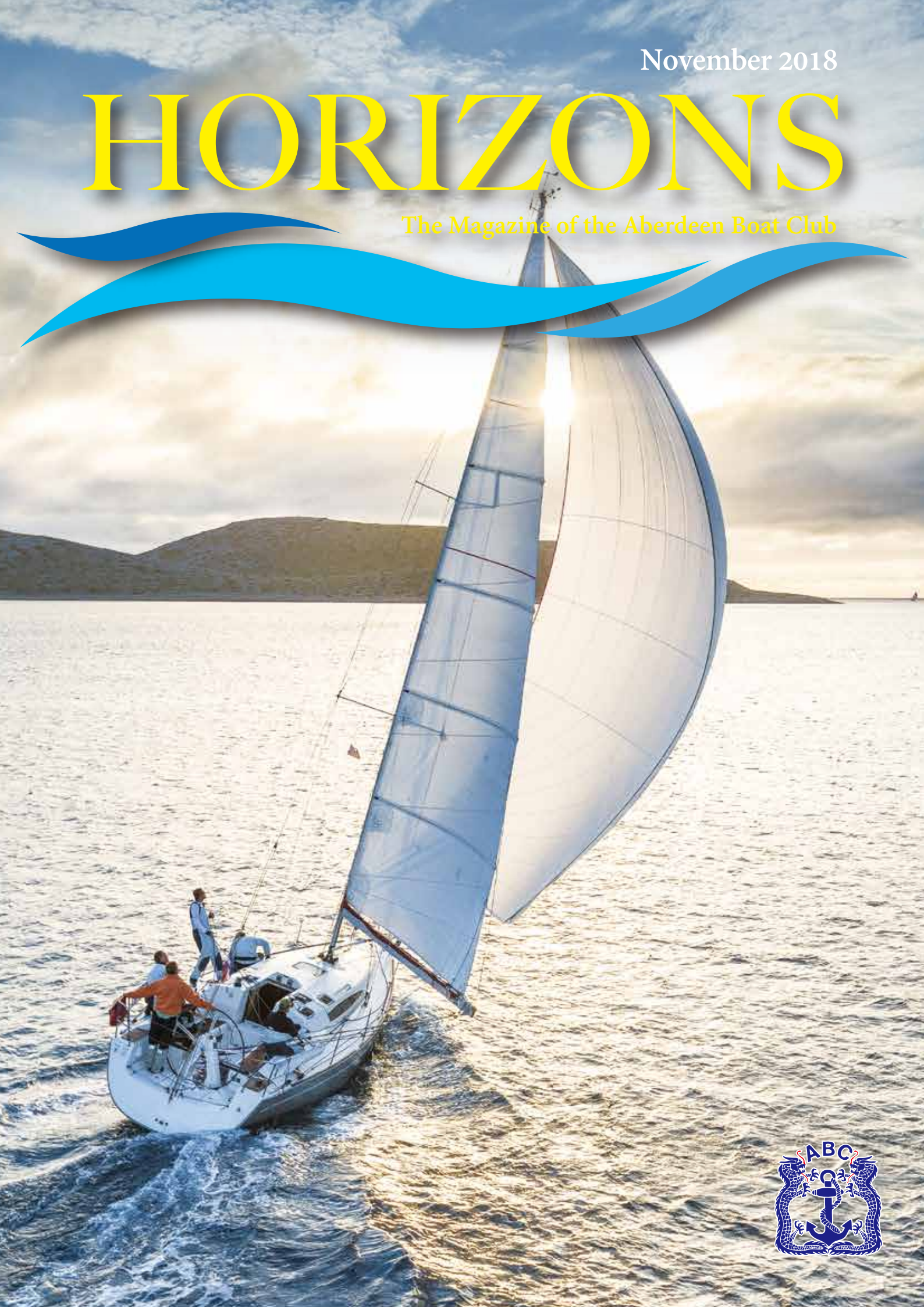


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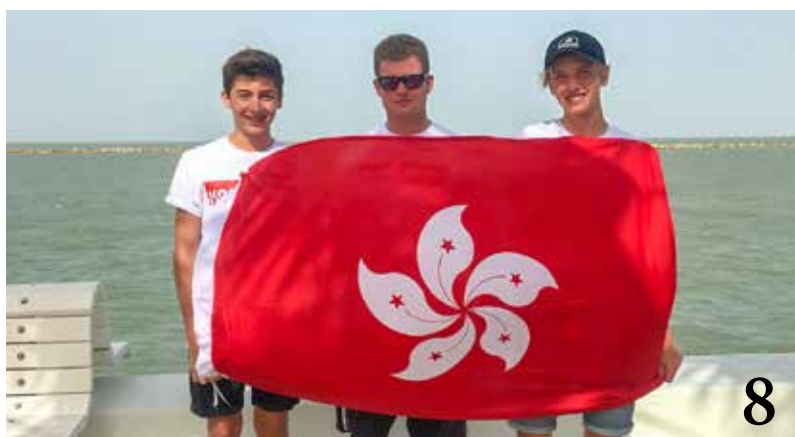
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## COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley  
Commodore

Members have been made aware in broad terms of the extent of the damage on MI wrought to dinghies, the Clubhouse and its facilities by Typhoon Mangkhut. Not least by the GM's graphic description and photos in the October edition of *Horizons*. The damage, and repairs where possible, to dinghies is a relatively straightforward matter – no less distressing nonetheless; and the sailing training is back on the agenda with some limitations. The insurance claims are similarly fairly straightforward.

This is not the case with the Clubhouse and facilities, which is a much more complicated matter. A Working Group has been formed, comprising senior Committee members to formulate our Claim (actually several claims arising from several policies). This in itself will be a lengthy process starting with a detailed structural survey to establish whether the remaining structure is safe, needs modification or is fundamentally beyond repair. This process has begun, and while it is too

early to reach any conclusions it is already clear that howsoever the rebuild is constructed, MI is unlikely to be back in commission – fully, that is to say – before the middle of 2019.

Though the facilities are fully insured, the Club will of course face unavoidable deductible charges which could in the aggregate be material. Members will be kept informed periodically as the situation unfolds. In the meantime, the GM and team are looking at means to utilise available spaces within the main Clubhouse confines, to enhance F&B outlets to compensate partially for the loss of MI.

To end on two brighter notes:

– The Land Supply issue. Over 780 members responded to the two surveys; an extraordinarily good return which can but help the cause. Optimists may care to note that virtually no mention was made of PRL Clubs in the various Legco submissions, while the CE's address made no mention at all. The favoured remedies to date being N.T. brownfield sites, the River Trade Terminal and non-harbour reclamation.

– The Autumn/Winter keel boat racing season is well underway, the Monsoon has turned and the entries to date are encouraging. Life afloat, at least, is back to normal.

Let's make full use of all that we have in the season to come, which for Golfers includes the Commodores Cup at DWB on 16 November.



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny  
General Manager

### AGM

You must have received by now all documentation, reports and proxy forms for the Annual General Meeting that will be held on 27 November 2018 at 7pm, in the Harbour Room, 3rd floor. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

### IT'S GOLF MONTH!

November is Golf Month for the Club. The Commodore's Cup at Deep Water on Friday, 16 November joins a Stableford competition with HHYC and RHKYC, and the annual WAGS Charity Day team scramble.

Last year, the first Commodore Cup – celebrating the 50th anniversary – saw 24 participants between RHKYC and ABC. ABC being bad host won the competition, allegedly due to some clever calculations overheard at the 19th hole.

For the second event, this year, all invitations have been sent and we hope to have many HHYC players this time. Hopefully all three commodores will join to play in the same flight, so that we will have a competition within the competition.

During the day last year, we presented the cup for the best player of the year, which was taken home by Wayne Sze. This year, the ladder board over the various games in Kau Sai Chau and Deep Water Bay shows that Felix Mak is in a good position to be the best player of the year but Brendon Ho, having played every single game, may well cut the grass from under Felix's feet and take the cup on the day; so we can look forward to a good fight on the greens.

Once again this year, the ABC joins the Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society for the biggest charity golf event in Hong Kong, with over 120 players and 200 people involved. Every year, the event raises millions of dollars to support orphanages in Asia. We cannot take any more players, sadly, as this is such a great event that gets filled up in no time.

### DINGHY SAILING GETTING BACK ON COURSE

September has been a very hectic and challenging month for dinghy sailing at the Club, with the departure of Rory Godman, the coach, followed by a re-organisation of the department, and an audit on what has been done, to understand the way forward for the Club; and then, a week after, Typhoon Mangkhut putting us on our knees.

The audit report is still being prepared and we should be in position next issue to tell you about our new aim and direction. Streamlining our ambitions is definitely the main point as we must understand that ABC is a seagoing and boating Club, so our limited resources must be shared and not focused only on high performance sailing, leaving behind club sailing and racing for all, fun social sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking and other sea activities we used to have in the past as a boat Club.

Following the typhoon disaster the school and academy sailing restarted 2 weeks later, but having lost some of our Lasers, Fevas and Optimists, the regular sailing is still on hold until new boats we have ordered are received. In this sense we are not in position to take on new cadet memberships until business is back to usual.

Now comes the issue of our South Side Regatta – the second biggest dinghy race in the calendar. With our facilities completely down and certainly not back to safe operations by 1 December, we are now working with the RHKYC to help us to host dinghies from all over Hong Kong, and all shore work and prize giving will be at the Main Clubhouse.

### YOGA AT THE ABC

"Yoga is not about touching your toes but is what you learn on the way down" – Jigar Gor

The benefits of yoga are many and coming to the practice of yoga can benefit one in many positive ways, both physically and mentally. Not



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only does regular practice transform your body over time but you can feel a significant difference and improvement in your mood and emotions too. "After the class, I always feel calm and uplifted. The exercises are a true pick me up," says Helen Brodhage, an ABC member who has been attending yoga classes since 2015.

Here in the Harbour Room at the ABC, with stunning views across the marina, Iyengar Certified yoga instructor Gaelle Foulon Daffner focuses on creating a strong connection between body and mind. With more than 15 years of practice under her belt, she uses different asanas or poses, meditation and controlled breathing to achieve this and creates a safe and comfortable environment for all her students. There is a true sense of joy and camaraderie that is created among the participants, which extends beyond the four walls of the class.

We all work at our own pace and having small classes means lots of individual attention. Jenny Low, another regular to the class, says, "Gaelle is a very knowledgeable yoga instructor who takes great care of her students and makes everyone feel welcome."

Props such as blankets, blocks and straps are regularly used to facilitate practice and allow access to the benefits of the poses regardless of your age, physical condition or how long you have been practising. Although many attendees bring their own props, there is also a communal pool of resources available to all who attend.

Classes are held every Monday & Thursday from 1000 -1115 hrs. All are welcome. Whatever your age, fitness, gender or experience, you will find the sessions enriching and stimulating. To get you going, the first trial class with Gaelle is only HK\$100. For more details please contact Gaelle at 96850086.

### MIDDLE ISLAND RE-BIRTH

The other hot topic about Middle Island is the rebuilding, as you could read in my 4th update after the Typhoon Mangkhut disaster. After one month of recovery from the disastrous impact of Mangkhut on our facility, it is time to give you an update on the progress towards the re-birth of our little jewel in the south.

As you know, all training and courses have resumed normal operations but we are still at a standstill as regards to dinghy, kayak, windsurfer, and paddle board hiring, the reason being mostly due to the lack of showers, toilets and accessibility. We hope to resume all these within a month, with temporary outdoor showers, until the final decision and plans are drawn and accepted for the new clubhouse.

As much as I understand the urge to get back our facility as fast as possible, one must also appreciate that we have nothing left there. All piping and wiring – and probably the foundation and building – have to be re-built. This already involves an enormous amount of planning and approval to obtain and mobilise a contractor willing to work on an island. It is not as easy and fast as it may appear, and we should not have many expectations to see anything moving before Easter 2019. We are still in negotiations with the Insurance Loss Adjuster, and it will take some time to first provide him with the requisite surveys and assessment of the place, and to give him all accurate costings for re-instatement.

It may be also necessary to approach the Government for improvement of the seawall and try to limit the danger of losing everything again next year if another big typhoon hits us. As the Commodore noted in his article, we have now in place a very strong team of insurance experts to help us prepare a proper claim, as it is a very complex process. We also have a newly created sub-committee comprising engineers, lawyers, architects and a finance specialist to assist in the way forward. and finally an Authorised Person recognised by the government to prepare, certify and submit all claims and rebuilding documents requested by the insurance company and required by the government regulations.

Finally, in the coming weeks we will have some new pontoons and we will be able to restore regular visits to Middle Island, but still with restricted areas and no showers or restaurant; but your

It is also in the pipeline to open Middle Island 7 days a week in the near future, as we will relocate some sailing staff office there. This will boost the renewed life on Middle Island in two key ways. First, having a presence on the island will allow sailing, kayaking and other seagoing activities at your leisure, and not just only during weekends. Secondly, having someone seven days a week will enable overseeing the re-building process, and timely reporting on issues and progress in order to maximise the efficiency of the process. Once again, please bear with us as we are actively and aggressively working on getting back on our

MARINE

Pontoons are being re-built as I write this letter, and this time we are building them in-house as our home-made wooden pontoons proved to be far more resistant to adverse weather than the modern plastic one.

We are also now considering a Mediterranean berthing arrangement for the eastern part, which will provide more space and less parts to be broken or lost when the next storm like Mangkhut hits.

We would like to inform you of a change in the smoking policy within the Club, which was proposed and approved at the last General Committee meeting on Thursday 27 September 2018, and came into effect on 11 October.

Please comply with this new arrangement, and be courteous with our staff if they have to remind you of it. This has come as a result of many complaints received and the necessity for a stricter enforcement of the smoking ban in Hong Kong.

## PANADOL FILES (CONT.)

This is another long story, now more than a year in the process. For those who missed the previous Panadol files on that topic, we are trying to obtain a 100m long by 50cm wide lease between the RHKYC hardstand and ABC hardstand, to connect a new Water Service





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The first application was made on 27 September 2017. It was confirmed by the District Land Officer that he would start the review on 17 October 2017. Since then we have had no real progress, but were ordered to get a geotechnical land and foreshore survey of the proposed route for the WSD water supply between ABC and RHKYC premises on Middle Island: just in case we had in mind building something like a trans-Siberian underwater petroleum pipeline.

Then we were requested to engage a construction engineer to recommend and prepare all the specifications for the pipeline, and detail all construction methods and materials to be used. Then we were requested to engage an Authorised Person for a certified recommendation and quote for the work to be done.

All these DLO requirements were met by April this year. Only in July were we informed that a land surveyor would be appointed by the DLO to check our proposed pipe alignment, the information received from the land survey, the High Water Mark, and method of construction; and that if approved, the DLO would only then proceed to circulate the proposal for the next stage of his departmental heads' comments.

Well, at the end of last month we received a message from our Lease Consultant, saying that a new officer is now in charge of our file and has re-opened an old 2013 file about some unregistered structure dating from before the ABC took over Middle Island. We had thought such issues were dealt with in 2015 and resolved.

So next time a hamburger takes more than 5 minutes to be delivered to your table, just have in mind that in Hong Kong, to unfold a 100m garden hose takes more than a year to be approved.

### **Middle Island lease concerns: relax**

I was recently asked by a Member, in light of the PRL's Lease controversy story in Hong Kong, "Why should we still consider Middle Island development if we were to lose it in 2021?"

I must remind you all, if you miss that

point in the previous issue of *Horizons*, that Middle Island is on a totally different lease condition. In fact it is under a TOP (Temporary Occupation Permit); the Government is only looking at PRLs (Private Recreation Leases).

Middle Island could actually be our place to be, if somehow the worst comes to the worst and we lose the Main Clubhouse. Furthermore, our site is not at all in immediate danger as we have been complying with and exceeding requirements as a PRL regarding our duties to the community, and it seems that the land usage in Hong Kong is going to be solved through reclamation. We will certainly have to pay a higher premium than today, but the land is not an issue.

### **Water in the pool**

I had reports from members this past month that sometime the pool water quality is not as good as expected, and this time I am not talking about organic issues. The reports were about pH or chlorine levels.

We have taken these complaints on board, and had the water and pump system frequently inspected and re-inspected again during the month by an independent laboratory, to see if either we had a problem with our testing equipment or what could have happened, if any issues were discovered.

I am glad to report that the testing came back completely clear, with only a recommendation to upgrade the filtration system as it is getting slightly old, which in fact was already in the plan for this year's budget. The whole pool filtration system will be changed during the annual pool closure in February.

I was also told that some type of sunblock could react with the pool chemicals we have to use, and could create irritation on certain skin types or enhance the chlorine smell when in contact with the pool water. Plus, I was reassured that this is completely normal and not harmful. So be reassured we are safe, notwithstanding that on top of our extra testing the FEHD comes to sample our water every week, and if anything is wrong, they would inform us on the spot.



# Halloween frights & fun



*Be afraid, be very afraid, for a full report will follow spookily soon....*





## ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB ACADEMY NEWS

*Though Aberdeen Boat Club and ARA sustained a huge amount of damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut, the hard work and determination of ABC staff allowed the children to return to the water in October.*

*Looking forward ARA has 11 Optimist sailors competing at the HK Nationals in Tai Mei Tuk on 19 October, which will be a great experience for our new team members and those older members who will be looking to improve their ranking. Our 29er team will start preparing for the Southside Regatta, which is then followed by the team's next international event, the 2019 Australian 9er Championships hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.*

*This summer saw the Academy travelling across Europe and the USA. Each team has written a short review of their adventures. What should be noted is that the sailors have detailed not only their achievements from the summer but have also highlighted the areas they need to work on in the coming months. This takes amazing courage from the teams and highlights their dedication and determination to do well both personally and for Aberdeen Boat Club.*

*Congratulations to them all!*





# 29er Youth Worlds - Corpus Christi

*By Malo Kennish*



**T**he 2018 29er Sailing Youth World Championships were held in Corpus Christi, Dallas USA. Anatole and I flew there from France, via Dallas. Shortly after we landed in Dallas, a huge rainstorm swept through the city. We were supposed to meet our coach Szymon and the rest of the team there, but their plane from Hong Kong was diverted to Houston; and our connecting flight to Corpus Christi was cancelled! The plane from HK was eventually able to fly from Houston to Dallas that evening, and we were able to

meet up with the rest of the HK team. However, as all the hotels in Dallas were fully booked, we had to sleep in the airport on the floor. Despite a very long and tiring journey, we finally got to Corpus Christi!

We received our boats on Saturday, and used the rest of the day to practice in some medium winds. We had been told that the wind would be very strong for the competition, so we tried to save energy for the racing. This turned out to be a good decision as it was blowing 24 knots on the first day!

This was a tough start to the regatta. We kicked off well but didn't have the best end to the

day. We were tired and capsized after a crash gybe at the end of the last race. Our bow caught the committee boat chain, and because the waves were so big, our boat was riding up and down on the chain, chipping pieces off every time. We were disappointed with this end to day 1, but thanks to the team from Ovington on site, we had it all fixed in time for the next day of racing!

During the rest of the week, there were continued high winds, but some days were a bit less windy than others, and this gave opportunities to the lighter crews such as Anatole and I to make better progress and move up the rankings. The leaderboard was therefore very tight.

We got up to 11th place on the penultimate day. On the last day, only one race was scheduled. A massive wind shift mid-race and a slight tactical error meant that we finished in a disappointing position. Our overall result was 13th out of 25.

After packing up our boat, we attended the huge prize giving, and a beautiful closing ceremony. It was a short night before we caught our plane back to France early the next morning.

I'd like to thank HKSF who have supported us for this trip, thanks to our coach Rory, and also to coach Szymon who was with us for this great regatta!



# 29er European Championships - Finland



## Malo and Anatole

*By Anatole Martin*

**W**e raced the European championships (and the Youth Worlds event in Texas) without our coach Rory Godman. This was our first regatta without coach Rory. Instead, coach Szymon – who had only known the crew for a few months – was in command.

We were excited to attend this prestigious event, and raced against teams from France, Spain, Canada, Germany, Poland, Spain, Holland and Finland. In particular, we looked forward to a rematch with the four French teams who had beaten us at home in Hong Kong during the World Championships earlier this year.

Our goal was to qualify in the gold fleet. The course was set up close to the shore, making the

race challenging with variable wind and choppy swell. Moreover we had to stay alert given the many rocks near the course. The Germans learned the lesson the hard way!

Our performance on the three days of qualifications was average, but we indeed qualified our boat in the gold fleet.

The three Series days in the gold fleet were difficult; the wind was either very light or very strong, constantly changing direction. And we had a bit of bad luck: On the third race of the second day, while sailing the last downwind, I accidentally pushed Malo off balance down the back of the boat, shifting the balance point which led to our boat capsizing!

Although we had a terrible last race on the third day of Series,

which is always disappointing, we ended up being 17th overall and 2nd in the Juniors division.

We thought the event was well organized and the racing was fun. We still have much to learn (and key mistakes to avoid), but the lessons and experience made us stronger for our next regattas.

Many thanks to the event organisers, to coaches Rory and Szymon, the Aberdeen Boat Club and most of all to the team!







## Karrie and Penelope

*By Karrie Clark*

### Day 1:

Racing commenced on 7 August; beforehand there were three days of measurement and a practice race. The wind picked up throughout the day with lots of waiting for the first warning signal. It was a tough day on the water for Penelope and I due to the strong wind. Starting both races of the day was a big achievement for us, but sadly the first race we capsized at the bottom mark just before the finish and did not complete the race within the time limit. During the second race we were doing all right for our weight but sadly capsized on the first downwind and lost places; by the time we got the boat up and rounded the bottom mark we were amongst blue fleet. Agonizingly, we again capsized at the top mark and knowing that there was another lap to go we decided to retire and head back to shore.

### Day 2:

With the first day behind us, Penelope and I were prepped for the day's challenges. On the first race we had a terrible start as we were not on the first line, and we struggled on the first upwind and

downwind. Gaining places on every leg was really beneficial as we finished 24th. On the second race we had a satisfying start at the pin end of the line playing the shifts correctly, upwind was essential to have a nice place round the top mark. Throughout the next lap it was imperative to stay in the top 5, Penelope and I tried to make the upwind as simple as possible; we finished 4th. The last and final race of the day was a again a pin end start and tacking early was favourable, as we rounded the top mark 1st. The downwind was simple, but with the second upwind we made the mistake of

going too far left and lost our 1st place position, finishing 2nd.

### Day 3:

On the last day of the qualifying series, Penelope and I had a challenging day with bad starts, although we managed in both of the races to catch up somewhat. In the two races we placed 31st and 24th. With all the past three days results we qualified into silver fleet.

### Day 4:

The first day of the final series was a long one with only one race for silver fleet. Penelope and I had an average start off the committee





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end, though we gained more places on each leg of the race, and finished 5th.

On the second day of the final series it was unfortunately too windy for Penelope and I to sail due to our light weight. Sadly this made us drop to the bottom of silver. Overall, we finished 43rd in silver fleet.

All in all the 29er Europeans was a great experience for Penelope and I with some good results and some bad. We now know what we need to work on while training. I would like to thank Aberdeen Boat Club for making this trip happen and to Szymon who coached us throughout the two weeks we were in Finland.

## Lewis and Dylan

*By Lewis Clark*

**T**he 29er European championships was a great experience for all of the teams in different ways. The event itself was well put together, however the race committee took their time when starting races. This kept us on the water for long periods of time.

On the first few days Dylan and I did not perform well as we had a very limited amount of time to train, as Dylan was not able to start sailing again until he recovered from injury. Better results started to come on the third day. After qualifying we were placed into bronze fleet. During the first day of the final series, there was only one race, in which we placed 9th. On the second day, it was windy. We finished the first race and then went back to land because Dylan slammed his ankle against the

bow when we nose dived into a wave on the second downwind leg. The rest of bronze fleet completed one more race. On the final day of racing, bronze fleet only had one race and we had to

wait around on the water.

Overall it was a fun regatta and I am happy that I was a part of it. I would like to thank Aberdeen Boat Club for supporting us throughout the event.





# 49er World Championships - Aarhus, Denmark

By Russell Aylsworth

Akira and I flew over to Europe for our first 49er Summer Trip. We had been training hard at the gym and on the boat for preparation for the overseas competitions ahead, and had never raced in such a big fleet with over 80 boats racing. We were going overseas with the mindset to improve and learn, which allowed us to be more relaxed and collected compared to other teams who were fighting for a spot in the Olympics.

Since Akria and I come from Hong Kong we struggled with starting on a line with 30 boats, which was so new to us. It was frustrating for both of us just trying over and over again to accelerate off the line but just coming off short. Akria and I both have competitive personalities and when you don't do so well it is a mental challenge to stay positive for the races ahead. Yet we were able to maintain positivity.

The 2018 World Sailing Championship in Aarhus Denmark was our big and last event. We stayed in Denmark just under 2 weeks before the event started, which gave Akria and I a head start on others to understand the weather pattern and the race area we would be sailing in. Rory (our sailing coach) and all 3 of us thought it was a great idea that we



were able to learn the conditions 2 weeks before the racing; but it all didn't matter since the worst day of racing was the windiest day we had seen since we arrived, and it was even more windy the next day of qualifiers.

Akria and I are a lighter team so we had to push hard to keep the boat up right and moving. Even though we were slightly struggling to sail in the breeze it was great for us because it was the training we don't usually get in Hong Kong.

The last day of qualifiers was only 6 knots at most and we only got one race in. The next 3 days of final series was light to moderate breeze, just like Akria and I were training in, so we were prepared in these conditions.

Overall, the trip was rewarding in the skills and techniques that we acquired. This would have not been possible without the help of our coach Rory Godman and the support of the Aberdeen Boat Club. Thank you for the support we have received.





# Optimist Worlds 2018

*By Casey Law*



I would like to share my experience at the Optimist World Championship 2018 in Cyprus. My first impression was that the regatta was ULTRA competitive, way above what I expected because only the top 5 sailors from each country in the world got to attend this event.

I loved every moment of the three-week trip, except for several nosebleeds during the races. It often started bleeding once the race started, therefore putting me into an awkward position with a hand pinching my nose and the other holding both the mainsheet and the rudder. It was challenging but also frustrating as I felt handicapped at such critical moments.

Experiencing the Worlds was an eye-opener in that I have learned about different cultures, made great friends and learned

from senior sailors a lot more techniques for how to make my boat go faster. Despite this being my first time at this top event for my class of boat, I finished just above the middle, being 129th out of 264 sailors, which I am proud of, and surpassed my coach's expectation.

During this trip, I also got to learn much more about each of my teammates and bonded at a level beyond just friendship. It was an unforgettable experience

which I might only have once in my life. I plan to train even harder this year, to further improve on my technique and become more adaptable to different wind and tide conditions. I believe this will ensure my spot in the Worlds again in 2019. I look forward to going to Antigua next year; another location that I will certainly not get to visit if it is not for sailing. Sailing has brought me to places!





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# Hebe Come, Hebe Go

## - as ABC Muster Superior Pot Black Skills

*By Dave Hilling*



**O**n 15 October, the ABC hosted the return snooker match with Hebe Haven, which I am pleased to say has now become a permanent fixture in the snooker calendar. In a slight change to the normal order of matches, on the night the two clubs decided to have the doubles matches first.

Hebe Haven's players seemed to settle quicker and were 1-0 up after some solid match play, but ABC hit back to level things at 1-1 before heading into the singles matches.

A masterclass performance by ABC's Tong Fat was to follow as we looked to shift momentum back in ABC's favour, and heading into the 4th match of the evening that plan was initially working. Only for Hebe Haven's captain, CK Chan, to level things again at 2-2, with his hard-fought snooker battle that finished on the black ball.


After another top quality curry buffet put on by the ABC staff, it was then back to business


and two absolute pivotal matches to conclude the night's matches. Firstly, there was a real back and forth match between ABC Captain Dave Hilling and Hebe Haven's Gareth William's, where both players had golden chances to win the match. This one also went down to the black ball, which neither player could seem to pot with the what was at stake. Eventually, ABC got the all important black down, and we could go into final match of the evening knowing that we were at least assured a draw.

Wayne Robinson for the ABC had other ideas and after a very tactical match, he gave the ABC the victory we had been pushing for. The final score on the evening was 4-2 to the ABC, and now we can look forward to the 3-cornered snooker match next month – which will reunite this snooker battle and also involve the Yacht Club, so will surely be another cracking night of snooker.











### Why Save Elephants?

Elephants are a key stone species. Other animals, plants and entire ecosystems rely on them for survival. Their large footprints act as a water collection for smaller animals. They are also known as 'nature gardeners', plants and trees rely on elephants to disperse their seeds far and wide through their dung, but today these magnificent creatures are facing the biggest threat to survival due to continued ivory poaching. If we don't act now they could face localized extinctions.

Elephants are an amazingly intelligent species, their emotions and cognitive behaviours are very similar to humans. They develop strong, intimate bonds between friends and family members. They even grieve for their lost loved ones and feel fear, joy and empathy.




Approximately 26,000 elephants are killed for their tusks annually.  
One in every 20 minutes.




African communities are dependent on

- wildlife for an income through tourism.
- elephants that create open spaces for grass to grow for cows to graze


### Since 2014 Elephant Week...




Raised over HKD \$4 million for education and conservation projects



Over 100 school visits



Spoken with over 13,300 students & adults



Facilitated over 400 DSWT elephant adoptions

The Elephant Foundation relies wholly on funds raised during our Elephant Week and the Gala Dinner which allows us to support our partners such as Big Life, The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and this year the African Wildlife Foundation. A majority of our work is our school visits in Hong Kong where we look to educate youths on the importance of saving wildlife such as elephants and rhinos but we are happy to also visit companies to discuss either internally or a mix of employees and clients.

We very much hope you will be able to support us in our Week this year, either by making a donation and / or coming to the Gala Dinner at the Island Shangri La on November 16th.  
Please contact Colin Dawson or Luke LJ for further information – [ll@hkelephants.com.hk](mailto:ll@hkelephants.com.hk)

## ABC Golf Society Calendar 2018

*WAGS charity KSC East –  
23 November 2018*





**2019**  
happy new year

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**THE OLD HONG KONG  
& SHANGHAI**

<b>DATE</b>	Monday, 31 December 2018
<b>TIME</b>	8pm until late
<b>PRICE</b>	<p>HK\$888 for adults, inclusive of canapés, buffet, listed Premium Spirits, Wines, Beers and Champagne for toasting at midnight</p> <p>HK\$588 for adults, inclusive of canapés, buffet, soft-drinks and Champagne for toasts to the New Year</p> <p>HK\$288 for children under age 12</p>





## Festive Season Events and Offerings

### 2018/19 Holiday Season Programme

#### **‘Tis the Season**

15 – 30 November	Thanksgiving Takeaways
22 November	Thanksgiving Sparkling Dinner
7 December	Laurent Perrier Exclusive Champagne Dinner
9 December	Commodore’s Christmas Cocktails Party
31 December	‘The Old Hong Kong & Shanghai’
	New Year’s Eve Party
6 January 2019	Members’ Day on the Junk

### 2018 Christmas Programme

1 – 31 December	Christmas Takeaways
8 December	Christmas Musicals – Fund Raising for re-building of Middle Island
15 December	Santa Visits ABC
24 December	Christmas Eve Champagne Dinner
25 December	Christmas Day Celebration Brunch
26 December	Boxing Day Brunch



## 2018-2019 FESTIVE SEASON EVENTS PROGRAMME



### ABC Service to the Community

2, 3 and 4 December

1 – 21 December

24 December

Food collection for Feeding Hong Kong

Christmas Gift Collection for Po Leung Kuk Orphanage

ABC Community Service: Christmas lunch donation at the Little Sisters of the Poor Retirement Home

#### The Anti-Scrooge Christmas Gift Collection

From 1 – 21 December, there will be a gift-collection Santa cart at the first-floor entrance of the Main Clubhouse. All gifts will be delivered on 22 December to children at the Po Leung Kuk orphanage. If sufficient donations are received, some gifts will also be donated to children spending Christmas in hospital, instead of at home with their loved ones.

The anti-Scrooge wish list includes new electronic games, portable music players, board games, handicrafts, arts and crafts kits, and art supplies, comics, Lego block sets, remote-control cars, soft toys and dolls of all sorts.

It is imperative that all gifts come wrapped in their original packaging, with a brief description of the gift and the suitable age group. Please write this on a tag attached to the gift.

All gifts must be delivered by **Friday, 21 December** to allow Club staff sufficient time to sort and allocate them properly.

We are confident that the collection cart will be overflowing with beautiful gifts and make ABC's legendary generosity ring the bell of happiness in the lives of less fortunate children.

#### Food collection for Feeding Hong Kong

Last year, the ABC managed to provide a week's supply of food to over 300 families in Hong Kong. This year, we will attempt to do even better. The collection boxes will be kept at the Patio from 1 – 16 December to collect donations of non-perishable food, in cans or dry items (e.g. rice, noodles, pasta, oil, canned fruits, vegetables or fish, UHT or powdered milk, crackers and biscuits).



#### 24<sup>th</sup> December at Little Sisters of the Poor Retirement Home

As our yearly contribution to the local community, ABC will give a full Christmas lunch to the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor Retirement Home in Wong Chuk Hang. There will be about 300 residents, and once a year we bring them a little bit of our spirit and a delicious festive meal to celebrate Christmas.





## ABC Private Holiday Functions

### ABC Venues

The Harbour Room can accommodate up to 80 guests for a sit-down lunch or dinner.

The Bridge would be a perfect venue for a standing cocktail party of up to 40 guests.

The Patio is available only for weekday functions with a maximum of 80 guests.

### Packages

We have prepared a selection of festive buffets and set meals and drinks menus that you can download from our website home page under "Festive Season Packages".

As a token of your great support this year, all room-hire charges are waived. Every function price includes Christmas decorations and party favours.



### Cancellation Policy

48 hours advance notice – No charge

24 hours advance notice – 50 percent of the event price

Cancellation on the day of the event – Full charge, except if weather conditions preclude us from hosting the event.

### Contacts

To book places at our Club events:

F&B Manager – Robin Sherchan

Tel: 2555 6216 or

Email: [fnb@abclubhk.com](mailto:fnb@abclubhk.com)

## Christmas Special Home Delivery and Takeaway Offerings

This year we have selected for you a large number of exceptional products for your end-of-year parties and family reunions. As you progress through the order form, you will see all takeaway orders, wine home delivery offerings, special wine selection pick-up orders and Christmas goodies ordering options.

They will all be available from 15 November until 31 December.



## 2018-2019 FESTIVE SEASON EVENTS PROGRAMME



### ABC Seasonal Events



#### **Thanksgiving Sparkling Dinner** (Takeaway menu available from 15 – 30 November)

Date: Thursday, 22 November

Time: 7 pm

Venue: The Four Peaks

Price: HK\$598 per adult,  
HK\$398 for children age 12-18 years and  
HK\$298 for children age 3 – 12 years

#### **Laurent Perrier Exclusive Champagne Dinner**

Date: Friday, 7 December

Time: 7 pm

Venue: The Four Peaks

Price: HK\$495 per person

Welcome drink with canapés at 7 pm in the Waglan Bar, followed by a four-course dinner with Laurent Perrier Champagnes & Rosé.

#### **Commodore's Christmas Cocktails at ABC**

Date: Sunday, 9 December

Time: 3 – 6 pm

Venue: The Patio

Price: Complimentary

To be held immediately following the ABC Waglan Series Race 6, our yearly gathering around a glass or two of mulled wine and Christmas nibbles is a unique opportunity to wish fellow Club members and friends a Merry Christmas.

All Club members and families are invited to mix and mingle with our new Commodore and ABC committee members who will be on deck to share with you their vision for the Club, but most importantly to share a very special Christmas moment.

Warm roasted chestnuts, Christmas fare and drinks will be served. Booking is required as there is a maximum attendance of 120.







### **Santa Visits the ABC**

Date: Saturday, 15 December

Time: 11 am – 3:30 pm

Venue: Children's Playground

Price: HK\$198 for adults, HK\$168 for children age 5–12 years and  
HK\$158 for children under age 5 years

Lunch, magic show and clown show, face-painting, games, and bouncy castle  
in the playground. At 2 pm, Santa will appear with Christmas goodies.

Parents are asked to deliver a small gift intended for their child, value not exceeding  
HK\$150, wrapped and labelled, to Reception no later than Friday, 7 December.

Make sure your child's name is on the gift – remember, Santa is not getting any younger,  
and needs your help to remember all the children who have been good this year.

*Special Extra Treats for Dad and Mum:  
Mulled wine, gammon ham on toast,  
warm roasted chestnuts and mince pies.*

### **Christmas Eve Dinner**

Date: Monday, 24 December

Time: 7 pm onwards

Venue: The Four Peaks

Price: HK\$599 for adults for a five-course dinner and unlimited sparkling wine,  
HK\$499 for children age 5 – 18 years for five-course dinner and soft drinks,  
and HK\$349 for children under the age of five, for a three-course dinner.





## 2018-2019 FESTIVE SEASON EVENTS PROGRAMME



### **Christmas Day Celebration at the Main Clubhouse**

Date: Tuesday, 25 December

Time: 12 noon – 3 pm

Price: The Four Peaks and deck: HK\$379 for adults and HK\$229 for children under 12 years (excluding first course)  
The Galley and Patio: HK\$369 for adults and HK\$229 for children under 12 years (excluding first course).

### **Boxing Day Brunch at the Galley and Patio**

Date: Wednesday, 26 December

Time: Early bird breakfast 8 – 10:30 am, Brunch 10:30 am – 3 pm

Price: Early bird breakfast HK\$82 for adults and HK\$68 for children age 3 – 12 years  
Brunch HK\$279 for adults, inclusive of one glass of sparkling wine, and HK\$128 for children age 3 – 12 years.

### **New Year's Eve Party at the Galley and Patio "The Old Hong Kong & Shanghai"**

Date: Monday, 31st December

Time: 8pm until late

Price: HK\$888 or HK\$588 for adults, inclusive of canapés, buffet, listed premium drinks and Champagne for toasting at midnight, HK\$288 for children under age 12.

You and your guests are invited to 'The Old Hong Kong & Shanghai' themed New Year's Eve party at ABC. You will be offered a free flow of drinks and an evening of dancing.

DJ "El Senior David" from last year's party returns to play this year.







### **New Year's Day Brunch Extravaganza at the Galley and Patio**

Date: Tuesday, 1 January, 2018

Time: Early bird breakfast 8 – 10:30 am Brunch 10:30 am – 4 pm

Price: HK\$309 for adults, HK\$359 with sparkling wine,  
and HK\$189 for children under 12 years

Early-bird  
Breakfast  
**Only \$82**  
8 – 10:30 am

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### **Members' Day on the Junk**

Date: Sunday, 6 January

Venue: The Club Junk

Time: 11 am to 5 pm

Price: HK\$310 for adults, with unlimited Prosecco and a simple curry on board and  
HK\$85 for children under 12 years with a packed lunch

The Club has booked the junk for you and your family and guests to enjoy this first  
Saturday of the New Year on a cruise around Hong Kong island.

Limited space for 38 passengers, therefore,  
please book quickly so as not to be disappointed.



**All menus can be seen on our website: [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)**

**Please book in advance with us on**

**Tel: 25528182 or email: [booking@abclubhk.com](mailto:booking@abclubhk.com)**



## F&B PROMOTION



### NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS

**The Galley & The Patio**  
Modern Indian Festive Cuisine

**The Four Peaks  
Restaurant**  
New Autumn Dishes



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## WINE & BEER PROMOTIONS

### Wine of the Month Glenelly, Stellenbosch



Glenelly Glass Collection  
Unoaked Chardonnay, 2018  
Stellenbosch, South Africa (White)

HK\$250 per bottle  
HK\$62 by the glass

Glenelly Estate Reserve, 2011  
Stellenbosch, South Africa (Red)

HK\$250 per bottle  
HK\$62 by the glass



Beer of the Month  
Kronenbourg, 1664 Blanc,  
330ml, France  
HK\$39 per bottle



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## Cocktails of the Month

### Breeze at the Deck HK\$66

- Cinnamon infused vodka, vanilla cream liqueur with raspberries top of the gruyere.

### Deck in a Dark HK\$75

- Berry vodka, Tequila, Blue Curacao with Cranberry Juice and Passionfruit pulp. Garnish with Passionfruit & flammable lime.

### A.B.C Sunrise HK\$75

- Vanilla infused in Bourbon, bitters in a sugar cube, splash with fruity sparkling wine, garnished with strawberry lime.

### Grapefruit Cooler HK\$66 / HK\$55 (non-alcoholic)

- Cinnamon & Cloves infused gin with organic red grapefruit juice and Black berries, splash with tonic, garnished with twist peel.



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## GREYWACKE Wine Dinner with Mr. Kevin Judd

**The Four Peaks Restaurant**  
**Friday, 2 November, 7pm**

This event is by invitation and on a first come first served basis. Please email Robin at [fnb@abclubhk.com](mailto:fnb@abclubhk.com) to be included in the VIP invite list for these exclusive events!

\*Extremely limited Seats – Please book early to avoid disappointment!



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## F&B PROMOTION



### Shabu Shabu Shinjuku Hotpot Night with Wine Tasting for Home Delivery

The Galley & The Patio

Saturday, 10 November, 7:00pm

All-you-can-eat Shabu Shabu hotpot with wide selection of premium seafood and meat dishes!

**Adults : HK\$298 only**

**Concessionary price for members over 65 years of age : HK\$238 only**

**Kids (3-12 y/o) : HK\$198 only**



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### Thanksgiving Sparkling Dinner 2018

The Four Peaks Restaurant

Thursday, 22 November, 7:00pm

What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving day with your friends and family other than with Sparkles! There will be a very special menu designed to celebrate the beginning of the festive season!



**Adults : HK\$398 only (free flow Sparkling Wines/Champagne)**

**Kids (12-18 y/o) : HK\$298 only (free flow soft drinks & chilled juices)**

**Kids (under 12 y/o) : HK\$198 only (free flow soft drinks & chilled juices)**



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# Home Wine Delivery November 2018

*Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 10 November) 6:30pm – 8:30pm*

SPARKLING	HK\$/ Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>Rimarts Cava Brut Nature Reserva – Spain</b> Small persistent bubbles, fruity aroma, good structure and long finish. Perfect accompaniment for a wide array of foods.	HK\$155		
WHITE WINE	HK\$/ Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>Lou Dumont Cuvee Famille Bourgogne Blanc, 2014 – Bourgogne, France</b> Great length and depth with complex buttery body. Enjoy on its own or with fresh oysters, seared scallops, Thai beef salad or salt and pepper squid.	HK\$180		
<b>Patrice Moreux Sancerre Blanc, 2016 – Loire, France</b> Rounded yet crisp with a fine notes of citrus, racy chalk, slight acidity. Ideal with any seafood, fish starters.	HK\$190		
<b>Robert Weil Rheingau Riesling Trocken 2016 – Germany</b> Dry riesling with good depth, a lovely minerality and a long finish.	HK\$190		
RED WINE	HK\$/ Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>Le Pavillon Pauillac, 2006 – Pauillac, Bordeaux, France</b> Flavors of aged cherries, fresh fruits with pepper and a musky aged finish.	HK\$240		
<b>Chandon Briailles Pernand Vegelesse 1ER CRU, 2013 – Bourgogne, France</b> Bright dark red, aromas of red fruits, sandalwood with smoky mineral, pepper, licorice and finishing with slightly peppery tannins.	HK\$395		
<b>Damilano Barbera D'Asti, 2016 – Piedmont, Italy</b> Aromas of violet and ripe-red skin berry. The wine is characteris ed by its smooth but robust full bodied structure and the quality of its velvety tannins.	HK\$140		
<b>Decoy Sonoma County Merlot, 2016- USA</b> Displays layers of blackberry, blueberry and underscored by vanilla. Balanced acidity with silky tannis and a strong finish.	HK\$240		
<b>Howard Park Leston Shiraz, 2015 - Australia</b> Plenty or red fruits, cocoa, mocha notes with round palate and a chewy vibrant tannis.	HK\$225		
<b>Bodega Noemia A Lisa, 2017 - Argentina</b> Interesting blend of Malbec, merlot and petit verdot. Medium intensity, savoury salty finish.	HK\$215		
	Grand Total :		

Member Name: Mr. / Ms / Mrs.      Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: (Office) \_\_\_\_\_      (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2018 ABC Christmas Youth Sailing Programme

The Christmas holidays can provide some of the best time to sail; normally we can expect great conditions with good wind, making this time of the year ideal for our more advanced courses. Naturally, it's cooler and we remind students and parents of the need to wear appropriate warm clothes.

We recommend you apply at least 3 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 full payment; we cannot reserve course slots by email or telephone. Early bookings qualify for a discount.

Further details are available at [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com) and also from Angela at [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com).

### Application Deadline: 6 December 2018

Date & Time	Activity	Detail / Entry requirements	Discounted cost if booked before 16 Nov 2018	Cost HK\$: (Member/ N/M)
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec	HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 can swim with water confidence	2,655 / 3,582	2,950 / 3,980
Mon 17 – Wed 19 Dec	RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,593 / 2,150	1,770 / 2,388
Thur 20 – Fri 21 Dec	RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 11 – 18, passed RS Feva Introduction	1,062 / 1,433	1,180 / 1,592
Thur 20 – Fri 21 Dec	2 Days Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,062 / 1,433	1,180 / 1,592

### Application Deadline: 20 December 2018

Date & Time	Activity	Detail / Entry requirements	Discounted cost if booked before 30 Nov 2018	Cost HK\$: (Member/ N/M)
Mon 31 Dec – Fri 4 Jan AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 31 Dec – Fri 4 Jan AM	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 31 Dec – Fri 4 Jan PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 31 Dec – Fri 4 Jan PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	1,215 / 1,791	1,350 / 1,990
Mon 31 Dec – Fri 4 Jan	HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 can swim with water confidence	2,655 / 3,582	2,950 / 3,980
Mon 31 Dec – Wed 2 Jan	RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,593 / 2,150	1,770 / 2,388
Thur 3 – Fri 4 Jan	RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 11 – 18, passed RS Feva Introduction	1,062 / 1,433	1,180 / 1,592
Thur 3 – Fri 4 Jan	2 Days Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,062 / 1,433	1,180 / 1,592



RACE 1: 7 OCT 2018  
RACE 2: 4 NOV 2018  
RACE 3 & 4: 25 NOV 2018  
RACE 5: 9 DEC 2018  
RACE 6: 16 DEC 2018  
RACE 7: 6 JAN 2019  
RACE 8: 10 FEB 2019  
RACE 9 & 10: 24 FEB 2019  
RACE 11: 10 MAR 2019  
RACE 12: 31 MAR 2019  
RESAIL: 7 APR 2019



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