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OCC Azores Pursuit Rally Filling Up

Dartmouth, Devon, UK 14 February 2018 – At least 36 vessels have signed up to sail to Horta on the island of Faial in the Azores this coming June to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Peter Café Sport. The [Ocean Cruising Club](#) and [Peter Café Sport](#) are working together to organize this exciting event.

Participants may start from anywhere, a minimum of 500 miles away, at any time, but the aim is to cross the finishing line as close as possible to 12 noon on 18 June 2018. This will be a light-hearted and fun event, but a major one in the 2018 OCC calendar with many land based activities scheduled for the following six days, culminating in a formal dinner and prize-giving. Members of other cruising clubs are welcome, but registration will be closed as soon as the maximum number of participants is reached. Participants must have applied and paid their fees by the cut-off date for entry (30th April 2018).

A rally description is available from the Rally Organisers John Franklin & Tony Brighton. Participants are required to register, and a small rally fee will be charged. A registration form is available from the rally organisers via email. Send your request to: AzoresRally2018@oceancruisingclub.org .

Upon arrival in Horta there will be a celebratory event and a programme of social activities. “José Henrique Azevedo is preparing to welcome yachtsmen with great enthusiasm, as his father Peter and grandfather Ernesto did before him. Sponsored events include a pig roast at the Castle Fort on the shore,” said Past OCC Commodore John Franklin.

Co-organiser Tony Brighton added, “Local authorities in Faial have come forward to support the commemoration event, and there are fun organised activities such as whale watching trips, tours of Faial and Pico, ascent of the Pico volcano, a bicycle descent from the Faial volcano, and guided walking tours.” Boats are otherwise free to cruise the islands or head off to their next destination.

If you expressed an interest in the OCC Azores Pursuit Rally but have not yet requested your registration package, do so without delay. Sign up now before the event is booked out and you miss your chance to take part in this exciting adventure.

About the Ocean Cruising Club



Though it has no physical clubhouse, the OCC is the “home port” for those who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 41 nationalities represented among more than 2500 members, and Port Officers around the world, we have a more diverse membership and a more international reach than any other blue water sailing organisation. Our Board and Committee comprise 7 women and 7 men representing 9 countries in Europe, North American and Australia, reflecting our diverse membership. Our Port Officers, Regional Rear Commodores and Roving Rear Commodores represent the frontline interaction with our current and prospective members around the world.

The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats. A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a qualifying voyage of a non-stop port-to-port ocean passage, where the distance between the two ports is not less than 1,000 nautical miles as measured by the shortest practical Great Circle route, as skipper or member of the crew in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36 m) LOA; associate members are committed to the achievement of that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs. It’s not about what you are or who you know, but simply what you have done that matters. Our awards seek to bring to light the accomplishments of ordinary people doing extraordinary things on the world’s oceans.

Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation – in the number of circumnavigators, in the range of extraordinary voyages members have completed, and in the number of solo sailors and female sailors among our ranks. This is what sets us apart from other organisations, even as it draws us together as a group. We bring the spirit of seafaring to our association by always being willing to assist any fellow sailor we meet, either afloat or ashore.

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