

## **NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE 2019 – 2020**

In accordance with Article 29a of the Club's Articles of Association **TEN (10)** members of the General Committee who were elected in 2017 and are still serving and due to retire.

### **A. MEMBERS DUE FOR ELECTION ( alphabetical order )**

1. **Alan Child** offers himself for re-election
2. **Christopher Pooley** offers himself for re-election
3. **Eric Tang** offers himself for re-election
4. **Graeme Brechin** offers himself for re-election
5. **Graham Price** offers himself for re-election
6. **Ian Skeggs** offers himself for re-election
7. **James Ross** offers himself for re-election
8. **John Berry** offers himself for re-election
9. **John Currie** offers himself for re-election
10. **Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath** offers himself for re-election

### **B. THE ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN (18) ELECTED MEMBERS.**

- 1) For the year 2019, **TEN (10)** are due for re-election, and **TEN (10)** will stand down at the AGM.
- 2) This has created **TEN (10)** vacancies in total for the General Committee.
- 3) We have received in due time **TEN (10)** re-election applications and **ONE (1)** new election application.

### **C. THE TEN CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE :**

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**D. THERE IS ONE NEW CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AS BELOW :**

**Christopher Tung nominated as General Committee Member**

Club member since 2015 offers himself for election

Proposed by Wong Wai Wah; Seconded by Ho Wai Hung Dewey

**E. THE FULL LIST OF THE ELEVEN CANDIDATES IS GIVEN BELOW WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIES ( alphabetical order ) :**

**1. Alan Child**

**Club member since 1982**

**Proposed by Graeme Brechin; Seconded by Callum Brechin**

**Biography**

I believe that at the very least the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore Sailing of ABC should be filled by a Club member who can demonstrate extensive experience of boating, preferably sailing in order that he reflects the core values of the Club. He should also have had a broad exposure to club management through membership of the General Committee and its sub-committees. In putting myself forward for a Flag Officer position, I would like to highlight the following personal abilities:

- I have sailed regularly in the Club racing series since 1982.
- I have participated in over 20 Four Peaks races as crew, runner and skipper.
- For the past 10 years I have been a co-owner of the Farr Side, one of the most consistently raced boats in ABC.
- I am a RYA Offshore and Ocean Yacht master as well as having a local Masters and Engineers Licence.
- I have competed in numerous offshore races to the Philippines, Vietnam and China.
- I have spent 6 years on General Committee and on Development Committee.
- I have extensive knowledge of Government leases and development having working for 8 years in the Lands Department.
- I have been a board member and Chairman of one of the largest privately owned Property Consultancies in Hong Kong.
- I have many years of experience running a large multi-faceted organization.
- I believe I have the skills and standing necessary to help steer the Club through the planned major development era, and to represent the Club at the highest levels of the yachting and boating community.

- 2. Christopher Pooley**  
**Club member since 2007**  
**Proposed by Paul Scroggie; Seconded by Eric Tang**

**Biography**

**Rear Commodore Sailing - from 2013 to 2015**  
**Commodore from 2015 to 2019**

In standing for re-election to Gencom I should, as required by convention, highlight some personal details for those Members who do not yet know me or who otherwise may not be familiar.

----A dinghy sailor from boyhood, Pooley has been a regular participant in HK yachting and racing since returning here in 1989. Currently a member of 2 overseas Yacht Clubs in addition to ABC and a member of the HKSF. Well known in the local yachting community and to flag officers of other yacht clubs.

----Involved in some 25 Four Peaks Races initially as Skipper on Shearwater, more recently as a regular crew member, 20 events as a runner.

----A regular participant in all ABC race series from 1989 and numerous Regattas and offshore events in Asia:- Thailand , Philippines , Malaysia and China Sea crossings ; occasionally in UK.

- 3. Christopher Tung**  
**Club member since 2015**  
**Proposed by Wong Wai Wah; Seconded by Ho Wai Hung Dewey**

**Biography**

Chris was born in Hong Kong and has been a keen boater since early childhood. He skippers a classic sports fisherman and heads out around our southern and western waters in winter and Sai Kung in the summer. He loves a wide range of water activities and has competed in dragon boat races, and has been a certified diver since the early 90s. He is a commercial litigation lawyer and also specializes in construction, engineering and environmental matters. Chris is an active member of the Sail & Marine Committee of the club.

**4. Eric Tang**

**Club member since 2012**

**Proposed by Sam Cheng; Seconded by Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath**

**Biography**

Joined the Club in 2012, I have the privilege to serve on the General Committee for the past six years. It is no easy journey to overcome the challenges in bringing the improvement work to the club, yet it is rewarding to see the job done. I am seeking for re-election to continue driving for more and better.

**5. Graeme Brechin**

**Club member since 1996**

**Proposed by Christopher Pooley; Seconded by John Currie**

**Biography**

I arrived in HK as a 12 year old in 1977 and from that date on, apart from my final schooling in the UK, I have continuously used the ABC for sailing activities alongside my father and his/my friends becoming a full member of the Club in 1996.

I remain an active sailor and have raced with many boats over the years also completing eleven China Sea crossings, eight of which were competitive. Last year I helped to sail a boat with three friends from HK to Singapore then on to Langkawi and finally, before my next adventure, sailed across the Western Pacific.

I have spent the last year as your Rear Commodore for Sailing and Marine guiding our 're-building' of our Marine & Sailing Services after Typhoon Mangkut.

As a boat owner and frequent user of our Club I feel I am well placed to help to keep our Club in the 'First Division'.

**6. Graham Price**

**Club member since 2003**

**Proposed by Paul Scroggie; Seconded by Alan Child**

**Biography**

First came to Hong Kong in 1977, and returned to stay in 1992. Graham joined ABC in 2003 whilst crewing Gypsy for John Butler. He learned to sail a dinghy at Middle Island. His two sons Sam and David both qualified as sailing instructors and taught at RHKYC and ABC. He owns a "bi-plane rigged" catamaran moored at Middle Island. He also has two younger children Hannah and Ethan who really enjoyed their ABC sailing course in October. He joined the General Committee in 2011 and has been especially interested in safety, facilities for children and young people and matters affecting boat owners. He sat on Sailing and Marine Committee as well as House and Building Committee in the past and he currently sits on Development Committee. He is keen to promote marine facilities, and for appropriate and

affordable development of the Main Clubhouse and Middle Island. He was very involved in representations to the Government review of land held by Private Recreational Clubs and addressed to the Legco committee. He believes that sail training is a very worthwhile, rewarding and life forming activity for young people and is keen that ABC supports this, together with opportunities for those who wish to compete internationally or become assistant and full instructors. Finally he believes in ABC as a club, with members contributing and participating and will fight to preserve its welcoming, friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

**7. Ian Skeggs**

**Club member since 2002**

**Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by John Berry**

**Biography**

Mr Ian Skeggs has been a resident of Hong Kong since 1987 and been part of the sailing community ever since, still taking part in ABC races as well as having made several crossings of the South China Sea. Mr Skeggs has owned a Peterson 33, The Judge, and now owns the motor cruiser Viva. Mr Skeggs is a keen member of the ABC and has arranged sponsorship of several events including the 4 Peak's Race and international dingy racing. Mr Skeggs has previously served on the General Committee of the Club.

**8. James Ross**

**Club member since 2006**

**Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by Barry Hill**

**Biography**

I'm originally from the UK, have been in Hong Kong since 2003, and am the CEO of a media company. I've been a member of the ABC since 2006, when my daughter started sailing, and have been part of GenCom, SailCom and the Dinghy Committee. My passion is for everything boat-related, but I'm a dinghy sailor at heart. Helping to develop the ABC Dinghy Training Centre has been a focus - striving for better facilities and courses for members, taking an overview on dinghy centre finances to ensure good cost control, and a faster move to profitability. I have also been instrumental in keeping a close eye on improving safety of all our boating activities. Right now I am concerned that members views are represented well regarding the Middle Island Development Project, and to help ensure that what is created is great for members, maximises the use of members' money, builds a strong boating base, but still maintains the relaxing atmosphere of Middle Island.

**9. John Berry**

**Club member since 1983**

**Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by Stein Olson**

**Biography**

John Berry sailed to Hong Kong in 1982 and shortly after applied for membership of ABC, started sailing in ABC races in that year and has not missed a season since.

He currently sails on and co-owns The Farr Side, a Farr 38, and races a dinghy in Hong Kong. He also sails and races around the region.

John is a civil engineer working for a consulting practice. He is a past Council member of HKSF, and is on its Racing Rules and Appeals Committee.

At ABC John was on General Committee for a period in the 1980s and 90s, serving on Sailing and Marine Committees, and Building and Development Committee. After rejoining the General Committee, he has served as Commodore from 2011 to 2015.

John intends to continue supporting the General Committee with particular interests in development, membership and sailing.

**10. John Currie**

**Club member since 2008**

**Proposed by Alan Child; Seconded by Graeme Brechin**

**Biography**

Has been an active member of the Club for 16 years and resided in Hong Kong for over 20 years. A regular participant in ABC yachting events and other club race programs.

Part of the 4 Peaks Race committee during last 4 years and found the experience rewarding. Understand the necessity of the Club to evolve whilst retaining its unique identity.

The 2 year term on Gen Com and Sailcom has given me a deeper understanding of how club operates during challenging times. Keen to support for another term.

**11. Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath**

**Club member since 1988**

**Proposed by Martin Ganz; Seconded by Eric Tang**

**Biography**

"Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath is a solicitor and currently the Hon Gen Secretary of the Club. I have been pleased to serve the Club on the General Committee for many years, primarily as honorary legal adviser.

The next two years are of particular importance for the Club in the progression of the Middle Island project and renewal of our recreational leases, where various legal issues will no doubt continue to arise."