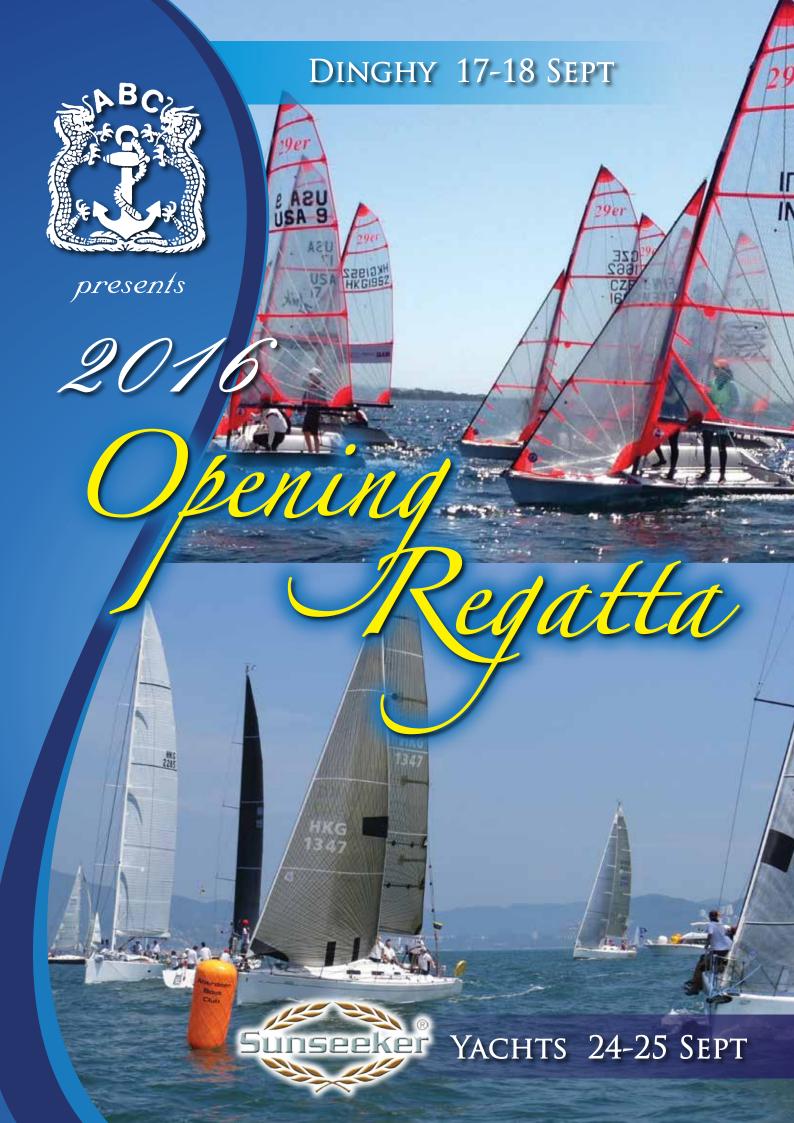


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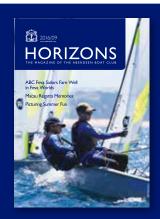
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#### Commodore's Letter

eather, with its abnormalities, has been a factor in our lives and activities all year. July was no exception: the second-hottest on record and the driest ever, which gave us day after day of clear skies and gin-clear visibility. What was lacking was wind, disrupting several of the Summer Series races. Back to normal with typhoon signal 8 on 1 August, which passed swiftly with only minor damage - thanks to staff preparation and diligence.

Meanwhile, the Club's dinghy crews were having plenty of wind, fun and success on the European round of regattas this summer (details in October Horizons). Well-earned congratulations go again to Nathan Bradley and Yann d'Argenlieu, who won gold at the German 29ers regatta. A magnificent achievement, in part stemming from the ABC's successful schooling and coaching programmes, which attract an increasing number of new recruits: this year's summer camp saw its highestattendance ever.

Much of this success is attributable to the efforts and skill of Kevin Lewis. who leaves the ABC this month to pursue new ideas and opportunities after 10 years with us. He leaves with the credit,

and our gratitude, for the growth and reputation of our multi-dinghy training school from a very modest start.

Coincidentally the Club's accountant. Leslie Chan, leaves at the same time after eight years' dedicated service behind the scenes, keeping the "score" and helping to keep the Club solvent. He will join his family in Canada where we wish him a very happy future.

Still on the subject of human interest, I'm sad to report that our Vice Commodore Mark Clift suffered a severely fractured leg after slipping on a marble floor (not one of ABC's, T.G.!). He is now out of hospital working from, and living in, a ground-floor hotel apartment in Cyberport. He has displayed remarkable fortitude throughout and is responding well, with a smile, to treatment. We hope to see him back soon on the terrace behind a cigar and a glass of Bordeaux.

#### Looking ahead;

The Summer Series final race and prizegiving and "Big Day Out" will have taken place by this issue's publication date, to round off the summer. The Dinghy and Cruiser Opening Regattas will be split between separate weekends for the first time, as testament to the growing



numbers of dinghy entrants. Dates are 17-18 and 24-25 Sept. And then, the start of the Waglan Series (with separate eastand west-bound start locations as for the Summer Series) and a new event (again, dinghy popularity is the catalyst), the Tong Po Chan series running from September to May. (See article on page 12.)

So an exciting season looms, not only on the water but socially, with many events planned, in the main Clubhouse and on Middle Island. Oh ... and the budget was passed, so you can expect to see some renovation work taking place at the main Clubhouse, and also you may have spotted the new safety and shuttle boat off Middle Island.

#### **Chris Pooley** Commodore



#### Flag Officer's Report

n 28 June 2016, we held an in order to bring the references in the Articles in line with Hong Kong's new Companies Ordinance, which came into effect in March 2014. We last held an EGM in November 2015 to effect more substantive amendments. This EGM was called to address some minor clerical issues of a technical nature as well as some refinements.

Looking at our membership, it was decided to extend the memberships of Young Associate Members and Cadet Members to the age of 30. The thinking behind these changes was to allow such memberships to continue and be enjoyed

whilst the cadet is in full-time education. Extraordinary Meeting of the Club The tendency these days is for young members to continue full-time education beyond the first degree and it was felt that this relaxation would help the Club retain our younger members at a time when perhaps they were not yet in fulltime employment.

> We also included provisions to set out the procedures and function of the disciplinary subcommittee and to provide for a summary procedure for minor infractions.

In view of the technical aspects of the meeting, it was difficult to enthuse sufficient members to make up a quorum. Consequently those members



who were present 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting were deemed sufficient to satisfy the quorum, in accordance with the Articles.

#### **Nick Bodnar-Horvath** Honorary General Secretary

#### 2016 HKODA NATIONAL & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

香港樂天帆船錦標賽

8>10 October 2016

VENUE RHKYC Middle Island 中途島 香港遊艇會

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#### Dear Members,

I am writing this letter to you all to focus primarily on one topic; the evolution of the situation of Steven Ng, the long-standing ABC house manager. You were all made aware in July that our colleague has been very ill for several months now, and that his health has not improved since his hospitalization in May.

Steven joined the Club in September 1997, working his way up from F&B waiter to the very important role of house manager, involved in literally every corner of the Club and our Member services.

Over these 19 years of hard work and commitment, Steven always has been a good staff member, arranging outside and extra activities for staff and members alike. He always played a prominent role in organising the annual staff party. Steven is well-respected by all, and has many longtime supporters within our Members and life-absent Members, who consider him more a friend than Club staff. Steven worked hard and deserved his multiple promotions, and his unwavering dedication to the Club should be recognised.

It is now over three months since our colleague and friend Steven has been in a coma. Many of our ABC staff, including managers, and my wife and I, have visited Steven in hospital. Many of us also have visited his family many times to ensure Steven has not been forgotten and to give his family a bit of the support they deserve.

I must thank you on behalf of the Club if you have visited Steven and his family during this harsh time in their lives. One must face reality, as the many good intentions and feelings we have can never remove the despair the Ng family is going through today. Nor can we replace doctors or take away fate.

#### Poor progress and prognosis

The limited power and progress over his sickness has frustrated everyone in his entourage. We have been assured by his team of doctors that he has received all treatments and drugs available, but his infection is stronger than the weapons doctors have, hence the little response and progress made. Regardless of many hopes from all of us that he might get back on his feet and soon recover his health and happiness, it has been now a very long time for anyone to be in a coma, suffering from various infections. Hope now is shrinking significantly. I am extremely sad by this and I know that many of you are heartbroken, which is normal as our friend is battling an evil time in his life and nothing can be done.

It is now clear that I have a difficult decision of considering a replacement for this key role for the Club, but rest assured that if Steven regains consciousness and recovers to the stage where he could work again, the Club will have its door open, as it has for others before.

Meanwhile, other people are affected by Steven's illness; particularly his children.

#### What is needed

It is now evident that Steven will not be able to work for a long period of time, and may never work again. His wife is a teacher of disabled children and makes a few thousand dollars a month. Steven has two children; Stephanie Ng Pui Ying (24) and William Ng Ho Yuen (22). Stephanie finished school in Hong Kong, then spent a few years in Korea learning the language and then in the United States, perfecting her English. She is about to embark on a full-time Bachelor of Art (Honours) course in International Relations and Politics at Portsmouth University in the UK. After



William finished secondary school, he went straight to the UK's Portsmouth University and is now in his final year working toward his Bachelor in Science (Hons) of Music and Sound Technology. (As Steven himself earned.)

Steven was funding his children's educational costs by selling his flat then moving to a much smaller unit. That was without thinking that such a drastic medical situation could hit their family. Now the family future looks grim as money will not come in as before and a large shortfall soon will affect them.

The ABC General Committee has agreed to my proposal to create a funding system to collect money and support to give his children the chance to continue studying in the UK and alleviate the financial burden. I have created a crowdfunding system that is secure and transparent.

I hope you will be all disposed to contribute up to your possibility and willingness.

#### **Education funding needs**

The crowd-funding scheme I propose will assist Steven's family to pay for his children's education whilst the money he has will support his living.

The target is to raise HK\$\$600,000 over the next three years.

I am therefore calling on your generosity and for you to join the crowdfunding group created with www.youcaring.com by donating online.

#### How to donate?

- Get on the website page www.youcaring.com,
- Select the fundraiser group "Steven's child education fund", and
- Donate through "Paypal".

Your donation to Steven and his family will go through 100 percent. The Club will pay every 2.9 percent fee and U.S. 30-cent fee for each transaction. The cash will be automatically delivered to a specially created trust account so that payment will be made against education invoices.

You can remain anonymous or give your name and write a message of support that Steven's wife and children certainly will see.

This is the best solution, I find, for its transparency and security. You will be able to return to the webpage anytime to check progress toward the \$600,000 goal to help and support Steven Ng and his family.

I thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

#### Philippe de Manny

General Manager

Details	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	Overall Total	Target to raise	
Daughter Starting a full time course at Portsmouth University BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics	\$125,440	\$125,440	\$125,440			
Son Last year of study at Portsmouth University BSc (Hons) Music Sound Technology	\$130,641	\$ -	\$ -	\$596,961	\$600,000	
Both Optional living expenses	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$22,500			
YEARLY TOTAL	\$301,081	\$147,940	\$147,940			

# ABC Junk for Hire Available weekdays for Parties, Day Trips and Water Sports 26799

Pick-up at ABC, Central pier, Causeway Bay or TST public pier.

The ABC can provide food and beverages including a range of hot and cold dishes, desserts and drinks. ABC chef and waiters are available. Email fnb@abclubhk.com

Rental of speedboats, banana boats and waterskis may be arranged via ABC's Marine Services at 9276 2932.

Night-time: 6 pm – 11 pm Daytime: 9 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday: \$4,600

Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays: \$5,300

Maximum passengers: 42

For details, please contact ABC membership services manager Cobo Liu at 2553 3032 or mbs@abclubhk.com

# Hong Kong's Traffic Separation Schemes and Principal Fairways

By Alex Johnston

he Lamma Traffic Separation Scheme and other Hong Kong fairways are some of the busiest in the world. On a recent visit to the Hong Kong Vessel Tracking Centre (VTC), ABC marine and sailing staff were informed that on a daily basis, Hong Kong waters have over 400 major vessel movements!

The VTC has a new state-of-the-art tracking system, so all vessels in Hong Kong waters are constantly being monitored and recorded.

Therefore when you are out and about on Hong Kong waters, whether racing or cruising, please ensure that you follow the Hong Kong Marine Department's guidelines for Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) and Fairways. The purpose of providing Principal Fairways and Traffic Separation Schemes is to improve the safety of navigation in areas where traffic density is high or where traffic movement is restricted. In the waters of Hong Kong, there are 10 Principal Fairways and two Traffic Separation Schemes. (See guide on next page.)

Let us remind all sailors and boaters that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) take precedence at all times – even if you are racing and under sail, you have no special rights over a large commercial vessel that is travelling up or down a TSS or fairway.

In other parts of the world, such as in the Solent/ Southampton waters in the U.K., successful prosecutions have been brought against yachts that have caused serious incidents with large commercial vessels in restricted waterways.

In 2011, the skipper of the unfortunate yacht shown below was found guilty and fined a total of £100,000, including all of the costs of the UK's Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) prosecution!

As long as the basic rules are followed, of course there is no reason to be concerned.

It is also why the Club recently introduced the new separate ABC Round Island and ABC Lamma starts for its island races, to avoid racing across the Lamma TSS. These will form part of the new ABC SSI's 2017, which will be ready later in the autumn.

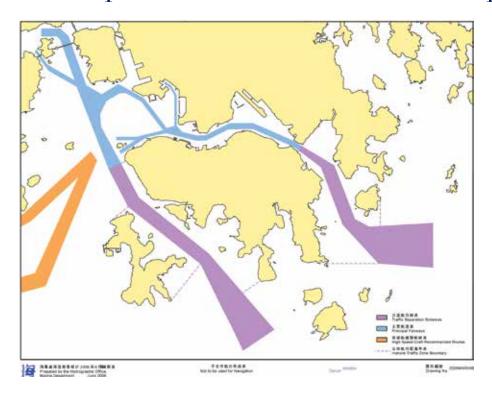
Have a safe, enjoyable time on the water and please read the guidelines (next page) issued by the Marine Department.

#### **Alex Johnston**

Marine Services Manager



# The Hong Kong Marine Department's Traffic Separation Schemes and Principal Fairways



#### **Principal Fairways**

- Eastern Fairway
- Hung Hom Fairway
- Central Fairway
- Yau Ma Tei Fairway
- Northern Fairway
- North Green Island Fairway
- Southern Fairway
- Western Fairway
- Ma Wan Fairway
- Kap Shui Mun Fairway

Traffic Separation Schemes
Tathong Channel Traffic Separation Scheme
East Lamma Channel Traffic Separation Scheme

DO's DON'Ts

vvnen Using Principal Fairway	
Always observe International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Colregs) and remember NO special right of way for a vessel proceeding along a PF	Anchor within the fairway limits
Keep to the outer limit of the fairway which lies on the starboard side of your vessel	Engage in fishing within the fairway limits
Sound the appropriate signals as required by Colregs regarding overtaking situations	Impede the passage of a large vessel
Cross a fairway at right angle	
When Using Traffic Separation Scheme	
Always observe International Collision Regulations	Anchor in Traffic Separation Scheme at or near its termination
Proceed in the appropriate lane in the direction of traffic flow for that lane	Enter a separation zone or cross a separation line except in case of emergency or to avoid immediate danger
Keep clear of a traffic separation line or separation zone	Impede the safe passage of a large vessel following the traffic lane
Join or leave a traffic lane at its end where possible	
When joining or leaving a traffic lane from either side, do so at as small an angle as possible to the general direction of traffic flow	
Cross the traffic lanes at right angles	
Navigate with particular caution in areas where traffic lanes terminate or where there is a precautionary area	

Vessels Not Using Principal Fairway or Traffic Separation Scheme shall avoid it by as wide a margin as is practicable



#### September F&B Events at the Club

In the Four Peaks fine dining restaurant, the menu will feature various beef dishes.

In the Galley and Patio, you can enjoy a number of different Caribbean dishes.

#### September's featured wine from Italy

Hauner Salina Bianco 2014 Monte Antico Sangiovese Cabernet Merlot 2011 By the glass, \$58, by the bottle, \$280

#### September's featured beer from Australia

Coopers Sparkling Ale
By the bottle \$39

#### September Cocktails

#### **Cucumber Mojito**

White rum, fresh cucumber with fresh mint and fresh lime and mojito syrup with a splash of soda \$50/\$38 non-alcoholic

#### September Events

#### Seafood barbecue with free craft beers tasting

The Patio, Saturday, 10 September 6:30-9:30 pm Adults \$289, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$249, children \$189 (ages 3-12)

#### Mid-Autumn Buffet and free wine tasting

The Patio, Thursday, 15 September 6:30-9:30 pm Adults \$258 including a glass of wine, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$228, children \$158 (ages 3-12) including a soft drink

#### **Bellingham Wine Dinner**

The Four Peaks, Friday, 30 September 6:30 pm Guest speaker: Kenneth Lee Adults \$489

#### **National Day Buffet**

The Patio, Saturday, 1 October 6:30-9:30 pm Adults \$278 including a glass of bubbly wine, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$248, children (ages 3-12) \$178 (including a soft drink)

To reserve for your family and friends, call Reception at 2552 8182 or email booking@abclubhk.com

#### **Home Wine Delivery September 2016**

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
SPARKLING			
Reversanti Prosecco NV, Friuli, Italy Floral and fruity on the nose, rich with fine bubbles.	\$160		
WHITES			
Jade River, Sauvignon Blanc 2015, Marlborough, New Zealand Hints of guava and passionfruit and herbaceous grassiness with citrus. Medium body with a refreshing finish.	\$188		
<b>Picker Hut, Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc 2015, Southeastern Australia</b> Fruity with a refreshing finish. Perfect for a hot summer day.	\$118		
Simonsig Gewürztraminer 2015, Stellenbosch, South Africa Hints of lychee, rose petals and honey. Rich and well-balanced on the palate.	\$165		
Guillaume Vrignaud Chablis 2014, Burgundy, France Perfect aperitif. Dominated by citrus and mineral. A great example of an old-world white.	\$258		
REDS			
Kirrihill Pinot Noir 2012, Adelaide Hills, Australia Fragrant and perfumed black fruits with leather and spice aromas and a subtle tobacco leaf bouquet.	\$175		
Karrimont Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2012, Margaret River, Australia Great depth and richness of colour, with lovely mulberry and exotic dark berry fruits.	\$280		
Simonsig Shiraz 2011, Stellenbosch, South Africa Vibrant, plummy, with blueberries and spice notes. Hints of vanilla pods intertwine with the well-grafted tannin.	\$185		
Toscolo Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2010, Tuscany, Italy Ample bouquet of cherries, plums, violets and irises. Full and luscious palate with a long finish.	\$280		
ROSÉ			
Marcel Martin Syrah 2014, Languedoc, France Typical French: rose-fruity and fresh, giving hints of fresh strawberries and raspberries.	\$135		
	Total		

### Free Wine Tasting at the Galley and Patio, Thursday, 15 September, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Mid-Autumn Festival buffet

Remember to place your wine order together with your catering needs.

\*Minimum order – 12 bottles and mixed case available.

Member Name:	Membership Number:
Tel (Office):	Tel (Home):
Delivery Address:	
Delivery Date:	Member Signature:

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Orders accepted by post, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department on 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945
Free delivery for orders of 12 bottles or above. Please allow three working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability.





#### Mid-Autumn Festival buffet, Thursday, 15 September

The Galley and Patio 6:30-9:30 pm

#### Salads and starters:

Your choice of lettuce, vegetables and condiments; smoked salmon, potato salad, coleslaw, crabmeat salad, cold cuts, tomato salad, terrine of salmon and Chinese soup.

#### Main course:

Your choice of pepper steak, poached salmon, chicken wings, sardines, steamed scallops, soya chicken, sweet and sour fish and E-Fu noodles, with mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables.

#### Desserts:

Moon cakes, herb jellies, chestnut cake, mango pudding, bread and butter pudding and fruit platters.

Adults \$258 including a complimentary glass of wine, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$228, children (aged 3-12) \$158, including a soft drink.

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#### National Day Buffet, Saturday, 1 October

The Patio 6:30-9:30 pm

#### Salads and starters:

Your choice from amongst a variety of salad greens and garnishes and lobster soup.

#### Main dishes:

Your choice from amongst salmon, sushi, sashimi, cold cuts, potato salad, pineapple salad, grapes with cream cheese, prawn and grapefruit salad, Alaska crab legs, water crabs, shrimp cocktail, mussels and rock oysters, as well as baked ling fish, barbecued prawns, mini-steaks, spare ribs, seasonal vegetables and potatoes, soya chicken, sweet and sour fish, steamed coral trout, sautéed squid, chicken masala, and roasted prime rib of beef.

#### **Desserts:**

Fruit platter, mango pudding, seasonal mixed fruit, strawberry Napoléon, egg white soufflé with berries, chestnut tart, marbled cheesecake, bread and butter pudding and bean curd in syrup.

Adults \$278 including a glass of bubbly wine, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$248, children (ages 3-12) \$178 (including a soft drink)

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#### Development Update

## Middle Island

By Philippe de Manny

ver *Horizons*' next few issues, I will update Members on these Middle Island topics: The work schedule (September), the team (October), milestones achieved (November) and a finance review (December). In November we will hold another MI Town Hall meeting; details to follow. Expect much detailed information. Comments are welcome, so please come.

The questions all ask are "When are you starting the building of Middle Island?" and even "Is it finished?". We have yet to start the big work, as to do so we need the Government's approval, and this is taking a long time – a delay that affects every project, not just ours. The ABC lease is a PRL (Private Recreation Lease) type, thus the Home Affairs Bureau has a major role in development review and approval. Their decision hangs on comments they receive from every other department involved, and practically every department of Hong Kong needs to be consulted.

Each time we get to a new higher level, more surveys, explanations and justifications are required, and the extra

documentation's results comes back only according to a specific department's statutory response time. Some even lack a time limit and reply whenever they are ready. This has considerably delayed our expected starting dates. Hence the growing frustration you and we have.

Below is the future expected schedule of work, assuming all reasonable replies from the Government. Note that when the project is gazetted it could face a challenge, practically from anyone in Hong Kong. An objection would delay the start.

Obtain all approvals

Procurement

July to December 2017

Commence building West Reclamation

Complete the West Reclamation

Commence building accommodations

Complete Stage 2 essential accommodation

Complete Stage 3A ground floor Clubhouse

June 2017

June 2017

2018

2019

Complete Stage 2 essential accommodation

2020

Complete Stage 3A ground floor Clubhouse

#### Race Season 2016/17

# ABC Innovations in Dinghy Racing

By the ABC Dinghy Committee

elcome to our dinghy racing!
Here is how it will work for
the 2016/17 series. We also
include the Autumn 2016, Spring 2017
and Summer 2017 race dates.

This article gives an overview of how our friendly club racing works, and gives the what, where, how, and when of dinghy racing. Whilst this article is centred on weekend racing, we also have Wednesday morning racing, for which we hope to have an article in a following *Horizons*.

#### The background

The ABC has trained and run races going back to at least 1982 when we bought a fleet of Phase 2 dinghies (roughly Laser length with a jib) from New Zealand.

We sailed them from the back of a catamaran-mounted shed moored off of what became the present Middle Island Clubhouse.

Enterprises were added in 1988, not long after the Enterprise Worlds in Hong Kong around 1985. Key movers in those days were Ashley Wagg and John Wilson. Over the years, more boats were added and racing was built up. In 2000, the ABC formed joint dinghy racing with the RHKYC roughly in the format in which we still operate together today, often with fleets of 20 and over. Come and join us!

#### Racing now

The racing in 2016-2017 will be run in three series: Spring, Summer and Autumn, as it was pre-2000. Each series

has three-to-four race days, with two races being run each race day, starting at 1:30 pm on Sundays. Whilst we tried Saturdays, we had problems getting numbers. These races are run jointly with RHKYC's dinghy group.

Our races are sailed in a friendly but keen manner. There are boat handicaps and sailor's handicaps (based on your performance) so you don't have to be an Olympic sailor to compete. Racing is an excellent way to improve your skills – learn as you go from others.

The races have two divisions: the Open and Optimist divisions.

#### Getting a boat

If you don't have your own, hire an ABC boat. For hiring you should be on the

# Dinghy Racing Resurgence: Summer Series Update

quick round-up on the resurgence of Sunday dinghy racing: In the 2016 Spring Series, our last race day enjoyed the best turnout in some time, with 13 Lasers of various types in Division A and five Fevas in Division B, numbers bolstered by some race training boats.

This continued (but without race training groups joining) in the Summer Series. Division A had between five

and 10 entrants over eight races, while Division B had an average of five, but just for a few races. Overall, 23 different sailors/skippers competed in the two divisions. Division A welcomed new but competent and competitive sailors Sjored and Sim Hoekstra and Esther van Wijck, as well as older hands Tristan Stewart plus Lucy and James Ross back to racing.

#### Results

#### Division A Winners:

- 1. Patrick Bruce
- 2. Sjored Hoekstra
- 3. John Berry

Line Honours - Patrick Bruce

#### Division B Winners:

- 1. Adelaide Orange
- 2. Harrison Fullwood
- 3. Loïc Evanno; first and third positions determined on countback under App. A8.2.

dinghy hiring list, which normally means that you need to have passed a Level 2 course, sailed on that type of craft, and lodged a form. Optimists may join if under the supervision/training of the Club.

If you are an experienced sailor, the Dinghy Committee can assess you and have you put on the list directly. Otherwise, persuade someone on the list to go out with you!

Popular boats for hire are Laser 2000s, Fevas and Picos for two-up, and Laser 1 (standard, Radial or 4.7 rig, depending on the wind and your size) for solo.

#### Courses

On Sundays, the races are held on the south side of Middle Island, between it and Round Island, in outer Deep Water Bay/Repulse Bay. Courses are normally windward/leeward around buoys.

Leave the ramp by around 1 pm to get there. You'll meet other sailors, and a Sailing Committee member should be at Middle Island to help, at least from arrival of the 11:30 am ferry.

The races are less than an hour each. Note that there are discards allowed, so if you have to miss a day you won't be disadvantaged.

We will introduce a new longer race once in each series to replace the two "around the cans" races (and so enable scoring of double points); one to Chesterman buoy, and one around Round

Island. This will be held when the wind is up and will be very popular with the fast boats (shorter courses for smaller boats). Of course, sufficient safety boats will be provided.

#### **Tong Po Chau Series**

Tong Po Chau is the Cantonese name for Middle Island and is what we've chosen to name a new race series. We are starting a new Autumn-Spring series to make a more interesting longer season. This will overlay the results of the Autumn and Spring series going up to Summer 2017, and so will not detract from the present joint series. We hope for more prizes and hopefully a new sponsor.

#### Results and get-together

After the race, join other racers to chat over the action over a drink. Results will follow in the coming week, under interclub joint results (under boat handicap) and ABC results (under boat and individual handicap). Prizes will follow the end of each series, at the Middle Island Clubhouse.

Most of your questions on the racing should be clarified on the Club's website at http://www.abclubhk.com/club\_dinghy\_racing.aspx. Alternatively, call ABC Marine Coordinator Jennifer Li at 2552 8182 extension 834.

#### The more important elements are:

- The Notice of Race and Schedule of Racing
- The courses, and
- The standard sailing instructions

Please note we will have other nonseries regattas and events, including the ABC Dinghy-Cruiser Challenge on 26 November.

Do not hesitate to contact the dinghy committee (John Berry, Diana Bruce, Michele Clark, Maggie Bradley, Tim Edmonds, James Ross, Alex Johnston, and Rory Godman) or the Club for any queries.

See you on the water.

#### The 2016-17 Race Schedule

#### Autumn Series 2016

Sunday, 4 Sept	2016 Spring 1
Sunday, 2 Oct	2016 Spring 2
Sunday, 13 Nov	2016 Spring 3
Sunday, 18 Dec	2016 Spring 4

#### Spring Series 2017

Sunday, 26 March	2017 Spring 1
Sunday, 9 April	2017 Spring 2
Sunday, 23 April	2017 Spring 3

#### Summer Series 2017

Sunday, 18 June 2017 Summer 1 Sunday, 16 July 2017 Summer 2 Sunday, 13 Aug 2017 Summer 3



#### Dinghy for Sale

fter many years of service, the ABC is now offering our Laser 2 dinghy for sale. The Laser 2, designed in 1980, is a double-handed version of the popular Laser. The dinghy comes complete with sails, launching trolley and boat cover. ABC members get purchase priority, but the buyer *must* remove the dinghy from Middle Island within two weeks of purchase. Offers and enquiries to Alex Johnston at marine.services@abclubhk.com.









# Farewell, Leslie and Kevin!

By Philippe de Manny, photos by Matthew Tsui

n Friday evening, 12 August, the ABC hosted a farewell party for outgoing ABC Financial Controller Leslie Chan and Dinghy Sailing Manager Kevin Lewis. Over 60 members came to say farewell.

Leslie Chan, who joined us on 5 May 2008 as our senior accountant, is now leaving us to reunite with his family in Canada. Leslie has been keeping our accounts in a good state all these years with dedication and professionalism.

Kevin Lewis joined us on 1 November 2006 to start and develop a dinghy sailing school at the Aberdeen Boat Club. He completed this task so well and to such an extent that today, the school of sailing has grown from a simple Optimist course

to multi-level instruction on a large variety of dinghies. Kevin is now leaving us for another adventure but surely you will see him around again.

Our commodore, Chris Pooley, gave a full report on the past years, and how the Club benefitted from the contributions of Leslie and Kevin. Lots of cheers and applause were heard, finally the clock was ticking, and once the traditional watches were given, we all departed in good spirits, wishing Leslie and Kevin well.

Please enjoy these photos of the evening along with your own memories of these two stalwarts of the Club.

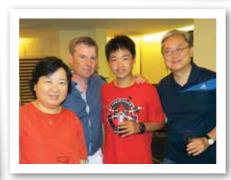
































### The Feva World Championships 2016:

# iFeva España!

By Michele Clark

ix ABC Aberdeen Racing Academy (ARA) sailors arrived in Santander, on Spain's northern coast, on 21 July to compete in the Feva World Championships. The ABC entered three boats: Karrie Clark (helm) with Juliette Clot (crew), who represented the girl's and under-13 categories; Augustin

Clot (helm) with Adam
Pheasant (crew); and Lewis
Clark (helm) with Robert Lacy
(crew). Most of the sailors
competing were from the
ARA's Optimist team, so
moving up into the Fevas was
going to be a big challenge. In
true Academy spirit, each and
every kid took this on and did
incredibly well.

Weather conditions started the week at around 15 knots. While good for our two heavier boats, the high winds meant the girls found it harder, taking into account their strength and weight. Augustin and Adam had a consistent first day, while Lewis and Robert struggled to find their feet.

Day 2, slow as it was

overcast with little visibility, was especially eventful for the girls. Racing could not commence until the rain cleared and at 2 pm everyone launched. The girls were in the red fleet. Choosing to go the opposite side of the course to everyone else paid off, as they were first to the top mark by several boat lengths. Lack of







experience with the gennaker lost them a couple of places on the downwind and reach, but they still managed a very respectable third place overall.

The second race saw the girls once again choose the opposite side to the rest of the fleet, which again worked well, resulting in a fifth position.

for the girls, who had only trained together a handful of times in the Feva. Lewis and Robert didn't have such a great and Robert struggled again first race, ending with a black flag for being over the line after the one-minute signal. Augustin and Adam again had a solid day with a 14th and a 20th in the yellow fleet.

Day 3 saw the boats placed into gold, silver and bronze fleets based on the results from the two previous race days. Augustin and Adam, and Karrie and Juliette, were in the silver fleet, while Lewis

and Robert were in bronze. There was a lot of hanging around again as there was no wind. Eventually everyone launched but only one race was completed.

Augustin and Adam got off to a flying start and finished second, only to be advised when on dry land that This was an excellent result they had a DNF. Obviously outraged they protested to the race committee and their second was reinstated. Lewis with another black flag, but promised us all that apart from the black flags it was onwards and upwards!

> Day 4 was a long day. The race committee needed to squeeze in at least four races after only one being completed on Day 3. Lewis and Robert showed a big improvement, which led to some smiles when they came in. Karrie and Juliette again

sailed well and were in the top half of the fleet. Augustin and Adam definitely started to find form and were sailing exceptionally well.

#### Perseverance pays off

Day 5 and a few nerves were evident for the final day's racing (and that was just the parents!). Augustin and Adam were second in the silver fleet while the girls had moved up to 11th. Lewis and Rob were also desperate for a good result on their last day.

The course was moved to a completely different area and there were three races left.

In the first race, Lewis and Rob started well from the pin end and were second around the top mark. They managed to hold their place throughout the rest of the race ... at last a reward for their perseverance. Whether it was down to nerves, lack of experience or

windier conditions, the girls didn't have their best day. Augustin and Adam again showed good form and were in the top half of the fleet.

Final results: Augustin and Adam placed sixth in the silver fleet, Karrie and Juliette placed 25th in the silver fleet and Lewis and Robert finished 25th in the bronze fleet.

Overall, it was an incredible experience for the entire team. They pushed themselves to the limit, dealing with disappointments and triumphs, but most importantly they learned so much along the way.

A big thank you goes to coach Akira Sakai who helped and encouraged them through the hard times but ensured they kept level-headed during the good times. Thanks go also to head coach Rory Godman and the ABC who helped make this event possible for the team. H











#### 5-6 November 2016

# Hebe Haven 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race

By Diana Bruce

he annual 24-hour charity dinghy race organised by Hebe Haven Yacht Club is set for 5-6 November 2016. The race first was held back in 2002, and the ABC has fielded teams every year. It has an excellent safety record (with 300 volunteers to manage the event!) It is one of only four 24-hour race events worldwide and the only and longest-running 24-hour endurance aquathon in Hong Kong and south-east Asia. So it is something very special.

You can't miss this unique event. The 24-hour dinghy race has a great

village and carnival atmosphere with live entertainment over the event weekend. This year HHYC is looking for 50 boat entries, which means some 500 sailors will be involved.

Even if you can't sail, you can help by raising funds for the charities (Children's Cancer Foundation, Enlighten – Action for Epilepsy, IDEAL, TREATS and Sailability).

For those who would like to be part of the ABC team, please email Angela Ho at sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com with details of your sailing experience. We organise shifts to cover the whole

24 hours, from 2 pm on Saturday, 5 November until 2 pm on Sunday, 6 November. The adult team normally sails two-hour shifts, and the junior team sails 1.5 -hour shifts, but we hope our sailors can be a bit flexible as the wind is always very unpredictable! If there are times you really cannot be at Hebe Haven, then please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Night-time sailing can be magic, so why not give it a try! H



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# The Macau International Dinghy Regatta 2016

By Kevin Lewis, Cedric Wong and Audrey Chazerand, photos by Kevin Lewis

his year's Macau Dinghy Regatta took place over 18-19 June, off Hac Sa beach. Once again, the ABC supported the event with a team of 13 sailors accompanied by coach Kevin Lewis. The ABC has been involved in supporting this event for seven years since its 2010 inception.

Whilst racing is very competitive, the event is structured in a very straightforward manner with simple courses run directly off the beach. Boats are based out of the Associação de Vela de Macau Sailing Centre.

The Macau Regatta is ideal for junior sailors or even adults with a bit less racing experience. Set up as a family-focussed event, each sailor and their family stay together at the nearby Grand Coloane Beach Resort Hotel (formerly the Westin), and the whole regatta is very much a social weekend away.

This regatta saw teams not only from Macau, HHYC and RHKYC, but also Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Taipei. It's not just an event for our sailors to attend, but also a positive way that our club can help stimulate and support sailing in Macau.

This year saw more challenging and longer courses, with almost perfect weather. A great breeze and sunshine for nearly the whole weekend added up to one of the best-ever Macau regattas! ABC sailors performed well; after day

one, we were first in the Stratos class and second in both Laser 1 and Feva divisions. Even though we dropped a few places, ABC sailors still managed five trophies, including winning first place in the Stratos inter-club challenge.

### Cedric Wong, the skipper of the ABC Stratos team, tells us about his weekend away:

As summer arrived, so did the Macau Regatta. Like every year, it was an amazingly fun event. For me this was my fourth time going and I never seem to get bored. It's not as serious as all the other regattas but is more fun and family-oriented, which is why it's my favourite

















event of the year. We spend the weekend at an amazing hotel which is so different from all the bling of Macau's casinos. The hotel has an amazing pool where you can have a relaxing swim and cool down after all the racing. If you're like me and like to spend most of your free time eating, the hotel has an amazing buffet with a great selection of food. It's also conveniently located very close to the sailing centre, allowing for an enjoyable morning walk across the beach. We sail off the beach –

something quite different for us – and the staff of the sailing centre (actually all are volunteers!) are very friendly and helpful. There are many opportunities to make friends and the fun spirit and long walks on the beach make it easy to meet and get to know new people.

This year, for the very first time, I was racing a Stratos, which basically feels like sailing the "big elephant" of dinghies. We were quite clueless about how to tune this boat but our opponents from Macau

were extremely friendly and willing to help us with this somewhat confusing boat. Despite being huge, it was a great boat to sail and what better way to end the weekend than finishing in first place (even though Hebe Haven gave us a good run for our money).

I would like to thank Kevin and the ABC for organizing a great team for this event; there is a lot to be done including shipping boats from Hong Kong and making many arrangements.

A big thank-you also goes to the AVM and the other Hong Kong clubs who have helped make this event possible. It's open to almost all levels of sailing and with no

prior experience in racing required, I would really recommend it to anyone. Hope to see as many of you at next year's event.

#### Audrey Chazerand is an adult sailor taking part in one of her first regattas as part of the ABC team:

The Macau Regatta was a great and fun weekend. It is a great way to meet more ABC members, and to get to know each other better. Not many adults were participating, but after talking to a few, some of them would now consider participating next year.

They felt it was accessible, and more of a fun race than a competitive one –

even though the goal is to win at some points. It also really helped to improve my sailing skills as well.

The ABC was a great support and the organisation was super (apart from the burgers with ketchup ... ahahahah!!). Really nice to have the Saturday barbecue at the Miramar and the prize-giving with trophies at the hotel. With the mini-buffet, all were great.

Thanks to ABC for organizing our team effectively and taking care of our security, especially coping with the heat and the sun. I would like to see more events like this at ABC, over full weekends too. I will participate next year, for sure!











#### October 2016 Youth Sailing Programme

#### Application Deadline Friday, 30 September

For most schools, the October holidays are only one week long, and therefore places are very limited. The ABC recommends you apply **at least three weeks before the course start date** to ensure a place. Note spaces can only be reserved on receipt of a completed application form (on the website) and deposit payment; we cannot reserve course slots by email or telephone. Early bookings qualify for a discount. Note Monday 17 October is an additional ESF holiday (CPD).

Further details are available at www.abclubhk.com and also from Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com.

Date	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	Discounted cost if booked before 12 September	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct AM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12, can swim with water confidence	972/1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct AM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	972/1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct PM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	972/1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct PM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	972/1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct		Beginners HKSF Level 1 & 2	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,385 /3582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Oct		Improvers HKSF Level 3	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2 for at least one year	2,385 /3582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 10 – Weds 12 Oct		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,431 /2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Thurs 13 – Sat 15 Oct		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	1,431 /2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Sat 15 – Mon 17		Three-day Pico/ Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,431 /2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Sun 16 – Mon 17 Oct		RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 12 – 18, passed RS Feva Introduction Course	954/ 1,433	1,060 / 1,592

#### Late October Youth Sailing Programme

#### Application Deadline Monday, 14 October

French International School and some other schools have slightly longer October holidays, and therefore ABC is happy to offer an extended programme to cater for those students. Full details and application forms are available on our website, <a href="https://www.abclubhk.com">www.abclubhk.com</a>. For further enquiries please contact <a href="mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com">SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com</a>.

Date	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	Discounted cost if booked before <b>26</b> <b>September</b>	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct AM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12, can swim with water confidence	972/1,791	1,080 /1,990
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct AM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 4 Race Course	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	972/1,791	1,080 /1,990
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct PM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	972/1,791	1,080 /1,990
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct PM	<b>✓</b>	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	972/1,791	1,080 /1,990
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct		Beginners HKSF Level 1 & 2	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,385 /3582	2,650/3,980
Weds 26 – Fri 28 Oct		Three-Day Supervised Practice	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,431 /2,150	1,590 /2,388
Sun 23 – Tues 25 Oct		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	1,431 /2,150	1,590 /2,388

Please note course timings:

**AM courses:** 9 am - 12:30 pm (meet at 8:45 pm at main Club) **PM courses:** 1:30 pm - 5 pm (1 pm ferry from main Club) **Whole-day courses:** 9 am - 4:30 pm (meet at 8:45 pm at main Club)

# The ABC's Summer 2016 Youth Sailing Programme

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis

nce again it was a busy summer at the ABC's Middle Island sailing centre with courses and activities scheduled for all ages and abilities: in fact, this year we welcomed more young sailors than ever before. Forty courses that ran through July and August resulted in our busiest summer on record with attendance just exceeding last year's.

In 2008 the ABC ran our first-ever summer sailing programme, and the numbers since then are interesting. Every year sees a very steady ratio of close to 60-percent non-members to 40-percent members attending our courses. The yearly increase in attendance is gradually slowing as many of the more popular weeks are full.

What limits our activity? Applications from students are always sharply focussed on specific weeks (the start and end of summer holidays are always most popular, and of course Easter and October breaks are rather short) and this naturally puts pressure on resources.

Of course we have space pressures at Middle Island, and sometimes also struggle to find enough part-time instructors to work with us. Also, we are limited by the number of safety boats to which we have access; back in 2008 we had two RIBs, and we now have eight RIBS. Our dinghy fleet has expanded tremendously too – for example from six Optimists in 2008 to 30 boats today – now we have enough, with no space for more – but of course need to continue a rolling replacement programme as some of our boats are now very old indeed!

As with previous years, in 2016 our Junior Optimist programme proved to be most popular. We also saw larger numbers attending our Pico-based HKSF Beginner courses. Huge thanks must go to all the instructors involved – and a special thanks for Angela in the office who regularly surprises us with "more applicants" and "full courses"!

Enjoy the photos and memories of summer holidays.



















By Kevin Lewis, photos by Kevin Lewis and George Burkett

very summer, the ABC schedules two Water Sports Weeks, multisport activity weeks that aim to provide a fun, varied and distinctively different way for participants to experience our Middle Island facility. The weeks are organised in activity units, with participants split up into different groups, usually by age. Each group takes part in a different activity, morning and afternoon. Participants all had passed an HKSF level 2 or Optimist 3 course, simply for safety reasons. Qualified specialist instructors oversaw each unit with an emphasis on fun and getting wet!

An introduction to windsurfing is part of the week. We now use our new multi-function Ace-Wind windsurf and paddleboards. These are principally paddleboards but have slotin centreboards and adapters to take windsurf masts. We also have very small training rigs that allow children as young as age eight to try windsurfing - the issue is the weight and size of the rig.

The new ABC Stand-up paddleboards are used for Water Sports Week, with sizes to suit all. Again, we have three special Red Paddle "snapper" smaller boards that allow children as young as eight to paddle.



Another activity is kayaking. This year Simon, our kayak instructor, taught basic skills and took the group on a short trip. Instructor Ollie was in charge during the beach trip with games and snorkelling.

Wakeboarding is one of the favourite parts of the course, and this year we all missed our regular instructor, Hammer, who moved to Singapore! Some great techniques still shone through, with some of our expert participants joining the sessions and helping the less-experienced.

The ABC biscuit attracts a lot of enthusiasm, and even at slower speeds can be challenging. Twists and turns and wave-jumping all add to the thrill, with top points awarded for the most air!











A powerboat trip may seem rather mundane to some, but many of our participants never get the opportunity to ride in a speedboat and so we organised a tour of Stanley and Tai Tam and a visit to Po Toi. World War II gun emplacements, the AsiaSat Hong Kong satellite earth station and the mysterious Tai Tam reservoir water chimneys (actually brick wells, created to obtain bore samples during the reservoir construction) all were on the agenda.

It may seem a bit out of place, but this year, our water sports week included a half-day trip to the Maritime Museum in Central, with a guided tour.

Of particular interest to all was the HK\$4.7 million K.M. Koo Ship Bridge Simulator – everyone had a go, navigating to a virtual Middle Island!

Finally, the ABC water sports week included a unit of sailing – why not!











#### Part A (Master)

Dates: 1, 3, 4 November 2016 Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

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local knowledge and the laws of Hong Kong fire and gas precautions.

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#### Part B (Engineer)

Dates: 7, 8, 9 November 2016 Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

Syllabus: Engine general construction, diesel and petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, lubrication,

cooling and pumps, transmission systems, operation and maintenance, fire and gas precautions.

Cost: \$1,700 for member/person/course. \$2,000 for non-member/person/course.

#### Notes:

- 1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the Hong Kong Marine Department after course completion. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
- 2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
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- 4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
- 5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by fax on 2873 2945 or by post or hand to the Club's Administrative Office.
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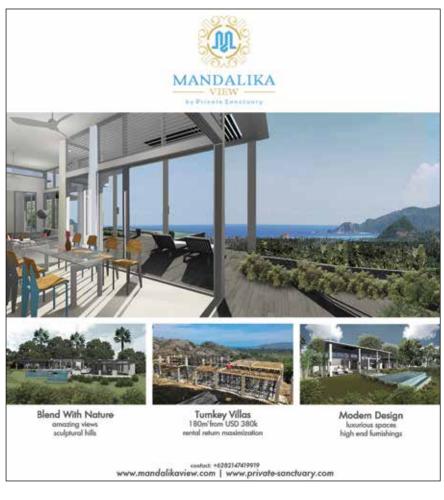
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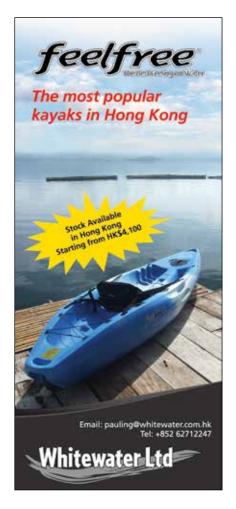
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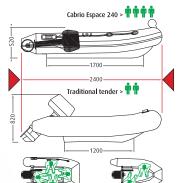


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