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MALAYSIA WATER FESTIVAL LABUAN F.T. : LABUAN INTERNATIONAL SEA CHALLENGE 27 – 29 APRIL 2012

Labuan, 10 April 2012 : The Ministry of Tourism Labuan Office, in collaboration with related government agencies and associations will be organising the 2012 Malaysia Water Festival Labuan F.T.: Labuan International Sea Challenge from 27-29 April 2012 at the Labuan International Sea Sport Complex.

This hallmark event in the Malaysia water sports scene has successfully established itself as an internationally renowned water sports event.

The Labuan International Sea Sport Complex has continuously been the venue of choice for major sea sport and tourism events on the island, and this year marks the 16th time that Labuan F.T. is organising the Malaysia Water Festival Labuan F.T.: Labuan International Sea Challenge.

Over the years the event has continuously outdone itself by organising highly acclaimed competitions, such as the 'Round Island Kayak Race' in the year 2007 which was listed in the Malaysian Book of Records for having the most participants in a Kayaking Event, and again in the year 2009, for the 'Cross Channel Swimming Challenge' for the 'Largest Participation in Island to Island Swimming Challenge'.

The highlights of the 2012 event are as below:

1) Labuan International Fishing Tournament

(Date : 26 – 29 April 2012)

(Tournament Venue : In and around "Vernon Bank" Labuan F.T.)

(See Attached Coordinate)

(Co-Organiser : Sabah Anglers Association)

(Venue Organiser : Dept of Fisheries Labuan)

2) Labuan Cross Channel Swimming Challenge

(Date : 28 April 2012)

(Venue : Starting/Ending Point Labuan International Sea Sport Complex)

Competition : Distance 5.4 km from Starting Point & Return

For Junior Boys/Girls – Distance 2.7km (One way-Papan Island Starting Point)

(Co-Organiser : Labuan Aquatic Association)

3) Kayak Sprint Challenge

(Date : 27 – 28 April 2012)

(Venue : Labuan International Sea Sport Complex)
(Race Distance : Approx 700m)
(Co-Organiser : Labuan Backpacker's Association/Labuan Canoe Association)
Category :
a) Men/Women Single Open
b) Men/Women Double Open
c) Mixed Double Open

4) Labuan Round Island Kayak Challenge

(Date : 29 April 2012)
(Venue : Labuan International Sea Sport Complex)
(Race Distance : Approx 50km circumnavigating Labuan Island)
(Co-Organiser : Labuan Backpacker's Association/Labuan Canoe Association)
Category :
d) Men Single Open
e) Men Double Open
f) Mixed Double Open

5) Coastal Fishing Competition

(Date : 28-29 April 2012)
(Venue : Labuan International Sea Sport Complex)
(Competition : 28 April 2012 (Traditional Rod Fishing Competition)
29 April 2012 (Modern Rod Fishing Competition)
(Co-Organiser : Kg Sungai Miri & Sungai Pagar Youth Association)

Other exciting supporting activities and competitions are :

- a) 1Malaysia Green 1Malaysia Clean Activities/Competitions
- b) Borneo Battle Of The Band Session II Competition
- c) Pillow Fighting Competition
- d) Tug Of War
- e) Labuan Island Bike Week Autoshow
- f) Karaoke Contest
- g) Sand Castle Competition
- h) Stage Show (Artists' Performances)
- i) Beach Volleyball Competition
- j) Games & Activities all around the venue

The Ministry of Tourism Labuan Office hopes that the 2012 Malaysia Water Festival Labuan F.T. : Labuan International Sea Challenge will attract more domestic and international visitors to Labuan to witness the various exciting activities, and at the same time generate a viable economic source to the Labuan community.

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