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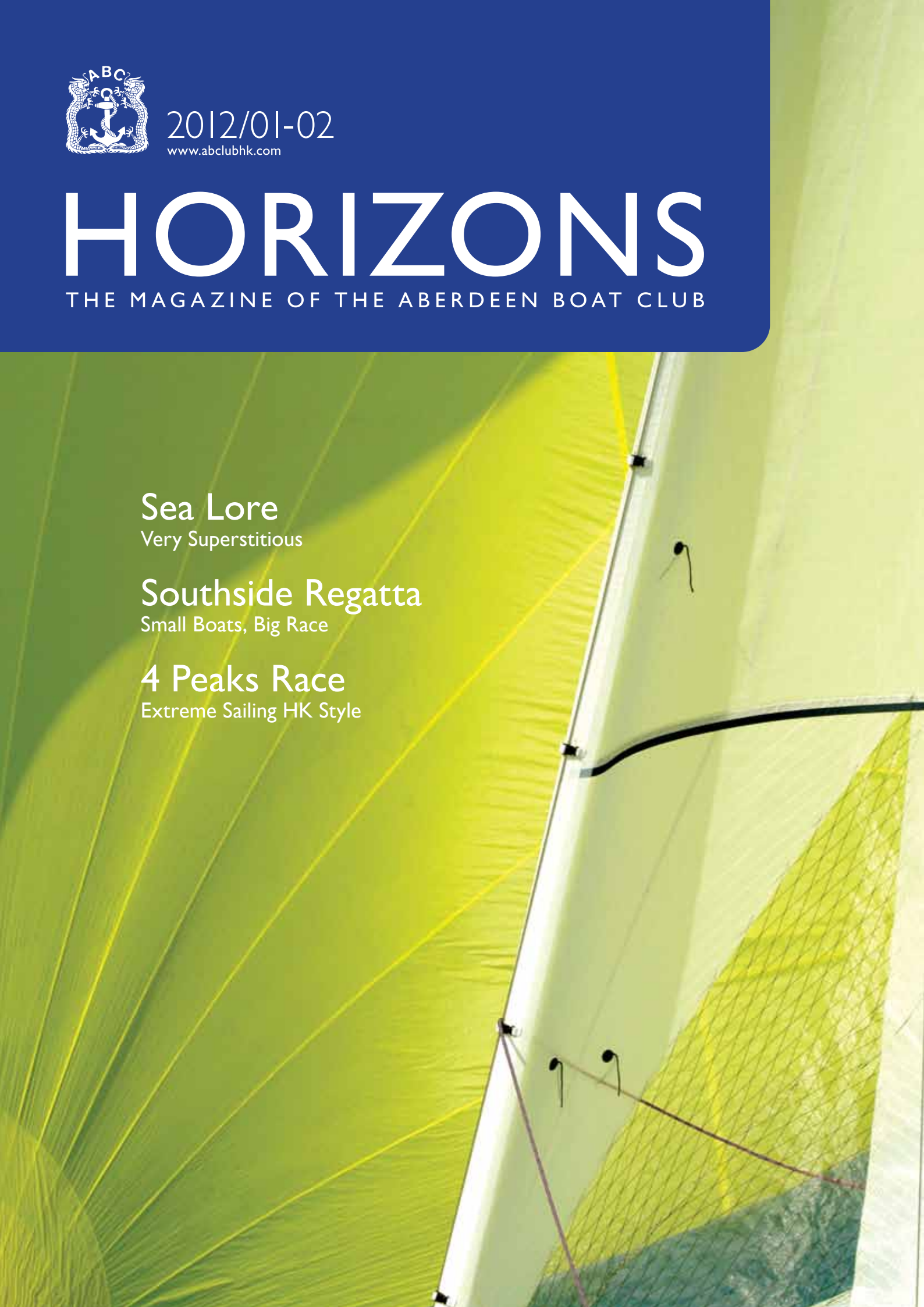
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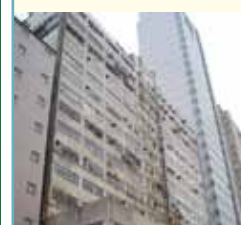


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COMMODORE'S LETTER

It is a great honour to be elected as commodore of ABC, and I look forward to an enjoyable term working with the committees for the club's betterment. Thanks from all of the General Committee go to Barry Hill for serving the club with distinction in this role for the last four years.

My principal aim for the club is to enhance the services we provide to membership within its present culture of friendliness, and to build and strengthen the boating side of the club. The Committee's vision to develop our Middle Island facility has been well supported at the two "Town Hall Meetings". The concepts discussed will be developed in further detail, with consultation and input from our members at key points, and progress to design and submissions for approvals in 2012.

This development will not be before time given the growth to capacity of

our present hardstand area and the successes our young sailors are having in Hong Kong competitions. As noted in the Town Hall meetings, the work at Middle Island comes after a substantial period of development work focused on the main clubhouse, which will nevertheless be continued progressively.

The Southside Regatta was again a great success with over 90 entries and efficient race management. Thanks to Kevin's team for the regatta organisation and to Race Officer Greg Sinclair.

Teams are now planning their tactics and practicing for the 2012 Four Peaks Race to be held on 4th and 5th of February, one of our biggest annual events. I take this opportunity to congratulate our youth sailors for winning selection to the Asian 29er Championships in Langkawi in February 2010, and to the successes in the recent



HK Optimist trials.

I trust that all members and staff had an enjoyable festive season, and will have a happy and prosperous 2011 and, of course, Year of Dragon.

John Berry
Commodore

GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

Kong Hei Fat Choi seems to be the best way to start my newsletter this month, as the year of the Rabbit ends and the year of the Dragon opens on the Lunar New Year from Monday 23 January to Wednesday 25 January.

Just in case you missed last month's letter, the Club will close on Sunday 22 after lunch and re-open on for business Wednesday 25 at 8:30am.

If you have not visited the Club yet fearing the winter cold, you have yet to enjoy the marquee on the patio terrace, which provides a fully enclosed dining area with many outdoor heaters to keep you toasty warm and safe from frost bite.

Talking about frost bite, the J/80 class association is running multiple new regattas and competitions over Hong Kong utilising the various sailing club's resources. I am pleased to inform you that ABC is hosting a series of races in January called the 'Frost Bite Series'. This new class of boat is rapidly gaining a loyal following all over Hong Kong, so if you want to experience

the thrill of pounding through the waves at 12 knots, leaning at a 45 degree angle with near freezing spray splashing on your face, contact our sailing office to book a J/80 course or a cruise with us.

If you haven't heard by now then I would like to express to you the pride

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of our Club in having some of the best dinghy sailors in Hong Kong now competing under our banner.

Last month Thierry D'Argenlieu, a cadet member who has been very



dedicated to the optimist program and entered the competition team two years ago, managed to beat all the other clubs and associations at the HKSF December Optimist Trials, with a clean victory of five first places in five races. Also last month at the ABC South Side Regatta, our newly formed extreme sailing team blitzed the 29ers competition, with first place going to Cosmas Grelon and Nathan Bradley in one boat, and second place going to



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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

Peter Simpson and Louis Bond Smith on another ABC 29er, well done guys. This regatta was a selection race for the Asian Championship taking place in February and both teams look set to represent the Club, and Hong Kong, in Malaysia. If you happen to own or know of a company that would be interested in sponsoring this strong extreme dinghy sailing team, please contact me to discuss worldwide advertising exposure.

I would also like to acknowledge the excellent work of Rory Godman our coach, without whom we would not have such a vibrant and excellent racing team

to stop sending monthly statements by post and start emailing them to save paper and keep in line with our effort to become more environmentally friendly. So far this has not worked, mainly due to the age of the system and the number of patches and fixes made over many years. We are now looking at an alternative system which will bring the Club into the 21st century. This will allow us to better manage our records, and will enable us to send statements electronically and have account details online for you to check in real time. We are also looking at creating an Aberdeen Boat Club app which will

Department, due to the new regulations, and they have fallen behind schedule by about two months. I am still waiting for their reply.

In another twist, the Fire Department is investigating a incident which supposedly happened in my kitchen some time in November, where some staff were severely burnt. This seems very strange as no official report of such an incident was made to me, no staff have been injured in more than two years, no sick leave was recorded and no medical claim has been sent. I believe that we have been confused with another club, and I am being very proactive in getting this case of mistaken identity sorted out.

For these two reasons I cannot be sure that we can start these renovations on time. If works do not go ahead as planned, the special arrangements put in place by our Food and Beverage team to keep operations running while the work is being done will simply be delayed until we have the green light from the Building and Fire Departments, and an alternative promotion with normal opening and closing hours will prevail.

If work commences as planned please refer to the schedule of events in the Food and Beverage pages of this issue of Horizons, where many buffets and day specials have been organised for you while we upgrade our facilities in time to open fully just after Chinese New Year break.

Kung Hei Fat Choi

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

“We are also looking at creating an Aberdeen Boat Club app which will become our best communication tool for marketing, daily news and special promotions.”

The 4 Peaks Race is about to start and we are looking for volunteers to provide peak control, race control and safety patrols. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to spend a night out in the cold, spotting sailing boats passing by or taking hill running times. Every year people involved with the race say that they will never to it again, but every year they come back to take part in this amazing race which combines two days of sailing and hill running all over Hong Kong.

The club has been trying for the last six months to merge its membership software and POS software in order

become our best communication tool for marketing, daily news and special promotions. Watch this space as this is due to go live sometime this year.

Last, but far from least, as I write this article I am still unsure if we will be able to start the coffee shop renovation on the 3rd January as planned. Before starting any alterations, even a simple coat of paint, we have to request consent to start from the Building Department and the Fire Department. This is part of the new ‘Simplify Minor Work Scheme’ for clubs in Hong Kong. Unfortunately this has lead to an increased work load for the Building

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Soko under the Stars

Words and photos by Mark Hardy

The Discovery Bay Yacht Club hosted the sixth instalment of their Soko Rally and overnighter on 12-13 November. Attracting an assortment of 24 boats, the event was supported by the Aberdeen Boat Club who provided a finish boat (thanks to Yann Sandt for the use of *Puerto Christo Nova*), BBQ grills and the capable assistance of ABC House Manager Steven Ng, Marine Supervisor Wong Tim Fuk and boat driver Ah Kan.

Kicking off the event, 14 sailing boats set off from DBYC in a pursuit race hampered by fading winds. Some opted from the start to cruise to Soko under power whilst most of the rest

resorted to the donkey further down the course, conscious of the 16:00 cut-off and plans for an eventful evening ashore.

All boats were at anchor in the western bay off South Soko by 16:30 at which point shore parties were dispatched to collect firewood. Sundowners commenced at 18:00 followed by prize-giving ashore at 19:00. After presenting the infamous Toilet Seat award, attention turned to more keenly fought silverware. *Aegean* headed the fleet at the revised 15:00 cut off but admitted a six minute engine spurt, as a result of which *Harlequin* took third, *Xakanaxa* second and *Legs II* proudly accepted the Soko Cup.

DBYC organized a light show to accompany the DIY BBQ dinner, and a bonfire added to the enjoyment of hearty song provided courtesy of sailing members of the Hong Kong Welsh Choir. It was a long and jolly event for a number of revellers.

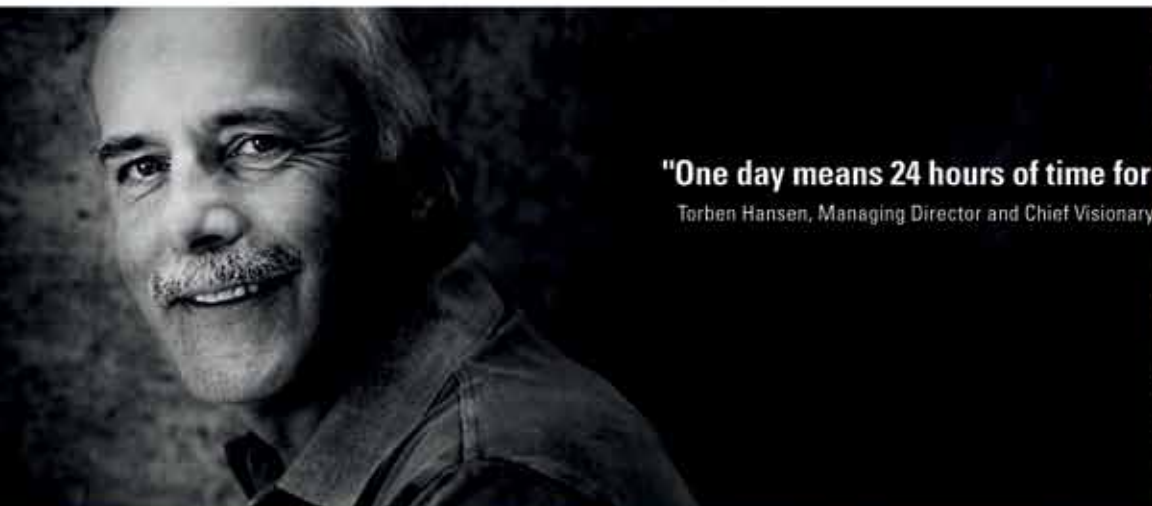
The beautiful clear skies and calm conditions of Saturday continued throughout the night and into Sunday morning when shore parties cleaned up evidence of the previous night's BBQ and bonfire. Event convener Richard Winter led a walking tour to explore this interesting island with its ornamental lake, Tin Hau Temple, beaches and diverse vegetation and wildlife.

ABC member boats at Soko that weekend included sailing cat *HanaFe* and motorboats *Beluga* and *Te Waka*. Conditions could not have been better (save for the lack of wind for the sail boats) making for a peaceful run to and from Soko and a comfortable night at anchor.

The weather that weekend brought out the best of the Soko Islands whose beauty left many of us truly grateful for what we hadn't realised are such beautiful and fascinating islands – and mini cruising grounds – rich in exotic flora and fauna and well worth protecting for future generations to enjoy. **H**



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A BUSY TIME AT ABC FOR OUR DINGHY SAILORS!

Words & photos by Kevin Lewis and Rory Godman

The autumn is Hong Kong's best sailing season; elsewhere in this issue of Horizons we report on the Around the Island Race and the Southside Regatta, but there's been far more going on! For those of you who have been trapped in the office, here we highlight just three more of the events that our dinghy sailors have attended recently.

BNP Paribas Match Racing Winter Regatta

On 12 and 13 November, several members of the ABC High Performance Sailing Team entered into this Grade 4 match racing event organised by RHKYC and held off Middle Island in J/80s. The standard of competition was high with three overseas teams taking part. Day 1 conditions saw light winds around 8 knots, and the ABC team performed very well despite their lack of experience. The squad, led by Coach Rory, managed to pull off a massive win against Peter Backe which ended up being his only loss for the weekend as he went on to convincingly win the regatta. Sunday saw more wind which made things a lot harder for our

younger crew. A great learning experience which our team hope to repeat soon!

HK Laser Class National Championship

The Laser Nationals, this year held on 26 & 27 November, is an important event in the dinghy calendar, and one that ABC has been supporting for a number of years. This time around saw one of our biggest turnouts ever, with nine boats from our club racing; seven members of our youth team in 4.7s and two adults in Radials. Jennifer Li had been coaching our Feva and Laser squad in the run up to the event, and it was quite an effort to get nine of our club lasers race-ready as a number of them are older boats,

mainly used for training and hiring. Sailed in Stanley bay, conditions for the fleet of 41 boats were almost ideal, but the fresh 15 knots at the start of the second day proved a bit much for some of our lighter sailors. Gerald Williams of Hebe Haven won the 4.7 division, Akira Sakai also from Hebe, clinched the Radial, and Matheus Dellangelo, new to Hong Kong, convincingly won the standard division, winning all six of the races sailed, ahead of David Early in second place. David, who has been the President of the HKLCA for a number of years, is leaving Hong Kong, and must be sincerely thanked for his contribution to dinghy sailing in Hong Kong, especially in the Laser class. ABC's leading sailor was Wilhelm Christensson

in the 4.7 division, sailing a consistent regatta and finishing in 9th place. In the Radial fleet, ABC member Minoru Asano showed great fortitude and should be especially congratulated on his resilience in the face of capsize!

HKSF Trials

10 & 11 December

The Hong Kong Sailing Federation run four youth trial events each year, out of which National Squads in the Laser and Optimist dinghies are selected. The December trial weekend took place out of the Sea School and the club Optimist squad attended – principally for race practice – as we had not attended the previous trial. The first day was sailed in comparatively strong wind for Optimist sailors with some gusts approaching 20 knots.

ABC's Yann D'Argenlieu sailed very well on day one, winning all three races sailed, one by over two minutes. On day two there wasn't as much wind – about 10 to 12 knots – and Yann carried on his winning ways posting another two first places to easily win the regatta



overall. ABC's Matthew Wright also took away some good results with a 3rd and two top 10 placings. Overall, an amazing achievement from ABC sailor Yann, showing how far he has come, and also that the training and hard work

developing the Optimist programme over the past few years is now starting to really show results. Huge congratulations to Yann; his first ever regatta win and also the first time an ABC optimist sailor has ever won a Hong Kong regatta! 



ABC CHINESE NEW YEAR YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMME

Traditionally, ABC does not offer too many activities during Chinese New Year as our club is closed for several days and also quite a few people plan a break away from Hong Kong. This year, however, we are offering a number of activities for those keen to sail during the school holidays. Places are very limited, so an early application is essential. As usual, full details are available on our website and enquiries can be made to Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ Member/ Non-member
Sat 21 & Sun 22 Jan		High Performance & 29er Sailing Clinic	Pass ABC High Performance or HKSF Level 4	960 / 1,280
Wed 25 – Sun 29 Jan AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Wed 25 – Sun 29 Jan AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Wed 25 – Sun 29 Jan PM	✓	Optimist Racing Course	Age 7 – 14 Pass Optimist Stage 3	800 / 1,064
Wed 25 Jan	✓	Winter Round Island Trip and Barbecue	Age 7 – 18 Pass HKSF 2 or Optimist Stage 3	480 / 640
Fri 27 – Sun 29 Jan		Laser I Introduction Course	Age 12 - Adult	1,440 / 1,920

ABC EASTER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMME

The Easter school holidays are about the best time to sail with great wind! Apply early to secure a place!

Date & Time	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ Member/ Non-member
Optimist Junior Sailing Programme			
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Apr AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Apr PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11. Pass Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Apr AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Apr PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11. Pass Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Apr PM	Optimist Racing Course	Age 7 – 14. Pass Optimist Stage 3	800 / 1,064
Youth Sailing Programme			
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Apr	Improvers HKSF Lev 3	Age 12 - 18. Hold HKSF Beginner L2 with additional experience	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 2 – Wed 4 Apr	RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18. Hold HKSF Beginner L2 with additional experience	1,440 / 1,920
Thur 5 – Sat 7 Apr	Laser I Introduction Course	Age 12 - Adult. Hold HKSF Beginner L2 with additional experience	1,440 / 1,920
Sun 8 Apr	Dinghy Sailing Trip	Age 12 – Adult. Hold HKSF Beginner L2	480 / 640 560 / 750
Mon 9 – Tue 10 Apr	RS Feva Gennaker Sailing	Age 12 – 18. Pass RS Feva Intro	960 / 1,280
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Apr	High Performance Advanced Skills, HKSF Level 4	Hold HKSF Level 3 & 1 year of sailing since	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 9 – Thur 12 Apr	ABC Intro to High Performance Sailing	Pass HKSF Level 3	1,920 / 2,560
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Apr	Beginners HKSF Lev 1 & 2	Age 12 - 18	2,400 / 3,200
Youth Windsurfing Programme			
Mon 9 – Tue 10 Apr	Basic & Intermediate Windsurfing	Age 9 – Adult	960 / 1,280
Wed 11 – Thur 12 Apr	Advanced Windsurfing	Age 9 – Adult. Pass Intermediate level	960 / 1,280
Fri 13 Apr	Windsurfing Practice day	Age 9 – Adult. Pass Junior Basic	480 / 640

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2011/12 Waglan mini-series

The Waglan Series welcomes J/80s as well as cruiser-racers. The bigger boats have longer 'legs' and get an advantage on long islands courses in strong winds, but the fast family-style J/80s, now popular with many crews, can put the big boats through their paces in moderate airs.

Waglan 2

by crew, Elaine Morgan

Waglan 2 was a good example. Ten boats did 17-mile Course 12 in a lovely Force 4 easterly that freshened on the last leg home, taking boats through the D'Aguilar Channel and out round Waglan Island. Off Sung Kong, the front-end J/80s spied the two fastest boats, *Red Eye* and *Elektra*, slipping past the gap between the southern and northern parts of Waglan under kite.

The first push of the winter northeast monsoon had brought in a swell the previous week but since then the wind had eased so it was an easy run downwind. As we rounded the eastern tip of Po Toi, bringing the wind onto the beam, there was no temptation to stop at Po Toi for lunch! Instead an exhilarating 13 knot spinnaker reach took us to Chesterman Buoy, where kites dropped for the last leg and the finish at Round Island.

Back at the main clubhouse there were congratulations for *Red Eye* for taking line honours. *Elektra* was first on IRC followed by *Red Eye* and *Yacht O*. On HKPN, *Chota Skye* had a splendid win, having sailed double-handed. "One too many!" the skipper joked. Well done! J/80, *FG3* was next on handicap, followed by *Kei Lun* from DBYC.

Waglan 3

by R.O. Jon Zinke

With Force 4 easterly winds predicted to lighten during the day, the RO, at the urging of *Red Eye* skipper and former Commodore Wayne Thompson, chose to send the fleet on Course 14 around Castle Rock to the ABC Club Mark off Lamma Island, then back to Castle Rock and the finish. Hopes were that the wind would remain steady south of the Lamma Channel and away from land.

This turned out to be true, with all participants saying it was one of the nicest days they'd had on the water, with plenty of sunshine and moderate temperatures. First across the line (for the third time in a row) was *Red Eye*, followed by *Elektra* and *Yacht O*. J/80s *FG3*, helmed by Stephen Davies, and *Javelin*, helmed by Ivy Lau, locked horns the entire race and finished 0.8 seconds apart, under spinnaker, after over 2 1/2 hours of racing! *Chota Skye* was the last to cross the finish line at 15:09. The prize giving was held on the Sun Deck of the main clubhouse and was well attended. *Elektra* won on IRC. *Crystal* was first on HKPN with *FG3* first in the J/80 class.



Waglan 4 and 5

by R.O. Philippe de Manny


The two December Waglans are traditionally geometric races, both on the same day, south of Lamma Island. Fourteen yachts started Waglan 4 with less than 9 knots, shifting through 35°, not making for easy choices on the committee boat. But it was a beautiful day and you can't have everything. In fact the fleet ended the first windward leg on a close fetch, and the reaching leg turned into a dead run! Ah well, at least all boats finished and it was all over in under an hour. Some relief for the R.O.!

Waglan 5, which began half an hour later, had stronger, less flukey wind, but the effects of tide still made for interesting tactics. Realizing the dying sea breeze would mean the slower boats would have a long afternoon, the committee decided to shorten the course and most boats were finished by about 2pm.

All the more welcome for the sailors, with the prospect of the annual Commodore's Drinks on Middle Island in store. There was a fantastic spread awaiting, hot mulled wine and free beer, roast ham and turkey, stuffing and trimmings, veggies, roast chestnuts and mince pies.

The prize-giving intervened in the festivities, with *Chasse Spleen* and *Jelignite*, respectively, winning Waglan 4 on HKPN and the J/80 class. In Waglan 5, HKPN was again snapped up by a J/80, *Javelin*, the ABC boat helmed by Ivy Lau. *Elektra* took both Waglan 4 and 5 on IRC.

ABC is always delighted to welcome all boats for the Waglan Series and all its races. Whether you come from Po Chong Wan, Middle Island, Hebe Haven, Kellett or Discovery Bay, we'll give you a warm wave on the start line, good competition on the water, and sustenance after the finish. Join us! And watch this space for more on racing at ABC. The next event after Waglan 6 on 15 January and the ABC J80 Frostbite Series, every Saturday in January, is the fabulous Four Peaks Race 4-5 February.

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HIRING CLUB DINGHIES AT MIDDLE ISLAND

The ABC runs an Approved Dinghy Hiring List which is administered by the Dinghy Sailing Manager Kevin Lewis, on behalf of the Sailing Committee, and a number of members have asked "What ABC boats can be hired out now that I have passed my Beginner Level 2 certificate?"

The answer is: if you are 14 or over, after taking part in two supervised sailing sessions and a satisfactory assessment, you can apply to hire Toppers, Picos, Lasers, RS Fevas and Laser 2000s in simple format – i.e. without any trapeze. Your name will then be entered on the Hiring List for such boats. For Optimists there is a lower age limit but a similar assessment is needed.

To get on the Hiring List for Laser 2000s in racing rig with trapeze, or any of our boats that have a trapeze fitted as standard

such as the Laser IIs, RS500 and 29ers you need to arrange a further two-day supervised sailing sessions in those particular boats.

For experienced sailors who may not hold an HKSF Level 2 certificate but can demonstrate the appropriate knowledge and skill, you can again arrange the supervised sailing sessions and assessment, and on satisfactory completion, you will be added to the list.

Supervised Sailing sessions happen most Saturday afternoons and are an ideal way to gain confidence and skill in new dinghies, so sign up and get out on the water! We also encourage all members to support and join our club dinghy racing (next race, in the Spring Series, is on Sunday 8th January).

More on hiring next Horizons! 

SIMPSON'S SHINES IN THAILAND



As a vibrant 2011 season draws to a close in Thailand, Simpson Marine celebrate with the delivery of five Lagoon catamarans and launch parties for their new owners at the Royal Phuket Marina.

Simpson Marine have continued their 8-year history of active support for yachting in the Kingdom by sponsoring a Swan 42 bearing the Simpson Marine colours during the King's Cup Regatta, the country's most prominent sailing event. The company also organised a yacht owners Rendez Vous which took place in the beautiful and pristine Andaman islands on December 16 to 17 which enabled Azimut and Lagoon owners to get together, share their yachting experiences and enjoy an amazing week-end break in convivial company.

Mike Simpson, Managing Director and Founder of Simpson Marine, commented "with its many islands and outstanding coastal scenery, Thailand offers some of the best cruising in Asia and the development of world-class marinas in Phuket and Pattaya now provides the necessary shore facilities to encourage more owners to come and visit from other parts of Asia. Simpson Marine provides service support and gardiennage, meaning owners of yachts sold by Simpson Marine anywhere in Asia can cruise and leave their yachts in Thailand under our management. We, at Simpson Marine, have been promoting this destination and will continue to do so given the substantial potential for yachting and yacht chartering". 



ABC Sailing Diary

As we move into the new year, a whole host of regattas, sailing courses and activities are planned. Here we present some of the key dates so you can complete your diary early!

Regattas & Racing

Jan: 7, 14, 21 & 28 ABC J/80 Frostbite Series
Jan 15 – Waglan 6
Jan 23 – 25 – COA Macau Race
Feb 4 & 5 – Port Shelter Laser Regatta
Feb 4 & 5 – ABC Four Peaks Race
Feb 11 & 12 – J/80 Class Regatta
Feb 12 – Waglan 7
Feb 26 – Waglan 8 & 9
Mar 3 & 4 – Interschools Sailing Festival

J80 Activities

Jan: Sun 8 – J/80 Supervised Sail / Sailing Trip
Feb: Sat 25 – J/80 Winter Sailing Trip
Mar: Sat 24, Sun 25, Sat 31 Competent Crew Course

Adult Beginner Courses:

Apr: 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29
May: 19, 20, 26, 27 & June 2
Jun: 16, 17, 23, 24 & 30

Adult Improver Level 3 Course:

Feb: 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

Adult Laser 2000 Courses:

Mar: 10, 11 & 18
May: 13, 19 & 20



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The Sea Lore

Superstitions and rituals of the sea.

Words by
Peter Wheeler

Since mankind first started to navigate the world's waterways superstition and lore surrounding the boats they travelled on, and the very water itself, has been a constant companion. Despite enthusiastically embracing new technologies (Kevlar and carbon fibre laminates, ultra lightweight alloys, high tensile nylon fibre lines, GPS and AIS), modern sailors are still some of the most unapologetically superstitious people on earth.

From early attempts to explain phenomena like the weather to complex ceremonies involving offerings to the sea gods, a rich tradition of rules and rituals has emerged. Some claim not to be superstitious at all and will flout many of these conventions, however dig a little deeper and these people will often display some customary behaviour based not on science but on 'common knowledge' or tradition. Below are some of the most common nautical superstitions, and history behind them.

Using the same name as another boat, either afloat or sunk. The bad luck caused by reusing another boat's name stems from Poseidon's register of ships.

Poseidon, has a list of vessels under his protection, and if two ships have the same

name he becomes confused and fails to look out for both. If one of these has already sunk, then his register shows that she no longer requires his attention, thus leaving the floating vessel unprotected. This whole scenario can be avoided by simply adding a number to indicate that this is the second (or third, etc.) incarnation of the original name.

Renaming a boat. Still believed to bring bad luck upon a vessel and her crew, the reasons for not renaming a boat stem from the days of pirates and privateers. Often after stealing a boat pirates would change her name to hide her true identity, to something more reflective of the laissez-faire attitudes of her new owners. However ships were often recognised due to distinctive features or from slap dash painting over name plates etc. which would lead to crews without the proper ownership papers being imprisoned and executed. The ceremony for renaming a boat, which must be conducted in addition to submitting the correct paperwork to the HK Marine Department, is presented in full elsewhere in this article.

The floppy eared ones. It is bad luck to mention rabbits onboard boats, and the only way to break the curse if their name is said out loud, is to scratch the



mast. Ellen Macarthur is a big believer in this, and has been known to dash from interviews to scratch the nearest mast when the 'unmentionable ones' are mentioned. This superstition likely stems from the early days of sail when rabbits were loaded onboard ships as a supply of fresh meat during long voyages. They would often escape and would start gnawing through the manila ropes of the ship's rigging.

Bananas on board. This one is believed to have originated in the days before shipping containers, when cargoes were stored open in ships holds. Consignments of bananas would often contain spiders, snakes and other undesirables, which would crawl out and wreak havoc on the ship once at sea. So widespread and ingrained is this belief, and so deep is the association between bananas and bad luck, that some captains reportedly won't even allow Banana Boat sunscreen or Banana Republic clothing aboard.

Whistling on board. It is believed that whistling onboard a ship 'whistles up a storm' or raises a gale which, if the whistling continues, will eventually develop into a fully fledged storm. Whistling in the direction of the wind is seen as particularly provocative to the weather gods. However, some mariners

believe this potential source of bad luck is limited to whistling on the bridge, while others maintain that singing on the bridge is bad luck.

Thanking the boat when you get home safely. Often defended as simple good manners, many sailors will make a point of thanking their boats as they step off, often touching the bow. This relates to the bond many sailors develop with their boats, and is done more as a mark of respect and friendship for a vessel who has kept them alive and well, than as a requirement to ward off bad luck in the future.

Chinese superstitions. The Chinese have many superstitions regarding boats, not all of which involve being on a boat. When eating a whole fish it is considered extremely bad form to eat one side and then flip the fish to eat the other. This is believed to symbolise the fishing boat capsizing, and in order to avoid this bad omen diners must eat down to the bone, remove the fish's skeleton and continue eating.

Throughout China and SE Asia captains believe that if they cut across another ship's bow then the bad luck following their vessel will attach itself to the other ship. Then whatever bad luck has been brought on the ship doesn't matter

(bananas, whistling etc.) as it is all now following someone else. Despite being in direct contravention of the Collision Regulations (the overtaking vessel must stay clear) this practice remains widespread and costs lives, vessels and cargo every year.

Coins over the side. Some fishermen believe that a small handful of coins thrown over the side of the boat as they leave port will guarantee a good catch. The coins are a symbolic toll to Neptune and smooth the way for travelling on his ocean and taking his fish. An alternative, less commonly held view is that the coins represent buying the fish from Neptune, instead of relying on luck to find and catch them.

Coins built into the boat. A gold coin placed in the keel during construction



The Ship's Renaming Ceremony.

There are two parts to the renaming ceremony, the first serves to remove the old name from Poseidon's register and the second enters the ship's new name onto the register thus ensuring her protection.

Begin by thoroughly removing all references to the old name. Be sure to check all the papers aboard including log books and maintenance manuals, and any photographs of the ship which may show her name plate. Do not write her new name anywhere aboard yet. Then prepare a metal tag with the old name written on it in water-soluble ink, open a bottle of Champagne and speak the following:

'Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, implore you in your graciousness to expunge for all time from your records and recollection the name (insert the old name of your vessel) which has ceased to be an entity in your kingdom. As proof thereof, we submit this ingot bearing her name to be corrupted through your powers and forever be purged from the sea.'

At this point, the prepared metal tag is dropped from the bow of the boat into the sea.

'In grateful acknowledgment of your munificence and dispensation, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court.'

Pour at least half of the bottle of Champagne into the sea from East to West. The remainder may be passed among your guests. This concludes part one of the ceremony.

The second part will require more Champagne as there are a number of entities to appease, all of whom require a taste of the bubbly stuff. Thus, with bottle two opened and number three chilling, begin by saying the following:

Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, we implore you in your graciousness to take unto your records and recollection this worthy vessel hereafter and for all time known as (insert your vessel's new name here), guarding her with your mighty arm and trident and ensuring her of safe and rapid passage throughout her journeys within your realm.

In appreciation of your munificence, dispensation and in honour of your greatness, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court.

Pour a good amount of the Champagne, at least half the bottle, into the sea from West to East. This completes the renaming ceremony, however the ritual is not over yet. Now with your boat's new name safely entered in Poseidon's register its time to make offerings to the Four Winds to ensure fair winds and smooth seas.

Invoke the 'Four Brothers' by saying:

Oh mighty rulers of the winds, through whose power our frail vessels traverse the wild and faceless deep, we implore you to grant this worthy vessel (your boat's new name) the benefits and pleasures of your bounty, ensuring us of your gentle ministration according to our needs.

Facing north, pour a generous measure of Champagne into a Champagne flute and fling to the North as you intone: *Great Boreas, exalted ruler of the North Wind, grant us permission to use your mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us the overwhelming scourge of your frigid breath.*

Facing west, pour the same amount of Champagne and fling to the West while intoning: *Great Zephyrus, exalted ruler of the West Wind, grant us permission to use your mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us the overwhelming scourge of your wild breath.*

Facing east, repeat and fling to the East. *Great Eurus, exalted ruler of the East Wind, grant us permission to use your mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us the overwhelming scourge of your mighty breath.*

Facing south, repeat, flinging to the South. *Great Notus, exalted ruler of the South Wind, grant us permission to use your mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us the overwhelming scourge of your scalding breath.*

The official renaming ceremony is now complete. Of course, any remaining champagne will be the beginnings of a suitable celebration in honour of the occasion. You may now bring aboard anything bearing the new name of your vessel.

Our thanks to www.boatsafe.com, for providing the text of this ceremony.

is almost universally believed to bring good luck to a ship, whereas a silver coin beneath the mast protects the ship and the crew from storms. A variation on this theme states that if the ship and crew are lost at sea, and therefore cannot be given a proper burial, the coin under the mast pays for the crews

ferry ride across the river Styx on their journey to the underworld.

Whether you adhere to any or all of these superstitions there is no denying the appeal of trying to ensure good luck. Especially at sea, when things going wrong can have serious consequences, a little 'good luck insurance' can be very

comforting. Of course trying to adhere to every scrap of sea lore would leave even the saltiest mariner so paranoid and traumatised that they would never leave the shore. For me, I will pick and choose the customs I can live with, and respectfully overlook those I can't. To everyone else, good luck. **H**



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Peak Performance

Enthusiasts just love it. They come back every year for a taste of adventure in the ABC Four Peaks Race, now in its 28th year. Others say, "Not for me, too hard, too cold!" So what's it really like? Past participants told us their stories.

"The combination of running and sailing was wonderful and the Castle Rock/Lantau stretch was awesome." – Vittorio, Brizo

"We enjoyed every minute, except perhaps that freezing 6 am shore transfer!" – Jo, Tardis

"My team especially enjoys the challenging conditions." – Arthur, GA

"It's something very different which makes everyone a winner ...one of the few true yacht-racing adventures we can have in our local waters." – Rob, Blackjack





It's not just a race for the hardy veterans. In fact, newcomers often have a lot of fun. Sailing through a starlit winter night to the Soko Islands, paddling to landings on rocks and beaches, running up hills. It may sound like extreme sport and yes, it helps a lot to have done some practice training, to know about boats and safety. You need to be a good club sailor with stamina ... or a fast hill runner, but most of all you need to be a team player.

On Saturday 4 February 2012 Divisions A & B of the 2012 ABC Four Peaks Race will gather in Tai Tam Bay for this fascinating annual race. The hills include majestic Ma On Shan, iconic Lantau Peak, the symmetry of Violet Hill and the mystifying, disorienting Mt Stenhouse, criss-crossed with trails which are criss-crossed with creepers.

There's nothing like the Four Peaks Race anywhere in Asia. Boats do it with amazing verve. Some with panache. Many with occasional pandemonium. This race is unforgettable. Want to take part? Want to volunteer to give the organizers a hand?

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又到了一年一度，大家熱切期待的香港仔遊艇會四山賽了。每逢臨近賽事，賽帆船喜好者又會捲土重來，進行出身體力行的冒險測試。而今年我們的賽事，已是第二十八屆了。

對於重未接觸過這類刺激活動的人，可能覺得這項比賽難度極高，而參賽者需要極強健的體魄，所以，「唔啱我」（不適合我）。況且，安坐家中，一想到冰冷的水溫，北風呼呼，又會有「好寒呀」（太冷了）的感覺。

其實四座山峰賽究竟是什麼一回事呢？根據以往參賽者的經驗：參加四山賽的運動員可從攀山越嶺和戰術航行競爭中，鍛鍊體能，培養海上活動的興趣及發展團隊精神的好地方。

這項比賽並非資深老手的專利，初學者也可以玩得很開心。這是因為參加四山賽的運動員既能在冬夜星光下揚帆渡船到索罟洲，又可享受上山下海的樂趣。

要掌握這種既刺激又好玩的運動其實不困難，有興趣參加者必須接受有關帆船的基本訓練，懂得一些帆船的基本知識及安全措施，具有一副健康的體魄...（或是個賽跑高手）以及富有強烈團隊精神。

這一個令人興奮的隔夜賽事將於2012年2月4號（星期六）舉行。屆時，參賽者會分A、B兩組在大潭灣集合。運動員會攀登一些香港境的最高峰，包括馬鞍山，鳳凰山，紫羅蘭山和山地塘山。

在亞洲，試想還有哪一個比賽跟四山賽相類似？四山賽運動員出奇的靈活，有的充滿派頭，偶爾亦會出現混亂，但這比賽一定令人非常難忘。有興趣參加嗎？希望成為義工為工作人員出一分力嗎？

有興趣志願者請踴躍參與

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28TH WEST ISLAND SCHOOL SCOUT GROUP

Words and photo Lucy Ross



All the Scouts of 28th West Island School Scout Group would like to thank Philippe and the ABC staff for letting us have our fundraising sale at the Aberdeen Boat Club on Saturday, 10th December. Also, we would like to thank the members for supporting us. We raised \$3,500. Thank you very much.

We are 28th Scouts from West Island School and have 57 scouts in our group. Our goal is for all of our scouts to go to the Asian Jamboree in 2013, and the World Jamboree in 2015 both in Japan. Details of the 23rd World Jamboree can be found at www.23wsj.jp

We are going to raise money for the next two years for the Asian Jamboree, and four years for the World Jamboree. We are raising the money ourselves so the parents of the scouts don't have to pay the enormous amount of money needed for these trips. So over the next four years we will be working very hard raising money to be able to go on our dream trips.

If you would like to sponsor our Scout Group, we would be very grateful, too. Please contact our Scout leader and ABC member, Michio Ross at michioross@gmail.com to find out how. ✓

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Zoke Around the Island Race

21 November 2011
Intro by Kevin Lewis

The annual Around The Island Race, organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is surely the largest and most high profile yacht race in Hong Kong, if not the region. With around 200 entries and 166 boats finishing this year, the race attracts the fastest and largest yachts all the way through to slower cruisers, classic yachts, multihulls and even a great selection of dinghies. This year a number of ABC sailors completed the race, in various classes. Here we present two views of the race, one from RS500 dinghy sailor Nathan Bradley and the other from Mannie Kam who completed the race in a J/80.

A Small Boat in a Big Race

Words by Nathan Bradley

I've been a member of ABC for the past six years and recently started sailing in the new 29er dinghies in the High Performance Team under the guidance of ABC Coach Rory. We have been training hard but at the time of this year's Around The Island Race our 29ers had still not arrived, so myself and my helm, Cosmas, entered the race in the club RS500 dinghy. Whilst a little less challenging than a 29er, the RS500 is an ideal training boat and also very fast – we were hoping to get around the Island near the front of the fleet!

The race was great fun even if rather exhausting. It was my first time to sail all the way round Hong Kong Island, also my first time to race seriously in any high performance boat. My favourite parts were just after the start line and also sailing past Stanley. Starting early in the morning, we were on the same start line as the cruisers but on the inner line. Unfortunately we were so keen that we managed to be over the start line and had to quickly return and re-start, but still managed a good and fast start. We sailed up the harbour dodging in between boats from around 40-60 feet long, in a dinghy! Our main competitors were Isamu Sakai and Mike Halkes in their 470, and we were excited to get out of the harbour in first place ahead of them; Mike and Isamu have been sailing many years and have much more experience than us. At one point in the race we were even so

far ahead that we couldn't even see them! Stanley was also great fun because we got a long, high speed reach up at the front of the fleet with our Gennaker flying. Then, from nowhere ABC's Kevin Lewis suddenly appeared and snapped some photos to prove it!

Unfortunately one of my trapeze lines snapped half way through the race, and after rounding Green Island for the final beat to the finish we couldn't tack without having to do two minutes of work swapping over the trapeze attachment. This was quite annoying to Cosmas and me; in the final approach we were keeping tacks to a minimum because of our broken trapeze wire and we couldn't play the shifts; it was painful watching Isamu and Mike tack on every shift and gain up the whole length of the harbour. The worst thing about the race was probably that part, but then they are amazing sailors and my goal was to merely keep up with them so overall I'm happy with our performance – finishing second dinghy in the whole race and 37th overall.

Our First Step to Keel Boat Racing

Words by Mannie Kam

For the last few years, the annual 'Around the Island Race' to me just meant being a 50kg dummy on my dad's 36 ft keel boat. Luckily, this year, I finally got a real taste of keel boat racing. Together with four other ABC youth sailors (and an adult to keep us 'under

control') Natalie Tsui, 14, Benjamin Lee, 15, Jonathan Lai, 16, Samuel McDonald, 15 and a 'middle aged' Michael Tsui, we raced on the ABC J/80, *Jailbreaker*. Remember the one day a year when you look out of your window and all you see are sailing boats floating past? This year, it was our day, the race was held on the 21st November, starting off the RHKYC Kellet Island club and racing all around Hong Kong Island.

On this slightly misty Sunday morning, we met our competitors. Everyone seemed ready, a definite sense of determination, competition and tension wafted through the mist on the 'J80 Pontoon'. Well, I guess all except two boats. Happily, another youth team, from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, decided to turn up too! As we have all met in dinghy races before, their showing up strengthened our determination to perform better. However, both of the 'Youth Teams' were battered and tired from... well... simply the fact that it was an early morning!

Before the start, we did our dinghy routine checks and hoped for a good start. However, a good start is a good beginning but keeping that position till the end of the race is another story! For most of us, it was the first time in a keel boat race and, as expected, our first few tacks were not quite perfect. We kept the position of 1st J/80 for about 10 minutes, the proudest 10 minutes of our race.

Things usually go from bad to worse. At the harbour channel gate at Lei Yuen



Mun, the wind dropped, and so did our speed and our ranking. A long port reach awaited us. Hooray! Our kite was rigged on the wrong side, it took us precious time to fix it while the other J/80s fluttered downwind. Finally, we fixed it and another challenge approached us – gusty conditions sometimes reaching 20 knots. The ‘responsible adult’ on board gave us a lot of useful advice. After one or two close-to-broach experiences, we soon got the feeling of handling the boat in strong wind and it turned out into rather an exciting journey. With our speed record being 10 knots! This was very fun and encouraging. We were galloping over white horses until we reached yet another challenge. At Cyberport, the wind died again. To other sailors out there, it was bad news, but to us, it was the perfect time to have some food to restore our energy after the long downwind leg. We sang, we ate and we were the happiest of happy sailors!

But looking at the Windex as it spun round in circles along with the waves, this became a test of one of the indispensable qualities of sailing – patience. We waited and waited, until the wind returned and eventually carried us all the way back to the Kellet Island. During the final leg, we encountered the treacherous sea of commercial ferries. I was the skipper then, and this felt like a roller coaster. The ferries kept crossing through the harbour



at high speed and at one point; we were only a hundred meters or so from a Macau ferry! Nevertheless, our teamwork and cooperation were much better than at the start of the day.

We completed the race and ranked the 10th out of 13 J/80s, and the 99th overall. Not a bad result. We finished the race after five and a half hours sailing. And what did we need the most at the end of it? The toilet that greeted us at the Kellet Island! After all in spite of the tiredness, it was a very enjoyable experience. At that moment, I recalled Sam had said, ‘if we cannot win, make the race a happy experience’, and we did.

If we have another chance in the future, I would say having more training before the race would help a lot, as it was the first time for us to sail with each other and also the first time for most of us to race a keel boat. I am sure next time will be much better and we will beat our friends from the other side of the Middle Island! A big thanks to the Aberdeen Boat Club and Michael Tsui for giving us this precious opportunity. ✨

ABC Southside Regatta

3 & 4 Dec 2011

Words: Kevin Lewis

Photo by Michele Felder



Aberdeen Boat Club ran their first Southside Regatta two years ago; its origins being a regatta run jointly by Hong Kong clubs and the then HKYA in the mid '90s. This year's event, which took place on 3 & 4 December, proved a great success with some 95 entries across four divisions, sailing in almost perfect conditions in Stanley Bay.

The Southside Regatta was again selected by the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association as one of their annual 'ranking' regattas. It was also chosen by the brand new Hong Kong 29er Class Association as a selection event for the 2012 Asian Sailing Championships. Support for our regatta came from SLAM, whose free event shirts and presence at the event added a lot to its appeal. Fragrant Harbour magazine also continued its support providing a selection of great prizes. ABC Vice Commodore David

Tait supported the event by lending us his boat Contented Cloud which was an ideal Committee Boat. And for the third year in a row, ABC enlisted the expertise of Australian Race Officer Greg Sinclair who started the first of seven races on Saturday at noon in clear sunshine and winds of 10 – 15 knots

It was great to see the new high performance 29er dinghies sailing, the three ABC boats having arrived in Hong Kong just one day before the start of the regatta! Together with a strong contingent from RHKYC and an entry from the Sea School, the seven almost brand new boats started first and sailed their own windward – leeward courses. Competition was intense as this was the selection event for an important overseas championship, and after Day One results were mixed as only two boats managed to sail the correct course in the first race.

Division A although perhaps not as quick as the 29ers, was still the 'fast' division and competitors set off to sail the outer loop of a trapezoid course. More initial confusion resulted in a race being abandoned as competitors failed to do enough 'loops'. Impressive sailing however was evident throughout, with 470s, 420s, a Moth, an RS500 and a selection of Lasers providing ample opportunities for great photos and close finishes. Good consistent results in Day One came from Wan Chi Wai, Vincent Luk and Kwan Wing Ho, all from the Sea School, with Benny Chan in a Laser 2000 and Akira Sakai in a Laser Radial also sailing well to end the day in the top five.

The slower Division B was also well supported, particularly with five RS Fevas, all being sailed by ABC Youth sailors, and a strong entry of Laser 4.7s. We were happy to welcome once again a team



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from Operation Breakthrough as well as sailors from Macau, entering in the Pico and Topper classes. Dominating the first day was Tze Siu Lun in his 4.7, with three firsts and a second. Special mention should be made of Amy Chue who finished the day in fourth place, proving that Toppers can be sailed well and remain competitive.

The Optimist division saw an entry list of 35 boats, and some courses were shortened to keep racing within time limits on the big course. Sze Ka Ho from the Sea School dominated Day One with four first places. ABC sailor Yann D'Argenlieu however showed great form, with top five finishes in every race.

Great racing on Saturday with three good races completed led into a buffet and gathering afterwards at the clubhouse. As in previous years, the Macau Sailors stayed overnight at Middle

Island on board the committee boat.

Sunday dawned with light winds around our clubhouse but in Stanley Bay it was a different story. Winds gusting

“Three Laser masts snapped and several competitors decided to retire early; the fleet of ten safety boats were kept busy”

well over 15 knots at times and more clear blue skies and sunshine made up for the coldest day of the year thus far – and made for ideal sailing conditions.

Aiming to complete a further four

races, Race Officer Greg had to contend with some very significant wind shifts and courses changes, but generally the team worked very well together with buoys being moved quickly and efficiently. Particular thanks must go to Clyde Bradley and the Sea School's Fajai, who brought their own RIBs, together with Philippe Grelon and our own Club Coach Rory Godman, they were all were invaluable in setting and changing the courses as needed.

As Sunday progressed the winds freshened and the younger, less experienced competitors were starting to get worn out! Three Laser masts snapped and several competitors decided to retire early; the fleet of ten safety boats were kept busy. The Race Officer wisely decided to bring an end to the day for Division B and the Division C Optimist sailors, after a further three races, while



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Southside Regatta Results

Division A	Name	Club
1st	Vincent Luk Ping Yau / Rohinton Vachhe	Sea School
2nd	Benny Chan / Edward Leung	STA
3rd	Akira Sakai	HHYC
Division B		
1st	Gerald Williams	HHYC
2nd	Tze Siu Lun	STA
3rd	Andrew Leung Hong Wa	STA
Division C Optimists		
1st	Sze Ka Ho	Sea School
2nd	Phoebe Chung Hoi Yin	STA
3rd	Yann D'Argenlieu	ABC

Class Prizes		
Topper	Amy Chue	Breakthrough
Pico	Hanlong Bordais / Bridget Lee	Macau YSA
RS Feva	Natalie Tsui / Ashley Tang	ABC
Laser 4.7	Gerald Williams	HHYC
Laser Radial	Akira Sakai	HHYC
Laser Standard	Swanson Chan	RHKYC
Laser 2000	Benny Chan / Edward Leung	STA
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keeping the 29ers and the fast Division A boats out to complete four more races.

In the Optimist fleet, Phoebe Chung sailed strongly, but couldn't catch Sze Ka Ho who went on to win the division overall. ABC Sailor Yann D'Argenlieu continued to sail well, and finished third overall – ABC and Yann's best ever Optimist regatta and a sure sign of things to come! In Division B it was Hebe Haven's Gerald Williams who dominated with three bullets and an overall win. The fast Division A was won by Vincent Luk in a 420, a close-call with Benny Chan only two points behind. In the 29er fleet ABC sailors excelled; despite having far less training

time, Cosmas Grelon and Nathan Bradley won overall, closely followed by fellow ABC team-mates Peter Simpson and Louis Bond Smith. Both ABC 29er crews therefore successfully qualified for the 2012 Asian Sailing Championships which will be held in Langkawi in Malaysia in February – we will be reporting on this amazing result for our club in the next issue of Horizons!

A big thanks to all the volunteers, supporters and club staff who helped make this year's Southside the best yet. Special thanks to our new Commodore, John Berry, for fully supporting our efforts and helping to present the prizes. It was also great to welcome so many visitors

from across Hong Kong and further afield, in particular those from Macau, Operation Breakthrough and Lantau Boat Club. A full selection of event photographs are available on our Facebook Page and results can be found on the ABC website, look under 'Dinghy' and 'ABC Southside Regatta'. 

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Venue: The Four Peaks Restaurant

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New & Resumed Members

from July 2010 to June 2011

L-329	Lam Pak Lee, Barry	G-121	Robert Gabbe	H-285	Todd Hunt
N-86	Ng Man Fong, Willde	G-122	Lucy Graham	55048	Matthew Hopkins
V-29	Bjoern Vogt	G-123	Janice Goh	30511B	Eva Maegerlein
40034	Harrison Campbell	H-281	David Harris	30577A	Chim Chai Shan, Jovin
40035	Leung Faith	H-283	Esmond Hung	30578A	Raymond Li
40036	Leung Yik Kei	H-284	Hung Chun Kui	30579A	Lars Petersen
30569A	Simon Fung	I-21	Keiko Iizuka	30580A	Poon Yeuk Ling
30570A	Yu Yun Cheung	I-22	Ip So Pui Kwan	C-188	Cheng Yiu Chung
30571A	Sumet Jiaravanon	L-331	Yvon Le Renard	W-257	Carlton Watson
70501A	Leung Chi Wah, Earnest	L-332	Sharon Lacoste	C-398	Chau Ka Yee
70502A	Leung Chi Hung	L-333	Vincent Lee	L-338	Lee Chun Heung
70503A	Lee Ying Ki	L-334	William Leung	Q-6	Qiao Yizheng
R-49	Lina Ross	L-335	Bryon Lam	G-124	Paul Grose
C-386	Yvon Choi	M-259	Niclas M Olsson	55047	Douglas J Mulcock
C-387	Winson Chow	M-260	Neeraj Malhotra	55049	Lam Cheuk Kam
H-280	Jeremy Hobbins	M-261	Susan MacMaughton	30002D	Bonnie Chan
L-330	Phoebe Lam	M-262	Cherish Mak	30581A	Lo Kam Foo
N-87	Monica Ng	M-263	Jeanny Mak	O-26	Chris O'Donghue
S-303	Shi Lop Tak	N-88	Simon Ng	H-213	Edward Ho
T-168	Tam Kwong Chuen	O-42	Christopher O'Donnell	30011L	Vladimir Ahmad
W-248	David Winfield	O-43	Michael Openshaw	30193J	Simar Deep Singh
C-374	Martha Collard	R-125	Gregory Reeve	30224C	Sean Patrick Cassidy
55045	Bruce Vallor	R-126	Brent Robinson	30469B	Tien Pui Man, Marianne
40037	Joseph Daniel	R-127	Douglas Ross	C-397	Bennett Chan
30572A	Horst J Pudwill	S-304	Timothy Stiles	C-399	Joseph Chan
30279D	James Varley	S-305	Miriam Smith	G-125	Robin Gary
D-46	Ms Lina Ross	S-306	Shen Wan Yiu	L-340	Leung Hing Ting
R-49	Mr Desmond Chiong	T-169	Shirley Tong Leung	O-44	Andrew Orr
40038	Emma Fung	T-170	Nissim Tse	O-45	Rod Olsen
40039	Luke O'Toole	T-171	Angel Tse	R-128	Michael Rooney
40040	Joskua O'Toole	T-172	Joanne Tam	S-307	Raymond Suen
30157C	Chui Seng Yew	W-250	James Whitecross	W-258	Anthony Woo
30527C	Eric Grundy	W-251	Mark Wilson	B-254	Olivier Burlot
30573A	Daniel Tagliere	W-253	Christopher Wilson	H-286	Andres Hernander-Sanchez
70204B	Kwan Yu Hin, Henry	W-254	Wong Kwok Kit	30582A	Fung King Wai, Frederick
A-93	Steve Au-Yeung	W-255	Alan Welch	A-94	Aryon Apostolis
B-251	Maghnus Byrne	40041	Oliver Chung	F-114	Patricia Frei
B-252	Sunil Beri	30574A	Lo Kam Por	L-300	Solomon Leeder
B-253	Garry Bischoff	30191K	Roger Liden	L-339	Sue Lo
C-389	Johnny Cheng	B-94	John Binks	L-341	Vincent Lee
C-390	Cary Cho / Legacy Program	W-222	Denice Wai	M-264	David McKellar
C-391	Chen Soong Kim	40042	Gwen Tan	T-173	Michael Tse
C-392	Chow Sin Chuen	40043	Michael Heidinger	B-255	Robert Bruce
C-393	Chow Sin Kwong	M-200	Vijay Mehta	M-265	Ryan Mann
C-394	Anne Copeland	B-115	Euan Barry	40047	Schkade Lars
C-395	Amy Chau	L-117	Diana Leung	30583A	Tomoyoshi Tsuchiya
D-121	Robert Dacho	W-256	Kenneth Wong	30584A	Louis-Vincent Gave
D-122	Colin Dodd	C-396	Anders Joakim Cimmerbeck	30524D	Paul Anthony Forgue
D-124	Michel Duffo	L-336	Leung Ho Man	70202B	Lee Chun Ming Elton
D-77	Nicholas Donne	L-337	Leung Ho Yan	D-95	Christopher Day
F-113	Sophie Furze	Y-89	Wendy Yeung	C-400	Choi Tze Chung

C-401	Chris Chan	J-62	Vijay Jote	H-288	Winona Hwang
C-402	Leonard Chan	L-342	Larry Leung	55050	Yvonne Leung Ho
C-403	Andre Cohen	N-89	Takahide Nihongi	A-95	Minoru Asano
F-115	John Fung	C-404	Chan Tin Chi	40048	Matthew Ma
G-126	Robert Goldsmith	D-123	Nandita Debur	30585A	Tang Man Wai
H-287	Mark Hargraves	L-343	Lor Yu Keung		

Life Absent/Resigned Members from July 2010 to June 2011

T-89	Rusty Todd	40035	Leung Faith	M-106	Richard Meins
M-216	Mary Mason	40036	Leung Yik Kei	D-49	Brian De Souza
S-283	Mark Simon	30270B	Mary Jor	S-215	Shiu Ka Leung Karl
55044	Rody Klein	D-46	Alan Dun	S-296	Philip Spanton
40031	Thomas Coyne	K-119	Charles Kwong	40012	George Cowley
40032	Emily Coyne	P-111	David Porter	40014	Ken Futonaka
30543B	Sergey Borisenkov	C-390	Cary Sun	40015	Archana Choudhury
30545A	Gunnar Mansfeld	L-275	Chris Leung	30469A	Chan Wai Kwan, Leo
30191J	Tony Lewis	H-282	Amanda Holroyd	D-111	Tony Doggett
30097C	Kwan Suk Fun	H-257	Nigel Robert How	B-229	Paul Bower
A-39	Robert Allcock	L-317	Micheal Lagunowitsch	30074E	Ms Evelyn Koh
H-209	Geraint Hughes	30002C	Cecilia See	30236C	Ms Therese Necio-Ortega
L-300	Solmon Leeder	30193I	Stewart Luccott-Evans	30354A	Terence Ng
C-374	Martha Collard	30279D	James Varely	30191K	Roger Liden
30392A	Joseph Tsang	30557A	Peter & Angela Lacoste	M-160	Sunny Mak
C-289	Mr Desmond Chiong	30561A	Lee Yat Keung	L-319	Lau Chi Keung
L-308	Richard Leertouwer	P-107	Joe Poon	A-84	Kirk Austin
R-119	Michelle Riley	K-101	Kenneth Koh	O-39	Adrian Overholser
L-314	Andrew Lawrence	A-78	Andrew Aglionby	30524C	David Maund
30157B	Chui Yiu Hung	L-326	Sarah Livermore	70202A	Kwan Kwong Fai
30527B	Paul Loube	N-73	Victoria Ng	C-264	Chiang Wai Kit
30537A	Howel Thomas	S-260	Florence Sze	H-226	Wyn Hughes
30011K	James Garner	30511A	Peter Sprogis	T-164	Simon Tong
C-91	Eric Carter	T-99	Pesi Tatati	O-28	James O'Neil
E-48	Phil Elvis	30022C	Willing Joe	V-25	Bruno Van Gaver
B-195	John Bruers	30132B	Wong Tak Ming, John	D-120	Geoffrey Dixon
L-318	Karen Land	30290C	Jackson Watt	J-57	Mark Johnson
T-141	Julian Thompson	30307B	Richard Fung	V-30	Bruce Vallor
Y-72	Yip Wai Kwan	30548A	Kenneth Kwok	C-377	Toby Cattermole
40018	Oliver Williams	C-188	Cheng Yiu Chung	30044H	Mr Honda

Notice to Members Chinese New Year Closing Schedule



Members are advised that the Club will close for Chinese New Year on Sunday, 22 January at 4pm, and will reopen on Wednesday, 25 January at 8.30am.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous Year of the Dragon.

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January 03-06, January 09-13, January 16-20 (Monday to Friday)
Breakfast: 10am start
Lunch: Daily set Lunch
Dinner: Limited a la carte

January 07 (Saturday)
Breakfast: 10am start
Lunch: Hot Pot lunch + Fried Noodle station (no a la carte)
Dinner: Lamb on a spit – Adults \$188, Children \$118 (no a la carte)
Limited a la carte available at the bar and Sundeck

January 08, January 15 (Sunday)
Super Sunday Construction Buffet
Breakfast: Full English
Lunch: International- Adults \$188, Children \$120, Kid's corner \$68 (up to 12 yrs) (no a la carte)
Dinner: International, with Curry – Adults \$188, Children \$120, Kid's corner \$68 (up to 12 yrs) (no a la carte)
Limited a la carte available at the Bar and Sundeck

January 14 (Saturday)
Breakfast: 10am start
Lunch: Hot Pot lunch + Fried Noodle station (no a la carte)
Dinner: Super Seafood BBQ – Adults \$298, Children \$188 (no a la carte)
Limited a la carte available at the Bar and Sundeck

January 21 (Saturday)
Breakfast: 10am start
Lunch: Hot Pot lunch + Fried Noodle station (no a la carte)
Dinner: Whole Pig on a spit – Adults \$198, Children \$128 (no a la carte)
Limited a la carte available at bar and Sundeck

January 22 (Sunday)
A la carte, last orders at 2pm

We would like to thank members for their patience and understanding during this necessary construction work.



From the Editor,

While researching the Sea Lore article for this month's issue of Horizons I happened to come across some excellent boat names. Some are clever, some hilarious and some just seemed to capture the essence of boating with a few well chosen syllables. Among my favourites are; *Never Again II*, *Anchor Management*, *This Side Up* and *Paystation*. I always thought *Mai Tai* would be a cool name for a Taipan.

Then again some people make some very odd choices indeed, many not suitable for a family publication such as this. If, by chance, you've bought a boat but just can't bring yourself to speak her name in public then you're in luck. Carry out

the boat renaming ceremony on page 18 and change her name without inviting Poseidon's wrath.

Also this month, belated congratulations to Ah Kee for becoming the ABC's first HKSF certified J/80 Keelboat Instructor. Well done for another personal and professional achievement, one which also demonstrates the ABC's commitment to Hong Kong's up and coming J/80 class.

As always, if something is on your mind, if you have any ideas on how Horizons should look or if you want to write an article for the magazine, drop me a line at peter.wheeler@ppp.com.hk

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London Boat show Jan 6 - 15 2012

New Sunseekers: Portofino 40, Predator 53, 80, 101 & Yacht 28m, 48m/155ft.

New technology: MTU Hybrid engines [Diesel Electric Generator]

New Design: Carbon fibre fly bridge & Hard Top



Portofino 40



Predator 53



Predator 80



Predator 101



28m Yacht



48m Yacht

Latest Event with BMA [South China Football Club] on board Predator 115



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