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109 Year old Gaff Cutter “Merrymaid” joins the 2013 Aberdeen Boat Club Classic Yacht Rally

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In an age when words like *vintage* and *classic* are increasingly disappearing from the vocabulary and in a city where *old* is synonymous with *obsolete*, Hong Kong’s Aberdeen Boat Club continues to celebrate sailing craft of bygone days. Yachts with classic lines, with character, with history, will once again meet together for this annual event held off the South of Hong Kong Island, this year on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May.



“Merrymaid”, pictured here, was built by the Camper and Nicholson shipyard in Gosport in 1904. After being fully restored in 2008, she is undertaking an extensive global circumnavigation and hopes to remain in Hong Kong until the end of 2013. She will be joined this year by over 20 classic yachts, including the 118 year old 78 foot ketch “Rona”.

Held annually, the Aberdeen Boat Club Classic Yacht Rally is a *celebration of style and design*, and 2013 will see some of the Hong Kong’s most unique and impressive yachts taking part. This year’s race starts at 2pm in Stanley Bay, the fleet stays overnight in Tai Tam Bay, takes a longer “Islands Race” and returns to Deep Water Bay for a prize giving on Sunday afternoon.

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