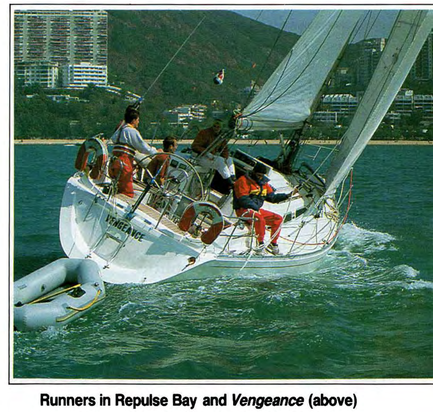
Pos.	Yacht	PYS	Class	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Class Pos.
1	Windseeker	95	II	09:54:15	22:54:15	23:50:47	1
2	Bugis	87	I	08:42:21	21:42:21	24:12:08	1
3	Gambit	90	I	09:20:16	22:20:16	24:15:51	2
4	Xiabu Xiabu 5	84	I	08:37:01	21:37:01	24:46:55	3
5	Delphian	93	I	11:12:22	24:12:22	25:39:06	4
6	Bucephalus	101	II	13:03:07	26:03:07	25:50:37	2
7	Montrachet	94	I	12:09:41	25:09:41	26:26:54	5
8	Farr Fetched	96	II	12:59:37	25:59:37	26:52:06	3
9	Warrawilla	98	II	13:26:55	26:26:55	26:53:11	4
10	Vengeance	91	I	12:53:13	25:53:13	27:57:10	6
11	Gale Force	88	I	12:26:41	25:26:41	28:13:58	7
	Tamarisk	99	II	Transfer to Div B			
	Gipsy	102	II	Transfer to Div B			
	Crumpet	105	II	Transfer to Div B			
	Skerryvore	110	II	Transfer to Div B			
	Shikari	99	II	Did not finish			
	Shogun II	110	II	Did not finish			

DIVISION B

Pos.	Yacht	PYS	"K"	Finish time	Elapsed time	Motoring time	Corrected time
1	Kotuku	128	2.00	12:20:01	25:20:01	03:00:00	24:32:31
2	Skerryvore*	110	2.68	11:21:13	24:21:13	01:42:00	25:36:17
3	Crumpet*	105	2.08	11:40:50	24:40:50	02:30:00	26:33:45
4	Gipsy *	102	2.50	13:13:43	26:13:43	01:59:00	28:49:35
5	Tamarisk*	99	2.50	11:28:49	24:28:49	08:08:48	81:33:40
	Kinabalu**	125	1.65	20:37:00	33:37:00	05:47:00	37:41:55

* transferred from Division A ** not official entry





Runners in Repulse Bay and *Vengeance* (above)