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Around the Island Race 2016 Land Charity Ergo Relay Challenge



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The Around the Island Race (ATIR) is a 44km non-stop row around Hong Kong Island, in which the rowers compete against themselves, as well as against other rowing boats and the outrigger canoes. While the event takes advantage of the stunning coastline of Hong Kong, we should always treasure our natural environment. On the date of ATIR 2016, a long distance ergo relay challenge will be held with the aim to raise money for **Ocean Recovery Alliance**, an umbrella organization which operates and organizes a variety of sub-projects in help improving our ocean environment.

Event Details

Organizer	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
Date	13 th November, 2016 (Sunday)
Start Time	0900
Venue	Middle Island, Hong Kong
Race Distance	44km (same as actual on-water Around The Island Race)
Quota	9 teams (6 rowing machines / 3 paddling machines)
Team	Maximum of 6 members in each team
Format	Finish 44km with the assigned rowing machine or paddle machine. The fastest team completing the race distance wins the race.
Entry Procedures	Please complete the attached Entry Form and return the form to rowing.manager@rhkyc.org.hk (first-come, first-served).
Fund Raising	Each team has to raise a minimum amount of HK\$2000. All the donations generated by the participants will be donated to Ocean Recovery Alliance. Please collect all donations and clearly mark the donor's name and amount on the attached Donation Form for tax exemption purpose. All donations shall be submitted by 12 noon, 10 th November, 2016 by either a. Online fundraising platform: submit all donations using the team name as the donor name at https://www.simplygiving.com/Event/ATIR2016 in a single payment; b. Bank transfer: submit all donations in a single transaction Bank Name: HSBC Account Name: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Account Number: 002-9-106010 Upon completion of donation submission, please send the receipt and Donation Forms to rowing.manager@rhkyc.org.hk for confirmation.

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About Ocean Recovery Alliance

We are proud to engage the "Ocean Recovery Alliance" as the beneficiary for the ATIR 2016 Land Charity Ergo Relay Challenge.

Ocean Recovery Alliance is a registered charitable organization in Hong Kong, and is also a 501c3 registered non-profit in California. The focus of Ocean Recovery Alliance is to bring together new ways of thinking, technologies, creativity and collaborations in order to introduce innovative projects and initiatives that will help improve our ocean environment. This includes creating business opportunities for local communities when applicable, in order to address some of the pressing issues that our ocean faces today.

The group is an umbrella organization which operates and organizes a variety of sub-projects, some of which have their own operating teams, budgets and objectives. In some cases, these projects may complement one another, and in others, they will be stand-alone. The projects are both global and local in nature. They have two Clinton Global Initiative commitments, aimed at reducing plastic pollution and solve some of the local issues that might exist vis-a-vis plastic waste.

While coastal rowing in Hong Kong takes advantage of the breath-taking coastline, we hope to contribute in protecting the ocean. Please visit http://www.oceanrecov.org for more information about their work.

All participants are encouraged to raise money for Ocean Recovery Alliance. Please kindly support their marine protection work.

Rules and Equipment

- 1. Each member must row for at least 5 minutes before changeover of rowers.
- 2. Members of the same team shall compete wearing uniform clothing.
- 3. Concept 2 Rowing Machines will be used for all rowing teams, while Paddle Machines will be used for all paddle sports teams.

Prizes

The fastest team will have their names and time engraved on the Ergo Challenge Trophy, while other participants will be awarded a finisher medal and a certificate.

Enquiries

For any enquiries, please contact us at rowing.manager@rhkyc.org.hk or keith.cheung@rhkyc.org.hk