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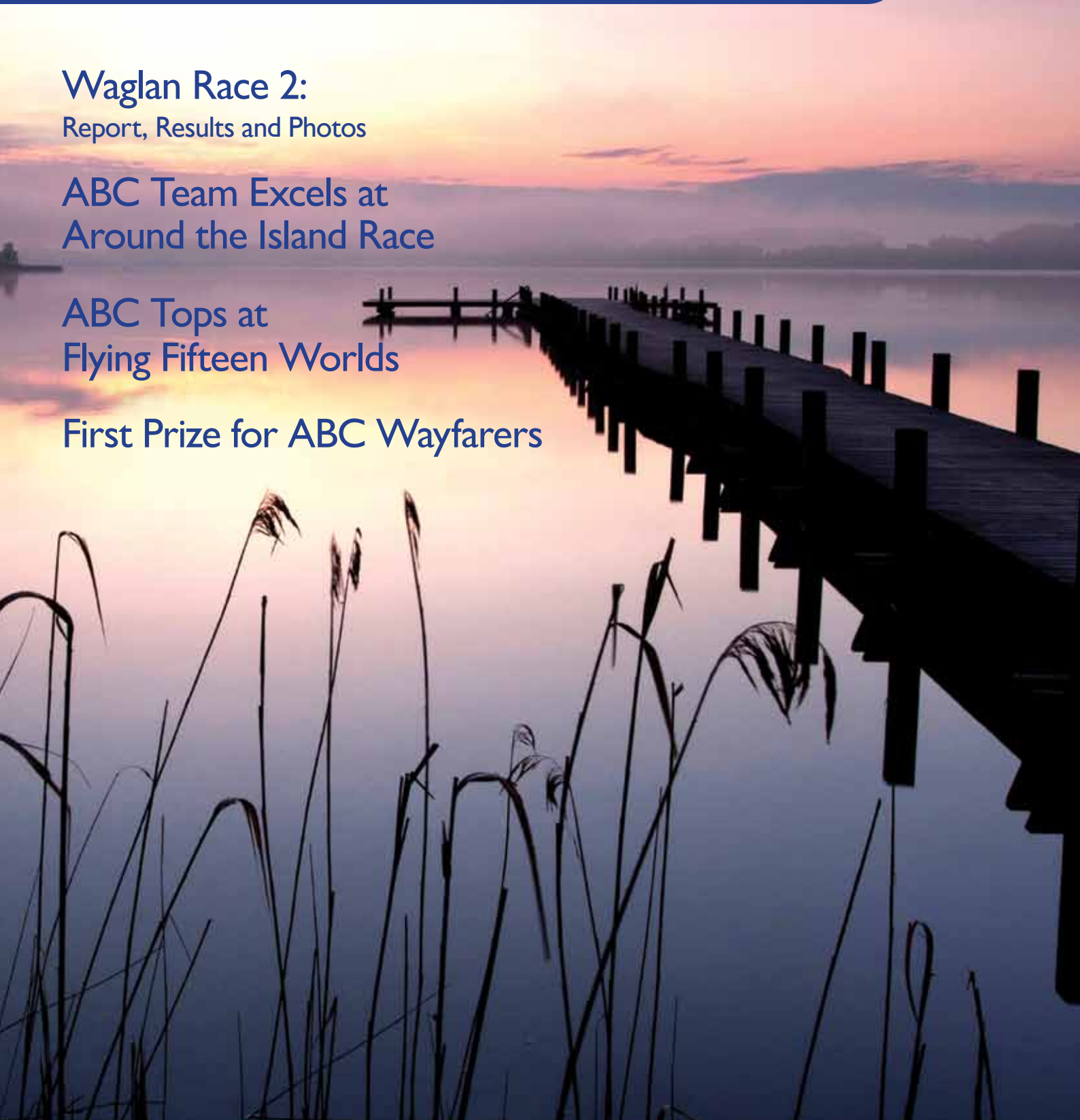
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## Commodore's Letter

**A**s I write this, the Philippines are dealing with the horrific aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan. The destruction is devastating. Our condolences go to the families of victims.

It is hard to imagine that only a few weeks ago I was sailing nearby at the All Souls Regatta hosted by our reciprocal club Puerto Galera Yacht Club, where three days of racing were held in fair winds under clear blue skies around islands in the Verde Island Passage. The racing was excellent and the welcome was, as always, most hospitable.

The Development Committee held its third Town Hall on 23 October to present and discuss the progress of the design development for Middle Island. The architects exhibited a number of schemes, and positive feedback was given to the way in which members wish to see the

clubhouse facilities develop. This exercise was very useful and the responses will enable design work to progress.

The ABC was invited to attend the International Council of Yacht Clubs Commodore's Forum hosted by RHKYC in November. Attendance included some 28 international clubs from four continents. Topics covered many fields common to sailing and boating clubs, such as long-term finance, sponsorship, race management, development of young members, club management and operation, and the topical subject of dealings with community and government. The Club's officers and management were represented and took home many ideas that will be useful in policy development.

I would like to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



I look forward to seeing you around the Club over the festive season.

**John Berry**  
Commodore

## Flag Officer's Report

**I**f water sports or leisure activities interest you, Hong Kong offers a tremendous array and amount of choice. The ABC has a primary objective to encourage all forms of boating and sailing and all related activities. The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is likewise guided by an objective to encourage boat and yacht sailing, motor boat cruising and activities connected therewith. The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's primary objective is to foster the sports of sailing and rowing and to make them accessible to all levels of society in Hong Kong. These objectives have some marked and subtle differences, and at the ABC, at least, I know we are guided by ours to direct allocation of resources for day-to-day needs and for capital expenditures.

Undoubtedly, the RHKYC is Hong Kong's premier yachting organisation and has earned a significant domestic and international reputation for achieving its objective of fostering the sport of sailing, although, within Hong Kong, the ABC and HHYC also have significant yacht and dinghy race and sail training programmes. The Discovery Bay Yacht Club and other groups also organise yacht races.

As the ABC is set up as a company limited by guarantee, it has no share capital. If the Club were wound up, members' liability would be limited to an amount of \$100 (the guaranteed amount). The ABC is not subject to profits tax as more than 50% of the gross receipts are derived from voting members. RHKYC and HHYC are structured the same way.

According to these clubs' most recent public annual reports, the ABC had 1,120 full-paying members, HHYC 1,077 active members and the RHKYC 5,300. All have a building levy, as well as significant renovation/expansion plans in place at various stages of government approval. The ABC carries the cost of investments in fixed assets of \$16.3m in its balance sheet, HHYC \$94.5m and RHKYC \$151.3m.

In the last financial year, the ABC brought in receipts/revenue and entrance fees of \$43m, \$38,500 per member, and transferred \$3.9m to accumulated funds; HHYC, receipts of \$46.1m or \$42,800 per member, transferring \$5.5m; while the RHKYC had receipts of \$176.8m, \$33,400 per member; transferring \$5.8m to accumulated funds.



The inclusiveness, diversity and choices of sailing in Hong Kong can be witnessed at the hugely popular RHKYC Around the Island Race skippers' briefing and start line. Another widely popular community sailing event is the HHYC's 24 Hour Charity Dinghy Race. I've focused here on three of the sailing organisations in Hong Kong, and only scratched the surface. Space does not permit another page to list and describe the dragon boat clubs, rowing clubs, diving clubs, beach sailing clubs, etc., that also share Hong Kong's waters.

**Matthew Johnson**  
Honorary Treasurer



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## General Manager's Letter

In order to improve security at the Club, especially at night, we are weighing the installation of an automatic gate at the pontoon entrance. After 10 pm, access at the pontoon would be limited as entering Club property would require a card. The intent is to stop commercial junk operators from unloading their passengers at the Club – a recurrent and growing problem – and to block them from abusing our private property and compromising security.

In February 2014, again we must suffer a bit of noise and disturbance as we repair the expansion joint between pool and patio. As such, the patio and part of the carpark below will be inaccessible for three to four weeks. I shall give more precise dates as the repair plans firm up. We will host special food events and a festival in the Harbour room to counter the patio's loss.

### Pool hours

Please note that, as we do during the cooler weather every year, we have reduced the hours of operation for the swimming pool. The pool will be open

12 noon to 8 pm Monday-Friday and from 8 am to 9 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Longer opening hours will resume in April along with warmer weather. Please note that as required by Hong Kong law, the pool must close in February to undergo its yearly maintenance.

### Other matters

The Club has organised another golf outing on Wednesday, 15 January, at the Deep Water Bay Golf Club. Golfers with or without an HKGA card may join us by contacting my office.

As noted in previous issues of *Horizons*, in January we will close the Club's DVD library and end all charges due to advancing media formats that are rendering DVDs obsolete. However, the Club will retain the more popular DVDs in the third floor Bridge room's library. We will now treat DVDs as we do the books – you bring one, you take one, in an exchange system of Club members. We may well have the same success as we had with our books, with better and wider choices.

The Club is nearly finished with changes to Club rules and regulations after



nearly a year of work. Soon, I hope in early January, you will receive revisions to the bye-laws with major changes and additions highlighted. Stricter emphasis has been given to guest policies, phone usage and general behaviour within the Club.

In closing, let wish me you all, on behalf of the staff of the ABC, a very merry Christmas season and a happy New Year.

**Philippe de Manny**  
General Manager



## Welcome New Members

The Aberdeen Boat Club welcomes the following new members who have joined recently.

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Heather Lo	Steven Manning	Guy Hardaker	Mei Sulin	Stephen Hung
Neil Norman	Francois Druenne	Nandita Deboor	Chan Wai Chak	Liu Yong
Alexis Orange	Eric Ng	Tang Siu Chee		Mark Lee
Fung Yue Kai	Francesco Barrai	Edith Lau		Zhang Jing Xuan
Rachel Geicke	David Fergusson	Benson Leung		Frederick Au
Mohamed Fahmy	Alexandra Kalb			Cheong Chit Sun
Mark J Russell	Lim Keong Yew			Alexander Duddek
Jocelyn Cheng	Mok Kar Chung			Sandy Lamb
	Anthony Rendall			Man Ka Lai
	Nancy Tse			Kan Ching Keung
	Harmina Warringa			
	Fiona Elliott			
	Nic Van Zwanenberg			
	Tim Ngan			
	Stephen Leung			
	Judy Lee			
	Kenneth Lai			
	Benny Kwan			

## Sailing Diary



**Autumn in Hong Kong is the busiest time in the sailing year and boasts some of the best sailing conditions. Here we highlight a few not-to-be-missed events:**

### Hebe Haven Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association Nationals: 7 and 8 December.

Sponsored and hosted this year by HHYC, this is the highlight of the Optimist sailing calendar, attracting both present and future sailing stars. See [www.hkoda.org](http://www.hkoda.org) to learn more.

### Autumn Joint-Club Dinghy Racing:

14 and 21 December

Jointly run autumn dinghy races 9, 10, 11 and 12 will take place off Middle Island.

### Jebsen Marine Waglan Series:

15 December and 5 January 2014

Year after year, the Waglan racing series grows, with more yachts and sailors taking part in an increasingly competitive fleet with exciting racing in some of Hong Kong's toughest weather conditions. It is the ABC's premier cruiser series. More details on [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)

### ABC RS Feva Club Championships:

11 and 12 January 2014

This is a new event for us and is aimed at intermediate-level youth sailors to promote the RS Feva. We hope to host this event on an annual basis and encourage more sailors to race Fevas as a stepping stone to bigger things.

### ABC Four Peaks Race:

18 and 19 January 2014

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Aberdeen Boat Club Four Peaks Race, a cornerstone of our Club's sailing activity and a not-to-be missed event. The Notice of Race is available on [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)

## Race Results

### Around the Island Overall Results: ABC boats

PLACE	TYPE	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
1	29er		Cosmas Grelon
33	IRC 2	<i>Jarrah</i>	Matthew Johnson
60	J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
61	IRC Cruiser	<i>Red Eye</i>	George Taylor
79	IRC 2	<i>Andiamo</i>	Cynthia Wong
95	J/80	<i>Javelin</i>	Felix Ng
96	J/80 HKICPA	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui

PLACE	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
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#### Overall HKPN Fleet

3	<i>Thea</i>	Stephen Vine
8	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	Philippe Delorme
35	<i>Scrumpty</i>	Simon Smith
37	<i>AYA</i>	Philippe Cotillon
39	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons
45	<i>Local Hero</i>	Ryan Mann
50	<i>Zephyr</i>	Ng Mun Jun
55	<i>Aquarius</i>	Josephine Cheng

#### HKPN 1071 and above

6	<i>Scrumpty</i>	Simon Smith
7	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons
11	<i>Zephyr</i>	Ng Mun Jun
13	<i>Aquarius</i>	Josephine Cheng

#### BB HKPN 981-1070

1	<i>Thea</i>	Stephen Vine
5	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	Philippe Delorme
14	<i>Local Hero</i>	Ryan Mann

#### BB HKPN 911-980

13	<i>AYA</i>	Philippe Cotillon
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#### BB HKPN 911-980

4 IRC 2	<i>Jarrah</i>	Matthew Johnson
5 IRC Cruiser	<i>Red Eye</i>	George Taylor

#### J/80 OVERALL

6 J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
11 J/80 HKICPA	<i>Javelin</i>	Felix Ng
12 J/80 HKICPA	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui



# WAGLAN 2

## Sunday, 3 November, 2013

By Philippe de Manny, photos by Eileen Sze

On race day at 10 am, Typhoon Krosa, having spent most of Saturday night hovering near the 400 km-Hong Kong boundary limit, was expected to be upgraded from a signal 1 to 3.

For the Race Officer, the main issue was evaluating whether to take the risk to race under a T1 signal (*and thus being very popular*) and hoping that the T3 signal would not be raised, or whether to cancel the race as no boat should race during a T3 (*and being called names like poltroon, freshwater swab, bathtub admiral, etc ...*).

Under T1 conditions, yachts, rather than going out, should take safety steps in light of a potential higher signal, but sailors will be sailors and if the wind is strong there will be sailors out to challenge God.

As usual the Hong Kong Observatory was giving as little information as possible that Sunday morning of any intention to raise typhoon signal 3 or not. We then had to consult the "Joint Typhoon Warning Center" (the official weather website of the U.S. Navy), which expressed confidence that Krosa would go south and not north towards us.

Despite learning that the RHKYC cancelled its Flying Fifteen race for the day, which in fact was good news for

our RO, the general wish to race was reinforced. The decision was taken to race, with more flexibility in course choice.

At Waglan 2's start, the proximity of the typhoon and the influence of the northeast monsoon were giving our usual sailing ground a strong and steady northeasterly wind, which gusted to 18 knots at some points.

Fifteen daring skippers took the start for a 17.2 nm course to Chesterman Buoy, Castle Rock, the ABC mark in south Lamma and back to Castle Rock for a finish in Deep Water Bay. The four division B boats had a slightly shorter 12.8 nm course following the same pattern without going across the Lamma channel and south Lamma.

At the starting gun, the RO had a premonition, saying "Let's go and break some boats." The joke turn out to be real as halfway through the race, Wonderwall called the Committee boat to be towed back to the Club having a torn main sail and an engine that refused to start. While Wonderwall was being towed, Thea called in to announce their retirement from the race for similar reasons, but with their engine going they did not need assistance. Ragamuffin also retired from the race after realising they were sailing the wrong course.



IRC winner Intrigue



Division A winner Blackjack



Jailbreaker in a signal 1 typhoon

BOAT	SKIPPER	START TIME	FINISH TIME	CORRECTED TIME
<b>DIVISION A IRC</b>				
1 <i>Intrigue</i>	Ian Nicolson, Thierry Barot	11:00:00	13:18:04	2:32:50
2 <i>Blackjack</i>	Glenn Smith	11:00:00	13:20:23	2:35:41
3 <i>Red Eye</i>	Paul Leese , George Taylor	11:00:00	13:15:38	2:38:17
<b>DIVISION A HKPN</b>				
1 <i>Blackjack</i>	Glenn Smith	11:00:00	13:20:23	2:48:07
2 <i>Intrigue</i>	Ian Nicolson, Thierry Barot	11:00:00	13:18:04	2:48:10
3 <i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui	11:00:00	14:01:40	2:51:52
<b>DIVISION B HKPN</b>				
1 <i>Zephyr</i>	Park Ng	11:05:00	13:13:23	1:55:33
2 <i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons	11:05:00	13:22:13	2:08:29
3 <i>Jade Cove</i>	Ken Wong	11:05:00	13:25:13	2:12:02
4 <i>Ragamuffin</i>	Stephen Hilton	--	--	DNF

At the end, all boats save for those three finished within three hours of racing. The first boat across the finish was division B's *Zephyr*, followed less than two minutes later by the first division A boat, *Red Eye*. The prize-giving was held very early this time, and took place on the pontoon instead of the Waglan Bar. Food and beer were sent down while the RO announced the results reprinted in part here. H



New Salona 41



30-knot gusts challenging the fleet

# 2013 Tommy Bahama Around the Island Race

## Overall winners: ABC!

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis with ABC members

Everyone knew it was going to be a windy race. Forecasts for Sunday, 10 November, showed a strong northeast monsoon with predicted winds in places in excess of 25 knots. As it turned out, gusts over 30 knots were recorded, and conditions certainly led to a dramatic race with a new Around the Island race-time record set, several collisions, dismastings, and an overall race win for sailors for the ABC – a superb achievement to take the cup for Hong Kong’s most prestigious and popular sailing event.

Akira Sakai was the winning crew in the ABC 29er dinghy, with Cosmas Grelon at the helm. They sailed the entire circumference of Hong Kong Island, some 26 nautical miles, in three hours and 35 minutes.

It was Akira’s third time in the race, and he certainly was pleased with the overall win. “It’s always great to get out and sail with the entire Hong Kong sailing community in one event, and we were aiming to do well,” Akira said. “We knew the forecast was in our favour – the 29er goes well in windy conditions and we were looking forward to the big kite run. We’ve had a fair bit of practice in strong wind and big seas, in particular during our European campaign earlier this year. Racing against the 75-foot *Jelik* off Aberdeen was particularly

cool; our 29er goes well on the reaching legs but upwind the big boats can point higher.”

One of the highlights for race organisers was the participation of the Aberdeen Asset Management Extreme 40. According to team member Ting Chan, the Aberdeen Extreme Team pushed the boat to its limit, and was forced to drop the main twice, once beyond Lei Yue Mun and once at Stanley as it was too windy to bear away – in fact possibly the windiest conditions the helm had faced on an Extreme 40. The spinnaker got a less-than five-minute airing along the south side but the catamaran came into Victoria Harbour with *FreeFire* just in its sights and overhauled the TP52 to finish second on the water after *Jelik* (which had a 30-minute head start) in a ratified elapsed time of two hours, 13 minutes and 11 seconds. That placed *Jelik*’s name on the HKSF Cariatid trophy, as it claimed the fastest elapsed time for the 2013 Tommy Bahama Around the Island Race.

Josephine Cheng is an ABC member who sails regularly across Hong Kong; this year she went ‘round the island in her keelboat, *Aquarius*, a J/24. She said conditions were amongst the windiest she has raced in, and *Aquarius* took the sensible precaution of reefing for the upwind harbour-leg. In fact, the

crew changed the headsail several times to keep the boat under control, and avoided any large broaches by good sail management. Josephine, pleased with their result, called teamwork vital to their success.

Bruce Perkins, taking part in *Jarrah*, a Salona 42, reported that as they made their way to the start, things were looking pretty exciting with gusts regularly getting up to the 30-knot mark. With at least six former Hobie 16 sailors on board, all agreed that, given the conditions, they were very glad to be on *Jarrah* rather than in a Hobie!

*Jarrah* had a great start in IRC2, leading the fleet from the line and making good progress out to Lei Yue Mun. They had an “exhilarating” sail, Bruce said, with the kite up, rounding Cape D’aguilar to the first gate. The wind held all the way to Green Island and then further increased as they re-entered the harbour; *Jarrah* had a terrific sail to the finish of a memorable race.

Another ABC boat to brave the conditions was J/80 *FG3*, with Stephen Davies at the helm for an eventful race. First the lifesling went overboard, even though there was nobody to recover ... then the skipper slipped and nearly followed suit. It was like dodgems as *FG3* tacked up the harbour in the middle of a 200-strong fleet. At Shek O Rock the skipper called for the reef to be shaken out ... but a crew mutiny meant the kite stayed in its bag. As boats struggled and broached through the Stanley Bay gate, and past the ABC committee boat, on



Josephine Cheng and the crew of *Aquarius*

*FG3* it was splash, dash, crash, whoosh; rattle, battle on. Boats careering all around. Masts falling. Capsizing, shredding kites and bruising crew. Just four hours after the start they were back into the harbour. A fantastic, unforgettable race, and crew member Ada who had only sailed once in her life before, was still smiling!

The prize-giving was held at Kellett Island on Monday evening and as usual a huge crowd gathered to support the winners across classes and overall. ABC’s Cosmas Grelon and Akira Sakai, perhaps the youngest sailors to clinch the trophy, were presented with the Around the Island trophy to applause and huge cheers.

As usual, RHKYC did a tremendous job running such an event, and a big thank you to all involved, especially title sponsor Tommy Bahama. Thanks also go to the sponsors of the ABC High-Performance team, SLAM, Borelli and Walsh, and Peroni. ✨



Akira Sakai and Cosmas Grelon with the ATIR trophy

# 2013 Flying Fifteen World Championships: ABC Sailors Win Top Host-Nation Prize

*The ABC's Cosmas Grelon and Rory Godman won the leading host-nation cup at the 2013 Flying Fifteen World Championships hosted at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club 2 – 8 November. Here, Kevin Lewis talks to Cosmas Grelon, 18, about the event and the win.*

*The RHKYC hosted the Flying Fifteen World Championships in early November. How did you get the chance to compete?*

Cosmas: It was an amazing opportunity. We were contacted by a local sailor, Clement Brunet-Moret, who found he was unable to take part in this race he'd entered. He offered us the chance to sail his boat if we covered the entry fees. With a world championship on our doorstep it seemed like an unmissable opportunity. We approached the ABC who kindly agreed to sponsor 50 percent of our entry fee and to allow ABC Coach Rory Godman to sail.

*You have some keelboat experience but mainly sail high-performance dinghies like the 29er. A Flying Fifteen must be a whole different experience?*

Yes, I've sailed a few larger keelboats, Jeanneau 47, Beneteau 40 and the smaller open 5.00 keelboat. I have competed in the

Taiwan-Japan race, the Qingdao Regatta and the Macau race, but these days I spend nearly all my time on 29ers.

In a Flying Fifteen I actually found starting easier and the fleet less aggressive. So we started well and had good upwind speed, but for us, downwind was harder. In an asymmetric you are looking at sailing the angles downwind working with apparent wind, in the more traditional Fifteen with its symmetrical spinnaker we seemed to be working harder than other boats and yet still struggling to keep up. The Flying Fifteen has a light helm but of course is not as immediately responsive as what I am used to; also the boat was greatly affected by waves. Rather than surfing the waves as we do in a skiff, we seemed to get pushed sideways a fair bit; so it was hard to use the waves for advantage.

*How much practice did you have in the boat and what was it like sailing with your coach?*

Neither Rory nor I had ever sailed a Flying Fifteen before, so it was a steep learning curve. We did sail in the HK Fifteen Nationals the week before the Worlds and treated that as our main practice. Sailing with Coach Rory was tough at



Cosmas (L), and Rory race 6, day 7

the start as we established we were helm and crew rather than coach and student, but after a couple of days we really started to work together well. Of course I learnt from Rory during the event, but I think it was a step further for us – we really became a team.

*What did you hope to get out of the event?*

Well, we were definitely aiming to be the top Hong Kong boat; that was our target. The difficulty was we had absolutely no idea of the standard of the fleet and other sailors. Worldwide, Fifteens are dominated by Australian and British sailors, and that was the case at the Worlds – the world champion this time was British sailor Graham Vials, with Australian boats in second and third. We finished 19th overall, the only boat in the top 20 not from Australia or Britain.

*What specifics did you improve on, and what advice could you offer? What are the traits of a top-level sailor?*

I learnt so much more about the value of the compass and using it to advantage. Also, of course, symmetrical spinnaker work was quite new for me. What advice could I give? Well, I can pinpoint three things that make a huge difference to winning: determination, belief in yourself, even when things don't go well, and above all else, concentration. During a race nothing else matters!



Rory (C) and Cosmas (R) win top host-nation boat

I'd like to add my own thanks to the ABC for supporting us in this race, and of course a big "well done" to our friends at RHKYC for running such a well-organised and professional event! 🏆

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*The sun rising over Hebe Haven (by Tim Edmonds)*

# The ABC Sailors Hold Sway in Hebe Haven 24-hour Dinghy Race

By Diana Bruce

**T**he 11th annual Hebe Haven Yacht Club 24-hour charity dinghy race over the weekend of 26-27 October fell one week after a typhoon and about the time the northeast monsoon started to arrive from China.

The ABC entered three teams again this year: a Feva team with our young Feva and Oppie sailors; a Wayfarer team with our young 29er sailors; and a Laser 2000 team for adults. In total, 35 sailors from the ABC were up at Hebe Haven, raising money for charity as well as representing the Club.

The race began exactly at 2 pm on the Saturday afternoon and carried on through Saturday evening, the wee hours of Sunday morning, into dawn and the promise of a fine day ahead, until exactly 2 pm on Sunday afternoon.

For those of you who have never been to the event, the boats are sailed for 24 hours non-stop with relays of sailors taking turns – usually about two hours at a time – to keep the boats moving. While it sounds hard to be out on the water at 2 am on a Sunday morning, in fact it's amazing to sail at night, although with the

ambient glow from the city lights and a shaft of moonlight every now and then, it's really not dark!

The race began with much promise, both from a wind point of view and positioning, especially for the ABC Feva team who soon took pole position in their class and seventh overall.

However, as the race progressed, the average lap time slipped. The Laser 2000 made a brave start amongst a huge fleet of 43 boats and a very narrow start line, managing to sail eight or nine laps in the first shift – probably the record for the whole event for that time. The Wayfarer guys were way out ahead – the rest of us were just left in the marine equivalent of dust behind them.

But by 6 pm, the wind was dying fast and the third and fourth shifts probably felt that watching paint dry would have been more exciting than inching round the course. At one stage there were about 30 boats all bunched together at the same mark, bobbing about and hoping the tide wouldn't carry them backwards.

The forecast blast of 10-12 knots at 3 am never materialized – did we really think it would? Just wishful thinking on the part of the organizers, I think! The Wayfarer team were still ahead of the fleet, but by only a few seconds, so the pressure was on them to stay on course. They really pulled out all the stops, ably assisted by some of the very young Oppie sailors who were perfect as crew as their weight matched the lightness of the airs.

### Sleep-sailing

Special mention should be made here of Charlie Stewart and Russell Aylsworth here – they were pretty well “sleep-sailing,” crouched down almost inside the forward hatch to keep their weight as far forward as they could!

The Feva team, meanwhile, were working overtime to keep their boat sailing – I shall have an abiding memory of Harriette Edmonds and Scarlett Lorin struggling to wake up at 3:30 am for their next shift – but they did and rushed off to the pontoon with a surprising amount of enthusiasm!

The Laser 2000 team, manned by some seasoned 24-hour race sailors, managed to bring the boat up from 31st or 32nd place – Ah Kei, who had been teaching all day on Saturday, came up in the middle of the night, sailed his shift and then had to be back at the Club for more teaching at 9 am. This is the sort of team spirit that makes the event so worth doing.

### First prize for Wayfarer Caymans

It was down to the wire at the end, with only 20 seconds between the Wayfarer team and the next boat (a Feva sailed by the RHKYC) and we were all absolutely delighted that the ABC Wayfarer, the “ABC Caymans,” took the first prize, both for the overall position and in their class.

What an achievement, and how far ABC has come from 11 years ago, when we were just cannon fodder for all the other teams.

So, many, many congratulations to everyone involved – a magnificent effort both on and off the water. The ABC teams together have collected nearly \$40,000 for charity, which just goes to show that not only can we sail, but we can think of others too.

In alphabetical order, my thanks go to all the ABC sailors who took part: Ah Kei, Akira Sakai, Anatole Martin, Cecile Martin, Cedric Wong, Charlie Stewart, Christine Tsui, Cosmas Grelon, Diana Bruce, Frederic d’Argenlieu, George Burkett, Harriette Edmonds, John Berry, Julian Chawla, Julian Reed, Juliette

Martin, Lucas Minne, Matthew Johnson, Matthew Wright, Michael Tsui, Nagisa Sakai, Natalie Berry, Nathan Bradley, Oliver Edmunds, Patrick Bruce, Penelope Martin, Philippe de Manny, Phoebe Lam, Ralph Summers, Russell Ayslworth, Scarlett Lorin, Stephen Davies, Taylor Young, Tomas Humi, Tristan Stewart, Win Kaaka and Yann d’Argenlieu.

Next I would like to thank Alison Treasure who nobly (some may say foolishly) offered to help and ended up taking charge of the Feva team. Many thanks and well done for a sterling effort!

Then of course the teams would like to wholeheartedly thank Tsai Fook for being with us again this year, bringing the club junk up to Hebe Haven so we had a comfortable and roomy team base, helping with running repairs (not so many this year!) and being on the pontoon to support and cheer us on. And thanks too to the Club for sponsoring not only the entry fees but also the Club junk – it makes all the difference to the team’s spirit to have somewhere to put our stuff and sit and sleep comfortably. And we would also like to thank Wallem for once again sponsoring the team T-shirts. This year, by popular demand, they were much more stylish, white with blue trim, so I hope to see you all wearing them around the club for months to come! (I still don’t see the problem with fluorescent pink ...).

Well done, everyone, and thanks to you all! 🇭🇰



Scarlett Lorin and Harriette Edmonds (by Kevin Lewis)



Sailing through the night (by Tim Edmonds)



Happy potential sailors Carol and Toby (by Sukinem)



Phoebe Lam with Patrick Bruce



Only some of the ABC team (by Kevin Lewis)



## Sailing report



Farr Fetched



HanaFe

# THE ABC's 2013 FIESTA DAY

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

By Diana Bruce, photos by Eileen Sze

**T**he Club's second annual Fiesta Day was held on a lovely, sunny Sunday in late October, with fair winds forecast for the morning, slipping away in the afternoon.

Hans Lange set three courses for all the participants, most of whom set off from Repulse Bay at 10:30 in the morning. I was on *Pizzazz* and, as is our custom, we were nowhere near the start line at 10:30 and when we finally hoisted our sails we could only vaguely distinguish the flotilla somewhere in the distance off Stanley!

The dinghies (at least eight boats with over 15 sailors) sailed in a straight line past Chung Hom Kok, Beaufort Island, Castle Rock and then into Nam Tan Wan where they variously hauled their boats up onto the little beach there or tied up to one of the safety boats. Course B was a slightly longer route, taking a detour 'round Beaufort Island to starboard. Course C was the full monty, rounding Fury Rocks to starboard. To my knowledge only *The Farr Side* and *Pizzazz* did course C, unfortunately making us very late for the Fiesta's pasta buffet. Serious mismanagement on our side, I'm afraid.

### Chasing the cheesecake

As chief navigator (as well as second and third mate), my tactical suggestion was to do Course B, or at least put on the engine once we'd got to the Beaufort Channel and had become almost becalmed, and thus be in time for the cheesecake. But, as usual, my advice was ignored and the skipper (Tim Edmonds) was robustly ordered to sail the full course without mechanical help.


The skipper and his first mate, Alison Treasure, who had bravely agreed to join us for the outing, sensibly kept their counsel to themselves! They zipped their lips even tighter when the fluorescent pink gennaker was hoisted and (much to the delight of *The Farr Side* sailing nearby) got into a huge tangle round the forestay and had to be dropped rather quickly. (*Pizzazz* then had the vicarious delight of watching *The Farr Side* do exactly the same thing ...)

As we gently manoeuvred into Nam Tan Wan we espied the crews from *Ragamuffin* and *Farr Fetched* climbing back on board, ready to sail home. By the time we had dropped anchor, *Taka Ano*, *Banter* and *HanaFe* were also preparing to depart. *L'escargot* were relaxing on board, enjoying the sunshine.

Much to her alarm, my 87-year old mother was whisked off the back of *Pizzazz* and helped into the rib by Kevin and then transported to the junk where many hands made light work of helping her up the steps. She sat down gratefully with a Tsing Tao and a plate of pasta!

We were pleased to find that the dinghy and cruiser guys had not scoffed the lot – or maybe it was our wonderful F & B staff who kept some hidden for us! Certainly a wonderful tiramisu was produced with a flourish, having been secreted somewhere at the back of the junk.

After the excellent lunch (F & B please note – you can do that one again!!), we set sail and, with a much quieter wind, managed to hoist the genny without incident and enjoy a gentle sail back to Aberdeen.

What a lovely day – make a note to join us next year! 



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by Tim Thistle

# Personal peaks past, present and future:

## Aberdeen Boat Club Hosts 30<sup>th</sup> Four Peaks Race Saturday – Sunday, 18 & 19 January, 2014

By Elaine Morgan, Four Peaks sailor and runner, now and 30 years ago

*The past:* "One winter weekend, overnight ...," he said, "We'll race round the islands and on the way, we'll get into the dinghy, row ashore, jump off then run up mountains ..."

"Is this dumb or what," I asked myself.

Undeterred by the skeptic, my partner and skipper Stephen Davies told the ABC.

ABC frowned. The Commodore said, "You're mad. There won't be any entries. But all right, go ahead, organize it, put our name on it ... and make sure the Club doesn't have to pay a cent!"

I knew I'd have to be in. Solidarity. Feminism. Sigh.

So with a crew of five, our first *Fiddler's Green*, a Yamaha 30, crossed the start line at 1100 one Saturday in January 1985. There were seven other starters. All nutters, of course, and all runner/sailors in a Corinthians-only race.

Slow. Very slow, it was, to begin with, despite the best efforts of our pair up Ma On Shan. We got out of Port Shelter about 0100 the next day!

By midday Sunday, the skipper and second mate were on Lantau Peak. By nightfall we were off Lamma. "We're stuffed," muttered the skipper.

My hill, Violet Hill, was the last of the lot. "Do you mean I've done all that training for nothing?" Then the wind picked up. The cut-off was midnight ...

We were off Repulse Bay about 2200. Ashore at last, off I went like a demented hare. In those days you could go it alone. It was dark and windy. No concrete paths. No peak controls. I just had a bit of paper and a pencil in my pack. At the top I scribbled my time, the date and my name and stuffed it under a rock beside the trig point as proof!

Going like crazy, slipping and sliding back down the track, back to the beach, back aboard at 2310. Up with the kite, over the line ... 2335 ... made it. Must be mad. One of just four finishers. It felt so good.

*The present ...* it still does feel good. Ask any past competitor.

*The future ...* try it yourself! 

### Aberdeen Boat Club 30<sup>th</sup> Four Peaks Race Saturday – Sunday, 18 & 19 January, 2014

- For more information, email: [keelboatsailing@abclubhk.com](mailto:keelboatsailing@abclubhk.com) or call 2553 3032.
- Find the Notice of Race and factsheets for skippers and crew at <http://www.abclubhk.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=77>
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by Michiyo Ross



*Hat-trick in Sight:*  
ABC Victorious at Inter-club Match at  
the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

By Nick Bodnar-Horvath



ABC team members amidst competitors (by Forrest Tam)

Bottom row, David Hilling (L); Centre row, Fat Tong (second from right), Peter Hilling (far right); Back row, Wayne Robinson (L), Nick Bodnar-Horvath (4th from right), and Wayne Thompson (2nd from right).

On 11 November, the Aberdeen Boat Club took on the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Hebe Haven in a three-cornered snooker challenge, some six months after the last three-cornered snooker event had taken place on 6 May. The intention is to continue these challenges twice a year to encourage fraternity between the sailing clubs.

The agreed-upon format for the evening was that each club would nominate four players in pecking order and each of the players would then play his corresponding player at the other two clubs and play two games of doubles.

Hebe Haven and RHKYC were short of players, so as a consequence, the

ABC "gave" Wayne Thompson to Hebe Haven and Wayne Robinson to the Yacht Club.

The RHKYC team were late in arriving by over one hour, which made playing 18 frames over three tables in five hours something of a challenge. Nevertheless, by 11:45 pm, 16 frames had actually been played, and it was resolved that the remaining two frames be halved.

At the end of the night, the ABC were declared the winners with nine wins, followed by Hebe Haven with seven wins and RHKYC with two wins. Our team captain Peter Hilling and organiser Nick Bodnar-Horvath were unbeaten in their matches.

All-in-all, it was a splendid evening of fun and camaraderie.

This is the second tournament we have played between sailing clubs and it was apparent that the standards from the first game had been much-enhanced, no doubt by the ABC surrogates!

We will be scheduling the next tournament for May 2014, when ABC will hope to complete a hat-trick of wins.

Yib (Yours in Baulk)

**Nick Bodnar-Horvath**  
Organiser



## Buzz dragon boat report

# Preseason Training: “Just when I thought I was out ...”

By Sebastian Bitticks

The months between October and February are quiet for Hong Kong's dragon boaters. But as with everything in dragon boating, when the season does start, it starts fast – POM – like a booming strike of the drum, or a frantic blare of the race whistle, or with a mighty, collective heave as thousands around the territory give vent to the same thought at the same instant: *break the paddle!!!*

So it's only quiet until you start to think about it. Then you can feel the drumming begin in your chest, and you know the season is coming.

I can feel it, despite being dug deep in my seasonal holiday away from the sporting life (quality time with my belly is more like it). But for my dragon boat teammates at Buzz, based at the ABC, and for any of the generations-old fishermen teams we have the rare privilege of paddling against in the flurry of the full season, these are the months that matter. During these months, the serious dragon boat teams get down to the real business of the sport: perfection.

As with anything difficult, at a distance dragon boating looks ludicrously straightforward. But in a sport that is routinely won and lost by a fraction of a second, every stroke of every paddle counts. For a club, this can be a challenge.

“For a paddler, the chance to pursue personal perfection, to hone your skill and strength to its peak, is deeply gratifying.”

It's your chance to find perfection.

It's also painful. To dragon-boat well, you must push yourself, often until your arms and eyes are burning from saltwater and exhaustion. And yet many of my favourite memories of Buzz are not of the sun-soaked days spent battling towards the beach against some of Asia's very best teams. They are of the dark, difficult, night-time sessions where I learned to bend that inch lower, pull a little harder, or simply refused to give in and call it quits.

Which is why this preseason you'll see us Buzzians out there, as ever, doing jumping jacks in the car park and heave-ho'ing through the harbour: we're addicted to perfection, in these small, hard-won doses. It can catch you quickly. Coach Henry Au-yeung told me that already some of our rookies have caught the bug, and are on their way to becoming great paddlers.

I kind of wish I hadn't talked to the coach, though. I was feeling pretty good about my off-season rut (and gut). Now, like something primal, my body begins to remember its training. I can remember the weight of the paddle in my hand, the way a wave breaks when I snap it back, the heat in my leg and it spreading across my back. And then there is the feeling of climbing out of the boat for the night, exhausted, but flush with the knowledge that you went further tonight than ever. How can I describe it? It feels close to perfection.

Sebastian Bitticks is starting his fourth season on Buzz, sooner than expected it seems. *H*

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## Beer of the Month

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# Christmas Youth Sailing Programme

## Saturday, 21 Dec., 2013 – Sunday, 5 Jan., 2014

Application Deadline  
18 December

The Christmas and New Year school holidays can be some of the best times to sail; normally we can expect great conditions with good wind, making this time of year ideal for our more advanced courses. Naturally, it is cooler and we remind students and parents of the need to wear appropriate warm clothing. However, often we have lovely sunny weather, so December sailing can be very rewarding! Our High Performance and Level 4 courses are also presently only offered once a year – so don't miss the opportunity!

Date & Time	Course	Age	Details/ entry requirements	Cost (Member/ Non-member)
Junior Courses				
Thurs 26 – Mon 30 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 1	7 – 12	Entry-level fun sailing for our youngest sailors!	840 / 1,215
Thurs 26 – Mon 30 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 2	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 1	840 / 1,215
Thurs 26 – Mon 30 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 3	7 – 13	For those who have passed Optimist stage 2	840 / 1,215
Thurs 26 – Mon 30 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 4 Race Intro	7 – 13	For those who have passed Optimist stage 3	840 / 1,215
Thurs 2 – Sun 5 Jan PM	Optimist Stage 4 Race Intro	7 – 13	Four afternoons and one morning. For those who have passed Optimist stage 3	840 / 1,215
Youth Courses				
Sat 21 – Mon 23 Dec	ABC Assistant Instructor Course	14 – adult	Students must have completed HKSF L3 and have additional sailing experience	1,512 / 2,190
Sun 22 – Tue 24 Dec	3-day Topper Pico Feva Supervised Practice	12 – 18	HSKF L2 or equivalent experience	1,512 / 2,190
Thurs 26 – Mon 30 Dec	Beginners HKSF Level 1 & 2	12 – 18	Basic entry-level sailing for teenagers	2,520 / 3,650
Sun 29 – Mon 30 Dec	RS Feva Gennaker Intro Course	12 – 18	Students must hold an RS Feva Introduction certificate	1,008 / 1,460
Sun 29 – Mon 30 Dec & Thurs 2 – Sat 4 Jan 2014	High Performance Advanced Skills, HSKF Level 4	13 – 18	Advanced skills course including spinnaker and trapeze sails, boat-handling, anchoring and introduction to navigation and meteorology. (Applicants must hold Improvers HKSF Level 3 and since have had one season of sailing.)	2,520 / 3,650
Sun 29 – Mon 30 Dec & Thurs 2 – Fri 3 Jan 2014	ABC Introduction to High Performance Sailing	13 – 18	A four-day "mini" course to introduce spinnakers and trapeze-based high performance sailing. Ideal choice for students to gain experience if not yet ready or qualified to attend the complete HKSF Level 4 course.	2,016 / 2,920
Sun 29 – Mon 30 Dec & Thurs 2 – Sat 4 Jan 2014	Improver HKSF Level 3	12 – 18	Applicants need to have passed HKSF Level 2 and since have had a season of sailing.	2,520 / 3,650
Sun 29 – Mon 30 Dec & Thurs 2 Jan 2014	RS Feva Introduction Course	12 – 18	Hold HKSF level 2 plus some additional sailing experience.	1,512 / 2,190
Fri 3 – Sun 5 Jan 2014	Laser 1 Introduction Course	12 – adult	Applicants need to have passed HKSF Level 2 and since have had some sailing experience.	1,512 / 2,190

Further details and application forms for all courses are available at the ABC main Clubhouse reception and on the ABC website, [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com). For more information, contact Angela Ho at [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com)

**The entry deadline for ALL courses is 18 December.**



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## Grade I (Written Part)

**Dates: (Course 1): 13, 18, 19, 25, 26 February,  
4, 6, 11, 13, 18 March 2014**

**(Course 2): 1, 3, 4, 15, 29 April  
8, 13, 15, 16, 20 May 2014**


Times: 6 pm to 9:45 pm

Cost:

\$8,500 for member/person/course.

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### Enrollment Form

#### Grade 1/2 courses

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#### **Notes:**

1. This training course is targeted at the exam set to be held by the Hong Kong Marine Department on 24 March 2014. Please book the exam before enrolling in the ABC course.
2. If the timing of the ABC's 24 March course does not suit you, you may attend the ABC's second course, targeted for the May 2014 exam. For the exact exam date, you may also check the following website  
[http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/npvo1.html](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/npvo1.html)
3. The minimum numbers of students to run the course is four.
4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
5. Required documents to apply to take the exam:
  - (i) Completed exam application form, which can be downloaded from <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf>
  - (ii) A copy of your Hong Kong ID card or passport
  - (iii) Exam fee \$1,255 in the form of a cheque made payable to "The government of the HKSAR"
  - (iv) A copy of your Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate, Grade 2.
  - (v) Documentary proof of required vessel operation experience as the person in charge of a powered pleasure vessel or local vessel while holding a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 certificate or equivalent. The documentary proof should be certified by the owner of the concerned vessel. Please download and follow the example form from <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84s.pdf>
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Cranberry juice, cloves,  
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### Ginger Herb Tea

Fresh ginger, camomile,  
lemongrass and Korean citron

By the glass \$38



## Cocktails of the Month

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



### Jean Leon – Mâcon Villages Blanc Château de Mirande 2011

*The wine is round and well-balanced by an acidic weft,  
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### Jean Leon Moulin à Vent 2011

*Its deep gamet-red colour and its fruity, woody bouquet make for a very supple wine,  
harmonious on the palate and full of charm.*

by the glass \$50  
by the bottle \$245



## Wines of the Month

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



# Home Wine Delivery December 2013

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
<b>Sparkling Wines</b>			
<b>Taittinger Brut Reserve N.V., France</b> Receive one free bottle with an order of 12 bottles.	\$400		
<b>Taltarni Cuveé Brut 2010, Australia</b>	\$255		
<b>Taltarni Brut Tache (Rose) 2010, Australia</b>	\$255		
<b>White Wines</b>			
<b>Quincy A.O.C. Jean Claude Roux 2012, France</b>	\$140		
<b>Michel Redde et Fils Pouilly Fuissé La Moyenerie 2010, France</b>	\$220		
<b>Jean Loron Pouilly Fuissé Les Vieux Murs 2011, France</b>	\$230		
<b>Rochford Chardonnay, Macedon Ranges 2008, Australia</b>	\$240		
<b>Reichsgraf Von Kesselstatt RK Riesling 2012, Germany</b>	\$140		
<b>Red Wines</b>			
<b>Tardieu-Laurent Côte Rôtie 2010, France</b>	\$850		
<b>Saumur Champigny Vieilles Vignes Domaine de Vieux Bourg 09/10, France</b>	\$180		
<b>Château Liversan 2008/2009, France</b>	\$220		
<b>Château de Lamarque 2008, France</b>	\$360		
<b>Chevalier de Lascombes 2008, France</b>	\$480		
<b>Rochford Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges 2009, Australia</b>	\$240		
<b>Sweet Wines</b>			
<b>Muscat de Beaumes de Venise Domaine de Coyeux 2007 (37.5 cl), France</b>	\$115		
<b>Château Belingard, Monbazillac 2009 (37.5 cl), France</b>	\$145		
<b>Single Malt Whisky</b>			
<b>Glenfarclas 17 years old</b>	\$1,100		
<b>Old Pulteney 12 years old</b>	\$650		
<b>Spirits</b>			
<b>Calvados Pays d'Auge (Pomme Prisonnière) (100 cl)</b>	\$1,250		
<b>Marc de Gewürztraminer, G.E. Massenez, France</b>	\$580		
<b>Poire William, G.E. Massenez, France</b>	\$520		
<b>Fortified Wines</b>			
<b>Pineau de Charentes 5 years old, Château Beaulon</b>	\$250		
<b>Graham's LBV Port 2007</b>	\$260		

## Free Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting  
at Middle Island on **15 December, 3 – 6 pm,**  
**at the Commodore's drinks party.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by mail, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945

**FREE delivery will be offered for purchase over 12 bottles.** Please allow 3 working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability



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# ABC-Recommended Sparkling Holiday Wines

## Also available at the Waglan Bar

Wines	Bottle \$	Quantity	Total
<b>Antonini Ceresa Antesa, Sparkling Wine, Veneto, Italy</b> A straw-coloured wine with greenish reflections flaunting an ethereal, fine and persistent bouquet with a sense of yeast. The taste is dry, delicate, and acidic, all in generous harmony.	\$97		
<b>Re Versanti, Sparkling Prosecco, Italy</b> A zesty Italian classic offering crisp acidity and silky softness in a palate-pleasing combination. Fresh and appealing aromas consist of apples, almonds, acacia honey and wisteria blossoms.	\$121		
<b>Antonini Ceresa, Prosecco, Veneto Italy</b> A brightly coloured straw-yellow wine with an intense fruity bouquet. It has a very fresh and fruity taste, making it very inviting.	\$133		
<b>Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel 2010, Stellenbosch, South Africa</b> Delightful golden-yellow colour. The yeast releases toasty-warm bread flavours with a touch of oak nuttiness. The elegant citrus aromas of chardonnay are followed by a surprising freshness on the palate.	\$144		
<b>Simonsig Kaapse Vonkel Brut Rose 2011, Stellenbosch, South Africa</b> A delightful bright, rosy salmon-pink colour that contrasts with strings of white pearly bubbles. Flavours of strawberries and raspberries dance on the palate.	\$144		
<b>Bonnaire Tradition NV, Cramant, France</b> A very well-balanced Champagne with fruity and spicy notes from the dominance of pinots, as well as a fine freshness and finesse from the chardonnay.	\$350		
<b>Michel Arnould &amp; Fils Tradition, Verzenay, France</b> The nose is fruity (pinot noir and blackberry) leading to a full-bodied wine. The light and vivid mouth increases once opened. It keeps its nice structure	\$376		
<b>Charles De Cazanove Tradition Cuvee Premier Cru, Reims, France</b> A golden-yellow colour with a fine string of bubbles that evolve harmoniously around the sides of the glass. The aromas are subtle, floral and fruity. This delicate, respectful wine remains elegantly light and exotic and delightfully balanced.	\$396		
<b>Paul Bara Brut Reserve, Bouzy, France</b> Its seductive aromas of ripe flesh fruit, dominated by yellow peaches and Mirabelle plum and by its notes of spices and honey, are punctuated by a hint of candied fruit evoking bergamot and orange peel.	\$462		
<b>Claude Cazals Carte d'Or Champagne, Le Mesnil Sur Ogen, France</b> The nose has lovely wet stone and floral nuances typical of Le Mesnil. The mouth has slightly lemony citrus flavours, accentuating the feeling of freshness. The palate is long and unctuous.	\$399		

Remember to place your order together with your catering.

Member's Name:

Membership Number:

Signature:

Contact Number:

Pick-up Date:

Pick-up Time:

### Pick-up from ABC Waglan Bar

Mixed case available. Available till the end of December.

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by mail, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945.

Please allow three working days between order and collection. All wines are subject to availability.

Please return this form to fax number: 2873 2945 or e-mail to [hsp@abclubhk.com](mailto:hsp@abclubhk.com)

# Artisanal Christmas Goodies Selection

We have selected for you this year a very large number of exceptional products for your end-of-the-year parties and family reunions. You will find in this brochure all takeaway order forms, for wine home delivery, special wine selection pickups at the Club, and cheese and baked Christmas goodies.

All of our selections and offerings will be available from 15 November until the end of December.

These boxes would make a great addition to your dinner table during the festive season or would make a special gift for someone special.

Available from Friday 15th November until the end of December. Due to the freshness of these very special products, orders need to be placed before every Monday and Saturday for a pick up from the Club respectively on Saturday and Wednesday.

## Christmas cheese takeaway boxes

All the cheeses are sourced from small farms and high-end dairies, and batches are tasted prior to shipping to Hong Kong. The crackers are baked daily and hand-cut by our suppliers, Classified Bread and Cheese. Included in the cheese boxes is quince jelly from Spain and a small bag of dried apricots and walnuts.

### Box 1 HK\$ 388

- 1 box Mont d'Or cheese
- 250gms Colston Bassett Stilton
- 50gms quince paste
- 100gms hand cut crackers
- 100gms walnuts & dried apricots

### Box 2 HK\$ 368

- 1 box Normandy Camembert
- 250gms Isle of Mull Scottish Cheddar
- 50gms quince paste
- 100gms hand cut crackers
- 100gms walnuts & dried apricots



## Christmas freshly baked goodies takeaway box

The bakery box contains daily fresh baked items from Classified Bread and Cheese. None of the items contain chemicals or additives and only A Grade quality ingredients are used in the making and baking of the products.

The mincemeat inside the mince pies is imported from England and the almond paste inside the stollen is of the best quality and imported from Denmark

### Box 3 HK\$ 288

- 1 x 150gm stollen
- 4 mince pies
- 2 gingerbread men
- 1 gingerbread star
- 1 gingerbread Christmas tree
- 6 cranberry shortbread cookies

### Individual Items

- 12 mini gingerbread men in bag HK\$ 58.
- 6 cranberry shortbread cookies bag HK\$ 38.
- 1 Danish stollen loaf approx 400gms HK\$ 58
- 4 mince pies in a bag HK\$ 62



## Order Form

	HK\$ Price	Quantity	Total
Box 1	\$388		
Box 2	\$368		
Box 3	\$288		
12 mini gingerbread men in bag	\$58		
6 cranberry shortbread cookies bag	\$38		
1 Danish Stollen loaf approx 400gms	\$58		
4 mince pies in a bag	\$62		



Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Collection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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For inquiries, please contact our F&B team on 2553 3422



## 2013 Seasonal Takeaway Order Form

Item	Description	Weight/ Unit	HK\$ Price	No. of people to be served	Quantity	Amount	Remarks
<b>Canapés</b>							
CA1	Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls with Soft-shell Crab	Doz	188	/			
CA2	Smoked Salmon Rosettes with Cream Cheese and Crab Roe	Doz	188	/			
CA3	Crispy Risotto Ball	Doz	138	/			
CA4	Mini-Beef Wellington	Doz	198	/			
CA5	Sausage Rolls	Doz	168	/			
CA6	Seafood Vol-au-Vent	Doz	188	/			
<b>Salads</b>							
S1	Caesar Salad	Tray	380	8 to 10			
S2	Greek Salad	Tray	360	8 to 10			
S3	Tuna Nicoise Salad	Tray	360	8 to 10			
S4	Avocado and Prawn Cocktail	Tray	420	8 to 10			
S5	Chicken Waldorf Salad	Tray	380	8 to 10			
<b>Main Dishes</b>							
C1	Roast Turkey	5 to 6 kg	680	8 to 10			
C2	Roast Turkey	6 to 8 kg	800	12 to 16			
C3	Roast Turkey	8 to 10 kg	1000	18 to 22			
C4	Turkey with Home-made Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce	5 to 6 kg	800	8 to 10			
C5	Turkey with Home-made Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce	6 to 8 kg	1000	12 to 16			
C6	Turkey with Home-made Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce	8 to 10 kg	1300	18 to 22			
C7	Brussels Sprouts, Parsnips, Carrots and French Beans	1 kg	280	6 to 8			
C8	Home-made Chestnut and Herb Stuffing	1 kg	200	8 to 10			
C9	Western Australian Rack of Lamb (7 ribs)	1.8 kg	420	4 to 6			
C10	Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Jus	2.8 kg	480	8 to 10			
C11	Roasted Prime Rib with Jus and Condiments	6 kg	1600	10 to 12			
C12	Roasted Pineapple Ham with Applesauce	7 kg	1350	12 to 16			
C13	Honey-glazed Bone Ham with Pineapple Sauce	9 kg	1250	18 to 22			
C14	Gammon Ham with Honey Gravy	4 kg	650	8 to 10			
C15	Roasted Whole Goose	4 kg	800	8 to 10			
C16	Beef Wellington (U.S. beef)	4 kg	980	8 to 10			
C17	Lasagne with Mozzarella, Fresh Basil and Tomato	Tray	360	8 to 10			
C18	Oven-baked Tandoori Salmon and Condiments	1 kg	420	8 to 10			
<b>Desserts</b>							
D1	Whole Strawberry Tart (8")	1.2 kg	360	8			
D2	Christmas Cake	1 kg	380	8			
D3	Christmas Yule Log (Vanilla)	1.2 kg	380	8			
D4	Christmas Fruit Cake	1 kg	360	8			
D5	Black Forest Cake	1.2 kg	380	8			
D6	American Cheese Cake	1.2 kg	380	8			
D7	Minced Pie 60 g	Pc	18				
D8	Minced Pie 40 g	Pc	15				
D9	Minced Pie 60 g	Doz	208				
D10	Minced Pie 40 g	Doz	168				

**Please place your order by 20 December.**

Member's Name:

Membership Number:

Contact Number:

Collection Date:

Time:

Signature:

Please fax back to 2873 2945 or e-mail to [fnb@abclubhk.com](mailto:fnb@abclubhk.com)

For inquiries, please contact our F&B team on 2553 3422



# Christmas Tree and Wreath Order Form

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Noble Fir			
Size in feet	HK\$ Price	Quantity	Total
4' - 5'	854.00		
5' - 6'	1,143.00		
6' - 7'	1,353.00		
7' - 8'	1,668.00		
8' - 9'	2,560.00		
9 - 10'	2,928.00		

Douglas Fir			
5' - 6'	754.00		
6' - 7'	927.00		
7' - 8'	1,064.00		
8' - 9'	1,563.00		

Wreath Plant			
	HK\$ Price	Quantity	Total
Noble Wreath W101			
20"	205.00		
24"	242.00		
Mixed Wreath W301			
20"	242.00		
24"	273.00		

Poinsettia			
Pot Size/Plant Height		Quantity	Red or White
5" / 10 cm	72.00		
9" / 24 cm	93.00		
12" / 30 cm	124.00		

Please place your order **BEFORE** 10 December 2013.

Delivery starts on 5 December 2013. Free delivery for Hong Kong Island. No delivery for Kowloon, New Territories and outlying islands.

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ordering: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

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