

Notice of Race: Bart's Bash, Sunday 17 Sept 2017

The Bart's Bash is a multi-club worldwide sailing event which in 2014 broke the record for the largest sailing event in history with 9,484 boats participating. This year will mark the fourth annual event and participants will not only be competing against boats in their own club, but against thousands around the globe with the world results being posted after the race. Discovery Bay Yacht Club and the Lantau Boat Club will hold a joint event which will take place in the waters to the East of Lantau. The aim of the event is to raise money for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation and Sailability Hong Kong.

The Andrew Simpson Foundation is named in memory Andrew 'Bart' Simpson, an Olympic Gold Medallist sailor who tragically lost his life while training for the 2013 America's Cup. During his life, Bart was enthusiastic about raising awareness of sailing and encouraging young sailors to the sport. The Foundation named after him raises cash to encourage and enable young and disadvantaged sailors around the world. In 2016, the foundation made a substantial donation to Suability Hong Kong for the purchase of essential equipment.

Sailability Hong Kong was founded in 2010 to provide the opportunity for anyone with a disability to learn to sail or have a water based experience. To date over 1033 disabled people in Hong Kong have sailed with them.

1. Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

2. Advertising: Boats may carry advertising in accordance with HKSF regulations current at the time of the race.

3. Entry: Entry is online, on the respective club Bart's Bash website pages. All skippers must enter their boat on these websites. For DBYC members, the entry page is at:

<http://www.bartsbash.com/hong-kong-sar-china/discovery-bay-yacht-club>

For LBC members, the entry page is at:

<http://www.bartsbash.com/hong-kong-sar-china/lantau-boat-club>

In addition, a disclaimer form will be included in the race instructions. This must be completed by all yacht skippers and sent to the race organiser at simonludlow@netvigator.com For Beach Catamaran skippers, there will be a sign-in/sign out sheet at the LBC clubhouse.

4. Fees: There are no entry fees for the race, although skippers are asked to make a donation on the Bart's Bash Website for their club. Suggested minimum donations are \$200 per yacht and \$100 for catamarans, but higher amounts are encouraged. Crew may also enter their details and make a donation. A buffet BBQ and a drink will be available after the race on purchase of a ticket which also includes entry to a lucky draw. Further drinks will be available for purchase. Payments made on the website will go to the Andrew Simpson Foundation, whereas monies made on the day will go to Sailability Hong Kong.

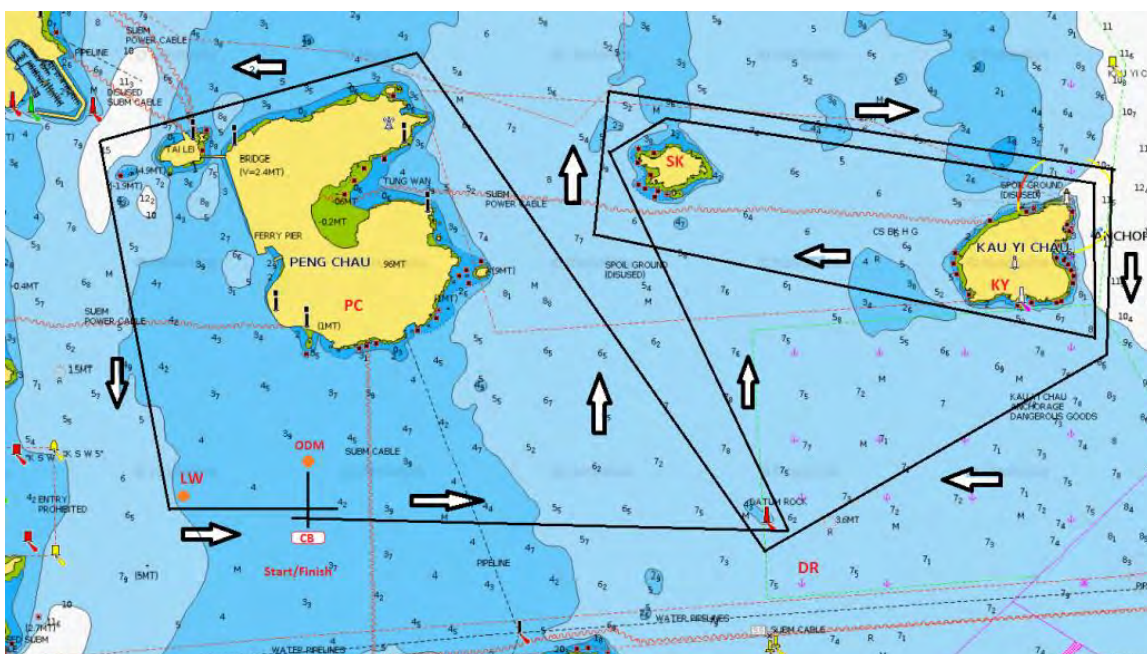
5. Schedule: There will be one islands course race. The first start sequence will start at 11:00. All times in this NOR and the Sis are referenced to HK Standard Time as on the HK Observatory reference clock at <http://www.hko.gov.hk/gts/time/HKSTime.htm>

6. Measurement: Boats racing within a handicap based on a class will comply with the respective class rules.

7. Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions will be issued no later than 10 Sep 2017 and posted on-line on the respective club websites.

8a. Briefing: An on-line briefing will be posted on line on the DBYC website by 0900 on 17 Sep 2017 and also e-mailed to all competitors who have notified the race officer of their e-mail addresses.

8b. Courses: One course with maximum length of 25km will be sailed by all boats dependent on weather conditions, from the chart plots which are shown below. The minimum length of the race will be 1km and the minimum duration will be 15 minutes in order to comply with the worldwide event SIs. The start and finish will be the same line, unless a change in conditions once the race has started requires that the course be shortened. A detailed map will be provided in the sailing instructions. These courses may be reversed on the day.



Courses 1-3



Courses 4-6

9a. Scoring: Yachts will be scored using HKPN numbers. Beach catamarans will be scored based on their SCHRS ratings. An overall result will be calculated correcting the SCHRS rating x 784 = HKPN. Scores will also be handicapped by the main event organisers so that world-ranking and additional prizes may be awarded. The world results will be notified on the main event website at www.bartsbash.co.uk

9b. Prizegiving: Results will be announced and prizes awarded after the event at the LBC clubhouse, Tai Pak Beach. A buffet Barbeque meal will be available. Yachts may moor in Tai Pak Bay after the race during the prize-giving.

10. Radio Communications: Except 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 phones or any similar device. Notwithstanding this regulation, yachts are encouraged to keep a listening watch on Ch72 which will be used by the race committee and also to ensure they provide a mobile phone number for which reception can be monitored. Beach catamarans are strongly advised to carry a mobile phone in a waterproof container.

11. Terms and Conditions of Participation: Competitors are reminded that rule 4 of the RRS 2017-2020 states that:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to race or continue racing is hers alone”.

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor acknowledges that they are aware of the element of risk in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event; and that they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.

12. Insurance: All participating boats are to be insured to the minimum level required by the relevant Hong Kong ordinances.

13 Other Information: More information can be found at the main event website at <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk>