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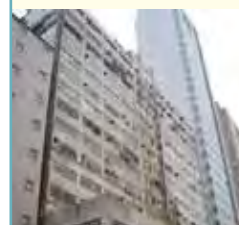
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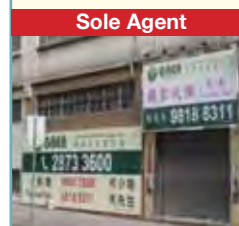
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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Members holding moorings and hardstanding places will shortly be receiving a new Allocated Mooring / Space Agreement to replace their present mooring or hardstanding agreements. The new agreements are updates on the previous and clarify requirements for insurance, liabilities and obligations in these times of higher demand for moorings and spaces. You will be asked to sign up for the new agreements which will supersede the previous versions which will be withdrawn. Generally the moorings and spaces will be transferred in the new agreements, and subsequently new bye-laws will spell out clearer rules for allocations in changes of holders.

In these days of ever evolving electronic phones, pads, kindles and tablets, bye-laws covering usage of electronic devices can quickly become inadequate and outdated. The relevant bye-law has therefore been reviewed and revised to cover all current types of mobile phones and electronic devices with the intent to maintain the tranquility of the members' areas. It allows usage of pads, tablets and devices in certain areas in silent mode only, and indicates where mobile telephones may be operated i.e. in

club rooms with fixed line telephones, car parks and in the boat store area of Middle Island beyond the barrier gate.

Aberdeen Boat Club proudly hosted the first ever Hong Kong 29er Class Championships on behalf of the 29er Association, initially planned for 17 & 18 March 2012. Regrettably, due to low winds, only one race was completed on the 17th (won by ABC's Peter Simpson with crew Louis Bond-Smith) with insufficient breeze for any other races. The Association decided to run additional races to allow completion of the minimum of four, on 14 & 15 April 2012. However, the wind gods were not with us on either day and the championships were not completed. No doubt the Association will try to secure a windier calendar slot for the next event!

While our 29er and Optimist training squads prepare for their bigger events later in the year, the next cruiser event of note in ABC's calendar is the Classic Yacht Rally being held on the second weekend of May, a two day event with, this year, over-nighting at Middle Island. While other details appear elsewhere in *Horizons*, spectators and competitors can look forward to a fine fleet of classic, vintage and antique craft, with a fair proportion of the crewmembers



falling into the latter categories!

Other events in May include the annual sportfishing challenge between the Mandarin Sportfishing Club and ABC on the 5th, and the Annual Prize Giving for cruisers and dinghies alike, on 19th May 2012. Meanwhile, the serious racers are preparing for the traditional Summer Series, competing for the Farr Cup and Tamarisk Plate over A to B courses, finishing at various island restaurants from Po Toi to Cheung Chau.

Fair winds, and ensure that you keep hydrated.

John Berry
Commodore

GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

Dear members, it is a busy month ahead at the Club. Between 3 and 8 May a team of four ABC young sailors will be taking part in the Thailand Optimist National in Pattaya. Coach Rory Godman and parents of the competitors will be chaperoning Yann D'Argenlieu, Matthew Wright, Russel Aylsworth and Charlie Stewart in their first International competition. The Optimist squad has been generously sponsored by EMERSON HK, and is strongly supported by the Club. We wish them all the best.

The new Four Peaks Restaurant menu is now in place. We hope you enjoy it, and as always we welcome your comments to

help us improve on it. The Galley summer menu will be introduced in the middle of this month. Should you have an irresistible desire for a specific dish to be included, please let me know before Wednesday, 9 May and I will try my best to include it.

If there is one function not to be missed it is Mother's Day on Sunday, 13 May. All Mums will receive a special gift, and you can take home a family Polaroid picture of the day. Children will have the opportunity to decorate a cup cake for Mum and for the younger ones there will be a bouncy castle, a clown, a magician and balloon twisting in the playground.

There are two main sailing events



linked with Food and Beverage functions this month. If you wish to show off your belly dancing skills, join us on Saturday,

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12 May for the Classic Yacht Rally Middle East Party on Middle Island. On Saturday, 19 May the Club will hold its annual sailing Prize Giving event, also on Middle Island. For details contact our Food and Beverage Manager.

This month we added two new RIBs to our dinghy training safety fleet. They are second hand 'Tornados' used during last year's Asian Championship. Therefore, they can be considered as good as new, having been used only for a few hours during the event. We are still waiting for the return of our two other RIBs which are being repaired in the UK. As strange as it sounds, it is cheaper to send them there than to have them repaired here. Having six nearly new RIBs operational will ease some of the pressure to find safety boats for regattas, and will allow us to offer more

courses and services to members.

April and May are very quiet on the racing side of things, but on Sunday, 27 May the Summer Series starts again. In 2011, 18 racers took part in the six race series with a clean win in the HKPN for Stephen Vine's *Thea*, and Andrew Root's Archambault *Red Kite 2* in IRC, followed in both ratings by our Commodore John Berry on *The Farr Side*. This year we are hoping to see an increasing fleet of J/80s and Archambault Surprises as more ABC members have become proud owners of the latter, and the J/80 sailors are being very active. Stay tuned for what is expected to be a hard fought competition this year.

Two staff members left us last month, Ah Hang, one of our maintenance workers who, after spending four years with us, decided to start his own

renovation and small work business with a friend. I shall keep his details if you wish to have some alterations done to your flat or solve your plumbing issues. I'm sure he will be very happy to get your business.

Also Karen, my secretary/event planning manager/green supervisor left us after seven years of dedicated service. Karen will take care of some family duties and probably develop a child care practice later on, following her last four years of studies.

We wish them both good luck and good health.

I wish you all a great month of May, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible around the club.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

FLAG OFFICER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is my great pleasure once again to give you a snapshot of the Club's financial position. In these trying economic times it is important to be kept up to date with the Club's current status and future plans, as they pertain to its finances.

The ABC does not exist in a vacuum; it is part of the greater Hong Kong economy which is, itself, part of a global economy. In times like these both private and commercial investors alike are looking for a secure investment. Gold, for example, is traditionally regarded as safe, and it has proven to be so in these turbulent economic times.

At its core the ABC is part of the leisure industry. This sector is still growing reasonably steadily here, and is generally experiencing less turmoil than others. Hong Kong, as a whole, seriously lacks fully equipped and developed, outdoor recreational venues and the Middle Island Development Project (MIDP) is precisely the type of project that will add value to both the Club, and to Hong Kong.

Now, from the macro to the micro, let us talk about the Club and its finances.

While the club generates revenue in excess of its operating requirements, its

cash reserves do not permit immediate funding of large projects such as those on Middle Island. The MIDP is a big project for our Club which requires a major capital investment, and the development of alternative revenue generating mechanisms. It is, above all, an investment in the future – the future of the Club and ultimately the future of Hong Kong. The long term benefits to members will repay the current investment manifold.

This project will rejuvenate our club and give our members a beautiful additional venue. A couple of weeks ago the South China Morning Post ran an article on the chronic shortage of recreational berths in Hong Kong. By all estimates the new marina in Middle Island will be full even before completion.

Again, this is a major investment with a long-term time span to completion. The project is progressing, albeit slowly at this the planning and application stage. However, I can assure club members that the financing is sound. John Berry, our Commodore, and all the committee members are deeply committed to seeing the Middle Island project to completion, and so am I.

My very best regards to you all.



Yann Sandt
Honorary Treasurer

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BENETEAU SEA TRIALS

Photo by Beneteau

Every year, for a full week, Beneteau organizes press trials of the new boats introduced into the Beneteau power and sailboat ranges. This year's sea trials took place in La Ciotat, France.

At this media event every effort is made to meet the requirements of the attending marine journalists, with a dozen boats available to test in pleasant surroundings, speedboats made available for taking photo shoots as well as the presence of Beneteau personnel, particularly those in charge of developing the boats, to answer technical questions and discuss features.

This year nine boats were available to test: four sailing yachts and five motor boats. The most popular of the motorboats, with the largest number of trials, was the Barracuda 9 which was tested by journalists from 48 magazines. On the whole, 57 magazines from all over the world, including specialized members of the European, Chinese, Russian, and Australian maritime press came to test these new boats. Look out for reviews of Beneteau power and sailboats in boating magazines over the next few months.

To learn more about Beneteau boats visit www.simpsonmarine.com 

FAIRLINE FOCUSES ON ASIA

Following its success at Thailand's premier marine expo, PIMEX, with the regional debut of three models, the Squadron 78 CUSTOM, Squadron 42 and Targa 38, Fairline has put on another triumphant display, this time in Singapore.

Fairline Boats showcased two of its most popular models at the Singapore Yacht Show at ONE°15 Marina Club, Sentosa this April. On display, for the first time in Singapore, were the luxurious Squadron 58 and powerful Targa 38 sports cruiser.

This was the latest marketing initiative for the world-renowned British brand which is predicting the Asia-Pacific region will eventually become the world's biggest market for leisure cruisers as the developing markets of China, South America, Russia and Southeast Asia become increasingly developed.


"Already these markets contribute approximately 40 percent of the company's turnover," said Bryan Jones, President of Fairline Boats Asia.

The Targa 38, despite its compact size, offers more accommodation and practical features than nearly any other sports

cruiser in its class. The swept-back radar arch gives the flowing lines of the Targa 38 a sharp finish, while the long, panoramic hull windows add to its distinctive, streamlined look. An extended bathing platform on the rear makes boarding easy with or without tender, and the aft deck boasts plenty of seating. Downstairs, the saloon is light and airy with a central entertainment panel and galley kitchen. Two sleeping cabins are positioned fore and aft of the saloon, and the master cabin features an en-suite bathroom.

The Squadron 58 has been designed to maximise the use of light and open space. A three-stage sliding patio door connects the cockpit to the saloon, whilst high level lockers have been relocated and storage units integrated into the saloon sofa.

The full-beam master stateroom features panoramic hull windows, full size wardrobes and a state-of-the-art bathroom layout. Newly designed mid-level lockers in the starboard guest cabin are twice as wide as previous models.

For more information on Fairline yachts visit www.jebsenmarine.com 



FEADSHIP LAUNCHES M.Y. HAMPSHIRE II

Words and photos by Feadship

Feadship has launched the 78.50m custom motoryacht *Hampshire II*, for an experienced Feadship owner with a great love of action and sports. From the foredeck ball court to the 25-metre high crow's mast, this latest addition to the Feadship fleet is a yacht built for adventure.

During the launch Feadship director Dick van Lent paid tribute to the owner of *Hampshire II*. "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to create such a unique vessel for such a passionate sailor. As an experienced Feadship owner, he really appreciates the qualities of a Feadship and the fun of being closely involved in the design and construction process."

"This is exactly the sort of client we love to work with, and *Hampshire II* is exactly the kind of superyacht that Feadship owners deserve. She is built around every conceivable sporting activity while also offering exceptional facilities for those who like to take things a little easier. Many of his friends and family were involved in the various milestones of the build, and now they are all set to reap the rewards."

In the hours leading up to the launch ceremony various teams representing the owner's guests and personnel from the yard played football on the foredeck. The yacht's helicopter landing platform, finished in teak, can be transformed into a playing field for basketball, tennis, baseball, badminton and of course football. A giant net is placed around


the deck to ensure continuity of the games.

Hampshire II also features a 'beach club' with two platforms that open up either side of the yacht, in addition to the swim platform at the transom with its hydraulic swim ladder. On the sundeck a crow's nest atop the mast is reached by a two-person elevator and offers panoramic views high above the water. For the truly adventurous, a zip wire is connected to the mast to which one can attach a rope sling and slide from the crow's nest down to the water.

While the exterior profile is modern, *Hampshire II's* interior is a classic affair. Highlights include a typical English style bar on the bridge deck in place of the traditional lounge.

The engine room has a passageway through the middle with full height glass walls. Only three colours are used in this area – Ferrari red, white and black which, combined with lots of stainless steel and the clever use of spotlights, make the engine room look fantastic. The same can be said of the wheelhouse with its glass-covered dashboard and touchscreen controls.

Like everything else on this vessel, state-of-the-art technologies have been combined with traditional craftsmanship and in doing so, Feadship has set a new standard for owners who enjoy using their superyacht to the maximum.

For more information on the Feadship marque, visit www.feadship.nl 



BENETEAU FIRSTS

Beneteau First Series yachts have been sweeping races around the world in what looks like being the marque's best competitive year yet.

In Australia, the First 40 *Just Cruisin* skippered by Commodore Tony Carter won all classes in the regatta for the 50th anniversary of the Royal Perth Yacht Club. Over a distance of 235 nautical miles between Perth and Cape Naturalist and in varying wind conditions, they dominated over a top class line-up. Not


only did the First 40 win all IRC classes, but it also won in the YAH category and was given the title of overall winner.

Meanwhile Cyril Baillie on his First 40 *Sayan Madraco*, used to being placed up front in the Mediterranean, won the Semaine Internationale de Marseille (International Week) in IRC 2 after a great and yet uncertain battle with the runner-up. It is the 2nd victory in the magnificent harbour of Marseille for *Sayan Madraco* in 15 days.

The First 35, *No First No Fun*, and its

skipper Gianluca Canale won in all ORC classes during the winter championship of West Liguria and the team did it again with a very fine victory in IRC and ORC, during international week at Alassio.

These initial results are a sign of a very good season to come for Gianluca Canale, who has won many victories in the past on the various models of the First range.

For more details on the First and other Beneteau models visit www.simpsonmarine.com 


ACHAMBAULT RESULTS

Over the Easter weekend some 80 Archambault sailboats competed at La Trinité sur Mer for Spi Ouest France, this season's first big championship on the Atlantic French Coast. Present were 44 Grand Surprises, 12 M34's, 10 A35's, six A31's, four Surprises, three A40RC's and a single Suspens, a fine representation of the Achambault fleet.

From this fleet Achambault took four

podium finishes. An A35 named *Ame Hasle* skippered by F.Y. Escoffier won in IRC2, while the A31 *Batistyl* led by C. Legloahec took third place in IRC3. In IRC4B, the surprise came from the Surprises with two of their number taking the first two spots on the winners' platform. First was a boat called *Chercheur d'Eponge* skippered by H. Drieu, and second was *Souezhadenn*, helmed by E. Lebeau.

It was also a good weekend for the company at Marseille during the traditional SNIM, with four more podium finishes: In IRCB the A40RC *Glen Ellen le Marseillais*, finished second, while the A35 *Prime Time* won in IRCC. In the IRC4 division an A31, *Jeanne* took the winner's place, while *Solenn* took the third.

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2012 ROLEX CHINA SEA RACE

Photo by Rolex/Daniel Forster

This year's running of the Rolex South China Sea Race marks the race's 50th Anniversary. Conditions for this year's race were everything that previous CSR competitors have come to expect, with isolated strong breezes, lively seas and fleet stopping wind holes. 42ft HYD *Zanzibar* took a big risk splitting from the fleet and running high of the rhum line. This nerve testing manoeuvre proved to be the correct strategy and she took IRC victory after watching the rest of the fleet park up

outside of Subic Harbour.

26 boats took the start on a grey and dreary Hong Kong day however the race claimed five boats with *Darling*, *Orient Express*, *Surfdude*, *CATA Kam Loong* and *Tipsy Frenz* all retiring. As always, world renowned Rolex race photographer Daniel Forster was there to capture the action as it unfolded.

Results are as follows (best ABC result was *Redeye*, 2nd in IRC cruising). [H](#)

Yacht	Corrected Time	Place
IRC Racing Division 0		
Zanzibar	97:46:57	1
Hi Fi	102:10:13	2
Jelik 5	104:54:44	3
FreeFire	109:04:37	4
Genuine Risk	110:37:06	5
Surfdude	RETIRED	
IRC Racing Division I		
EFG Bank Mandrake	98:09:12	1
Australian Maid	106:08:13	2
Sell Side Dream	109:18:53	3
Ambush	109:30:43	4
Orient Xpress	RETIRED	
IRC Racing Division 2		
Red Kite II	103:54:06	1
Whiskey Jack	108:09:13	2
Talkinghead	110:56:46	3

Yacht	Corrected Time	Place
IRC Premier Cruising		
Clove Hitch	115:48:37	1
Xena	119:22:47	2
Moonblue 2	121:40:03	3
IRC Cruising		
Vega	111:20:41	1
Redeye	111:23:57	2
Kei Lun	112:07:49	3
Crystal	116:52:35	4
Dearg Doom	118:02:43	5
CATA Kam Loong	RETIRED	
Darling	RETIRED	
Tipsy Frenz	RETIRED	
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Diamond Queen	116:26:36	1

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2012 LASER 2000 SAILING PROGRAMME

Words by Jim Veneau and Alex Foster, Photos by Kevin Lewis

ABC runs regular Laser 2000 dinghy courses as a next step for those who have completed a beginner's sailing course, or as a refresher to try and encourage people back into dinghy sailing who may not have been on the water for a while. Here we present two reviews of the recent course held in April. Check our website for dates and availability of upcoming courses.

"Having spent my first five-plus years sailing in keelboats, I felt I needed some formal instruction on handling smaller vessels, especially since they are prone to capsize. After three full days of instruction there have been many interesting surprises and revelations. While the points of sail are the same, the inherent instability of the boats mean the two main manoeuvres, tacking and gybing, are far more challenging. From handling the tiller extension, to timing crew and helm transitions, a high degree of agility and dexterity are required.

Spanning three days in back to back weekends, we experienced weather ranging from mid winter cold (at least by HK standards) to near summer heat, gloomy overcast and rain to sparkling sunshine and bright blue sky. In spite of persistently light winds, we managed to find spots of 'pressure' and cover a lot of material including hove-to, man overboard, rigging and using a gennaker, and fully recovering a capsized boat. Because the material is fairly extensive and the time is short, the atmosphere is fairly intense and the pace is brisk. Kevin, our seasoned and energetic instructor, keeps the mood fun and upbeat, which helps foster an atmosphere of teamwork and collegiality.

Middle Island is a great place to bring all of the sailing

elements together. Sheltered and secluded, it feels remote from Hong Kong's bustle and is an easy place to launch in challenging weather. It is also ideally positioned for accessing Repulse Bay, Stanley, Lamma and Po Toi Islands as well as less sheltered waterways when looking for fresher breezes. The Club's facilities have provided a pleasant retreat for lunch and at the end of the day where you can warm up with a coffee or hot chocolate or relax with a beer while taking in the backdrop of Deep Water Bay, moored yachts and the various ferry, kayak and dinghy activity. It was a great experience and I'd recommend the course to others!" (Jim Veneau)

"It's been a blast! The two main points I've taken from the course being how confidence can increase the fun you have while sailing, and how having fun while you learn increases your confidence!

The first day saw the group getting to know each other and the instructors Kevin and Jade, together with Assistant Instructor Louis. The majority of the group had recently finished the level 1 and 2 dinghy certificates, and had done little sailing since the beginner's course. First up was some revision on the basics, then a great introduction from Kevin on rigging a 2000. Once rigged we hit the water, and although the wind was a little inconsistent there were some great periods of fast smooth sailing with a nice opportunity to get the cobwebs out in light winds.

The afternoon session saw a little more theory, with the focus being on improving sailing habits, remembering the 'five essentials' and reviewing our morning session. Getting out in the

afternoon was a mini disaster as unfortunately the light winds become no winds and we spent the afternoon chasing whatever breeze there was. At least there was the opportunity to reflect on life and get to know your crew member while bobbing about on the water...

Day two was the start of something brilliant. Firstly, the rigging practice from yesterday came in very handy and confidence levels with the 2000 were on the rise already. Kevin and Jade then introduced the 3rd 'gennaker' sail to the group, together with plenty of handy tips for rigging and sailing before we went out. We then all rigged our own boats with the gennaker with a minimum of fuss. Once ready, it was time to put the theory to practice, with all boats heading to Deep Water Bay and preparing for our first hoist of the gennaker.

The winds were still on the light side, but far more consistent, and there was a nice downwind breeze blowing from Deep Water Beach straight out past MI. In our boat, Edwin on the helm positioned us in the hoist zone, and with a couple of long draws on the line we were away! Gennaker raised, speed increasing – and we actually looked like we knew what we were doing! Well up until the first gybe...


With a couple of gybes under our belt, things just became pure fun. Slight adjustments on the helm from Edwin, trim on the gennaker with changes in pressure. Tips from Kevin and Jade on the water helped us understand why we were having so much fun. Staying downwind, we managed to get round the back of MI, past Repulse Bay zigzagging around like a bunch of angry bees! Lots of smiles at lunch as all the crews had a great time hitting some speed on the water with the third sail.

After lunch there was some practical revision of the morning's sail before finishing off the day with some safety drills – righting

an inverted 2000 can be a challenge. Under the careful guidance of Kevin and Jade we all learned some nifty hints to make it a whole lot easier and more effective.

Day three and the final day of the course started off with a change in instructors, with Jade making way for the return of Marcus to the ABC team. Welcome back Marcus, it was great to have your experience with us. Unfortunately, there was very little wind on the water. So after rigging the boats and the final instruction of the course, we hit the water and made our way out to Deep Water Bay. Upwind in the light breeze was slow going indeed, but even in the super light conditions, once the gennaker was hoisted everyone was smiling again.

Afternoon sailing on the final day was a tad surreal, with us making use of the channel out the front of the MI clubhouse as our final training area as there simply wasn't any wind anywhere else! It was a great show to see us all sailing downwind past ABC, blue gennakers flying! The final part of the course, once the boats were de-rigged and put away, involved a pictorial review of the course from paparazzi Kevin. There were lots of shots, some memorable and some less so, to reflect on as a group.

So I'm sitting here in my office, and I can't wait to get out again on the water. The course has been a great way to build on my beginner's course, and really come to terms with the boat. I'm much more confident, and let's face it, getting out on the water and having fun is what it is all about! Massive thanks to the instructors Kevin, Jade, Marcus and Louis. I highly recommend the 2000 course, great instructors, great boats and great classmates. See you all on the water!" (Alex Foster) 



ABC SUMMER 2012 YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMME

Mon 2 July – Sat 18 August

Following hot on the heels of ABC's Easter Programme, we now announce our selection of Youth Sailing courses and activities for younger sailors during the summer school holidays. Don't be late to sign up – we encourage you to apply early, at least three weeks prior to the start date, to ensure you get spaces, particularly on popular courses. (We will be issuing a separate programme for the end of August for French International and other schools who have longer summer holidays). Details and all application forms are available on our website, www.abclubhk.com, for further enquiries please contact Angela Ho at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com.

Date & Time	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ Member/ Non-member
July			
Mon 2 – Fri 6 July AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 2 – Fri 6 July PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Mon 2 – Fri 6 July PM	Optimist Race Course	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	800 / 1,064
Mon 2 – Fri 6 July	Beginners HKSF Lev 1&2	Age 11 - 18	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 2 – Fri 6 July	Water Sports Week	Age 8 – 18, Pass HKSF 2 or Optimist 3	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 9 – Fri 13 July AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 July PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 July PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 9 – Fri 13 July	Improvers HKSF Lev 3	Age 12 – 18 Hold HKSF L2 for at least 1 year	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 9 – Wed 11 July	RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,440 / 1,920
Thur 12 – Sat 14 July	Laser Intro Course	Youth & Adult, Pass HKSF L2	1,440 / 1,920
Mon 9 – Tue 10 July	Basic & Intermediate Windsurfing	Age 8 - 18	960 / 1,280
Wed 11 – Thur 12 July	Advanced Windsurfing	Age 8 – 18, hold basic & intermediate	960 / 1,280
Mon 16 – Fri 20 July AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 16 – Fri 20 July PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Mon 16 – Fri 20 July PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 16 – Fri 20 July	Beginners HKSF Lev 1&2	Age 11 - 18	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 16 – Fri 20 July PM	RS Feva & Laser Race Training	Age 12 – 18, hold RS Feva Gennaker (free to Dinghy Team members)	1,200
Mon 16 – Wed 18 July	3 Day Supervised Practice Topper Pico RS Feva	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,440 / 1,920
Thur 19 July – Fri 20 July	RS Feva Gennaker Intro Course	Age 12 – 18, pass RS Feva Intro course	960 / 1,280
August			
Mon 30 July – Fri 4 Aug AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	800 / 1,064
Mon 30 July – Fri 4 Aug PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 13, hold Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	800 / 1,064
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 13, hold Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug	Beginners HKSF Lev 1&2	Age 11 - 18	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug	Water Sports Week	Age 8 – 18, Pass HKSF 2 or Optimist 3	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 6 – Wed 8 Aug	RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2 plus some additional sailing experience	1,440 / 1,920
Thur 9 – Fri 10 Aug	RS Feva Gennaker Intro Course	Age 12 – 18, pass RS Feva Intro course	960 / 1,280
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Aug AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	800 / 1,064
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Aug PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 13, hold Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Aug PM	Optimist Race Course	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	800 / 1,064
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Aug	Improvers HKSF Lev 3	Age 12 – 18 Hold HKSF L2 for at least 1 year	2,400 / 3,200
Mon 13 – Wed 15 Aug	RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2 plus some additional sailing experience	1,440 / 1,920
Thur 16 – Sat 18 Aug	Laser Intro Course	Youth & Adult, Pass HKSF L2	1,440 / 1,920
Mon 13 – Tue 14 Aug	Basic & Intermediate Windsurfing	Age 8 - 18	960 / 1,280
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EASTER YOUTH SAILING

Words & Photos by Kevin Lewis

Every school holiday our Club runs courses and activities for younger sailors, and Easter is always a very popular and busy time for us with a short holiday and usually great sailing conditions. This year we ran ten courses, including various Optimist junior courses, race training, HKSF beginner, High Performance and HKSF Level 4.

What marked out this Easter was the great variety of weather and the choice of some schools to arrange holidays on different dates, making scheduling a bit of a challenge. For several days it was quite cold, with strong winds and stormy conditions. We also had days of almost zero wind, together with hot sunshine. A difficult task for all the instructors, but

by the end of the programme everyone was happy and we had generated new enthusiasm, and new club members!

Our next programme is tailored to fit the holidays of French International School, and is shown below. We also include in this edition of Horizons a full schedule of our Summer Youth Sailing, remember to apply early! 

MAY YOUTH SAILING PROGRAMME

Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ Member/ Non-member
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	800 / 1,064
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	800 / 1,064
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	800 / 1,064
Mon 21 – Fri 25 May PM	✓	Optimist Introduction to Racing Course	Age 7 – 14 Pass Optimist Stage 3	800 / 1,064
Thur 24 – Fri 25 May		2 day Topper / Pico / RS Feva	Age 12 – 18 Hold HKSF Beginner L2	960 / 1,280
Thur 24 – Fri 25 May		Supervised Practice	Age 9 – Adult	960 / 1,280



You asked for it, so 'hair' we go again! It is a 'shear' pleasure to announce the 4th Annual St. Baldrick's Day Event to be hosted by the Aberdeen Boat Club on Saturday, 9 June. We are sharpening up the clippers and looking forward to seeing all those gleaming domes once again, proudly worn by ABC members, staff and guests.

And you have a lot to be proud of. At the 2011 ABC event, 13 brave volunteers were shorn in solidarity with children who lose their hair during cancer treatment. With thanks to their thoughtful and generous donors, a 'hair raising' HK\$246,590 was collected. The donations raised at last year's event are presently

funding childhood cancer research projects being conducted right here in Hong Kong.

We are looking forward to seeing past shavees as well as a crop of new volunteers stepping up and being shaved down to help fund the search for a cure. It's a small sacrifice that will make a huge difference for kids with cancer in Hong Kong and around the World. Everyone is welcome to attend and have a great time, for a great cause.

To register please visit www.stbaldricks.org and for more information contact Richard at rkligler@netvigator.com or ph 9381-3090

TOGETHER WE WILL CONQUER KIDS' CANCER!



DINGHY SPRING SERIES RACING RESULTS

Words by John Berry

Not much wind for Dinghy race days Spring 5&6, and 9&10 leading to abandonment of sailing, but the wind was in abundance for Spring 7&8 when planing conditions were there for all, even the Enterprise crews. Regrettably several of the boats were unable to finish or compete in both races due to the 20 knot plus conditions. Results below.

Spring 7 results (1 Apr 2012)	
Place	Name
Inter-Club Dinghy Class	
1st	Yann D'Argenlieu & Justin Tse (ABC)
2nd	Henry Salmon (RHKYC)
3rd	Dominick Hardoon (RHKYC)
ABC Dinghy Class	
1st	Yann D'Argenlieu & Justin Tse
DNF	Cosmas Grelon / Nathan Bradley
DNF	JG Brazier / Peter Simpson
Inter-Club Optimist Class	
1st	Sophie Tulloch (RHKYC)
2nd	Matthew Wright (ABC)
3rd	James Hodgson (ABC)
ABC Optimist Class	
1st	Matthew Wright
2nd	James Hodgson
3rd	Russell Aylsworth

Spring 8 results (1 Apr 2012)	
Place	Name
Inter-Club Dinghy Class	
1st	Henry Salmon (RHKYC)
2nd	Jonathan Li (RHKYC)
3rd	Dominick Hardoon (RHKYC)
ABC Dinghy Class	
1st	Yann D'Argenlieu & Justin Tse
DNF	JG Brazier / Peter Simpson
Inter-Club Optimist Class	
1st	Sophie Tulloch (RHKYC)
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Date: Wednesday, 16 & 30 May
Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Price: \$200 per adult, \$120 per child
Minimum 20 people
Maximum 35 people

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2012 CLASSIC YACHT RALLY PARTY WITH MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN BUFFET

Date: Saturday 12 May 2012
Venue: The Four Peaks Restaurant
Time: 7.00pm Welcome Drinks
8.00pm Dinner
Price: \$165 for CYR participants
\$200 for non participants

Come and celebrate the 2012 Classic Yacht Rally on Middle Island. The event is open to everyone, and CYR competitors will be given a discounted price. The F&B Team have created an exotic buffet menu from the Middle East and Northern Africa region, and rally co-sponsor Fine Vintage Wines will provide two cases of both white and red Angove Family Winemakers wines. Co-sponsor Carlsberg will also be providing two kegs of Carlsberg Draft. Once these fine Australian wines and premium beers are finished, drinks will be charged to Member's account.

Menu

Dips with Pita and Vegetable Sticks

Hummus

Cooked Chickpeas with Sesame Puree, Garlic, Spices and Lemon Juice

Baba Ghanouj

Smoked Eggplant with Sesame Puree, Spices and Lemon Juice

Salads & Starters

Tabbouleh

Parsley, Mint, Tomatoes, Cracked Wheat and Spices with Mint Dressing

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Spiced Fava Beans with Tomato and Onion

Loubieh Bziet

Green Beans with Onions and Olive Oil

Stuffed Grape Leaves

Falafel

Deep-fried Chickpea Fritters

Fatayer

Spinach and Feta Pie

Satay Grill

Merguez Skewers

Main Dishes

Lamb Couscous

Slow-cooked Lamb with Cumin Spiced Vegetables

Mixed Meat Shawarma Station

Layers of Spiced Chicken and Lamb, Slow Roasted on the Vertical Grill

Mqualli Pomfret Tagine

Stewed Fish with Ginger, Saffron, Chermoula, Olives and Preserved Lemons

Dessert

Classic Baklava

Qatayef Nut Pancake

Side Dishes

Pita Bread, Mint and Yoghurt Dressing, Plates of Olives, Plates of Nuts, Harissa, Jugs of Sweet, Fresh Mint Leaf Tea.



CLOS HENRI NEW ZEALAND WINE AND BBQ DINNER

Date: Friday, 1 June 2012

Venue: The Patio

Time: 7.00pm Cocktails
7.30pm Dinner

Price: \$298 per person

For reservations call Terry Mung on 2555 6216.

Celebrate the very best of New Zealand food and wine at the ABC on 1 June. Guest speaker Mr. Jean Marie Bourgeois, owner of the Clos Henri winery, will talk about the various wines produced at their Marlborough, New Zealand vineyard. Members will be able to sample these wines as they enjoy a New Zealand inspired feast created by Chef Paul.

The following Clos Henri wines will be available for tasting:

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Clos Henri Sauvignon Blanc 2010

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Clos Henri Marlborough Pinot Noir 2008

Menu

Salads & Starters

Garden Green Salad

Couscous Salad

Assorted Cold Cuts

Smoked Fish Platter

Yoghurt, Cucumber and Garlic Dip

Tomato Mozzarella Salad

From the Spit

Lamb Marinated in Coriander, Garlic and Cumin

From the Grill

NZ Sirloin Steak, NZ Venison Chops, assorted Satays, Cumberland Sausage, Chicken Wings, Spare Ribs, Lamb Kebabs and Spicy Merguez Sausage

Vegetables

Grilled Medley of Mediterranean Vegetables with Olive Oil and Rosemary Carrot, Turnip and Zucchini Stew with Garlic and Cumin, Baked Potatoes, Corn on the Cob

Desserts

Fresh Fruit Platter

Cheesecake

Apple Strudel

Bread and Butter Pudding



CLASSIC YACHT RALLY PRIZE GIVING

On the weekend of 12-13 May, Middle Island pontoon spaces will be needed for the Classic Yacht Rally participants.

We therefore request that members understand and cooperate if asked to move or make space for the fleet, especially on the Saturday night from 6pm and Sunday afternoon from 3pm. Please note that we are expecting up to 40 boats.

Date: Sunday, 13 May 2012

Venue: Middle Island

The 2012 Classic Yacht Rally Prize Giving will be followed by a BBQ buffet dinner featuring our renowned, slow cooked Lamb on a Spit. Once again co-sponsors Carlsberg and Fine Vintage Wines will generously provide refreshments; once these are finished drinks will be charged to Member's account.

BBQ Buffet Menu

Mixed Greens, Greek Salad, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Couscous Salad

Whole Lamb Marinated in Coriander, Garlic and Cumin

Variety of Sausages

Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce

Braised Veal Stew

Baked Potatoes

Carrot, Turnip and Zucchini Stew with Garlic and Cumin

Strawberry Tart

Bread and Butter Pudding

Fruit Platter





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THE ANNUAL ABC PRIZE GIVING DINNER

Date: Saturday 19 May 2012
Time: 7.00pm Welcome drinks
8:00pm Dinner
Venue: Middle Island

Set Menu

Soup
Asparagus and Potato Potage

Fish Course
Salmon Gravlax with House Greens

Main Course
**Chicken Fricassee,
slow-cooked French AOC Chicken with Onion,
Wine and Mushroom Cream Sauce**

Dessert
Banoffee Pie

**\$220 per person,
drinks will be charged to Member's account.**



THE GALLEY SET DINNER

Date: Saturday, 26 May 2012
Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Venue: The Galley

Enjoy a great meal at a great price this Saturday, 26 May at ABC. A special dinner Set Menu featuring a choice of delicious starters and tantalising main courses is available for one night only.

Set Menu

Starters
Iced Melon Soup with San Daniele Ham and Herbs
or
Smoked Black Pepper Duck Breast with Garden Greens

Main Course
French Duck Leg Confit, with Crepes Risotto
or
**Roasted Sea bass Fillet with Lemon Olive Oil,
Braised Fennel and Boiled Potato**
or
**Grilled Vegetable Platter of Asparagus,
Mushroom, Zucchini, Pepper and Onion**

Dessert
Mango Crepes
Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea

**\$220 per person,
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MOTHER'S DAY AT ABC

Date: Sunday, 13 May 2012
Venue: Four Peaks Restaurant & Harbour Room
Time: Lunch 12.00pm to 3.00pm
Price: \$218 per adult and \$108 per child under 12 yrs.
For bookings please call the Four Peaks Restaurant on 2553 3422.

Celebrate Mum's special day at the ABC. There will be entertainment and activities to keep the kids busy while you enjoy a special buffet style lunch. All Mums will receive an extra gift.

For the kids – make your own cup cake to give to Mum at the Harbour Room from 1:30pm to 2:15pm, Bouncy Castle at the Children's Playground 12.00pm to 3.00pm, Clown/Magician with Games & Balloon Twisting.

Buffet Menu

Salads & Starters

Frisee, Butter Lettuce, Red Chicory, Romaine, Baby Spinach, Cherry Tomatoes, Carrot, Cucumber, Red Onion, Asparagus, Cabbage, Capsicum, Olives, Capers, Sweet Corn, Beetroot, Bacon, Grated Parmesan Cheese, Toasted Pine Nuts, Spring Onions and Croutons with French, Italian, Thousand Island, and Herb Vinaigrette Dressings

Soup

Lobster

Cold Dishes

Smoked Fish Platter, Japanese Sushi, California Rolls, Japanese Bean Curd Skin with Salmon and Crab Roe, assorted Cold Cuts, Prawn and Grapefruit Salad, Greek Salad, Tomato and Mozzarella, Roasted Beef Salad, Veal Tonnato, Alaska Crabs Leg, Water Crabs and Shrimp Cocktail

Cooking & Action Stations

Sashimi (Salmon, Tuna, Snapper, Mussels, Yabbie prawns), Live Rock Oyster Shucking and Seafood Tempura

Hot Dishes

Fish Fillet with Tomato Salsa, Veal Escallops Marsala, BBQ Prawn Skewers, King Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Crispy Chicken, Lobster E-fu Noodles, Crispy Oysters, Steamed Whole Garoupa with Soy Sauce and Steamed Scallops

Carvery

Roast Prime-Rib of Beef with Red Wine Sauce and Horseradish

Desserts

Fresh Fruit Platter, Mango Pudding with Mixed Seasonal Fruit, Strawberry Napoleon, Egg White Soufflé with Mixed Seasonal Berries, Chocolate Truffle Cake, Chestnut Cake, Marble Cheese Cake, Bread and Butter Pudding



ITALIAN FOOD MONTH AT ABC

When you look into the history of Italian food you realize that there is much more to it than simply cheese laden pizzas and heaped up piles of pasta.

Italy expands over a sizeable piece of southern Europe, and has many different regions each with their own individual cuisines and preferences. Cooking styles and ingredients can also vary from area to area, within each region.

The cuisine of Italy has also been influenced by the events that have taken place during the country's long and sometimes turbulent history. At the same time, Italian chefs are at the cutting edge of culinary taste and style.

This month the ABC is offering a range of Italian cuisine featuring classics and family favourites, along with new dishes that are strikingly different and which reflect the new flavours of Italy.

Appetizers

Carciofi brasati di limone e aglio olio d'oliva \$88
Braised Artichokes in Lemon and Garlic Olive Oil

Vitello Tonnato \$98
Thin sliced Veal Tenderloin with a Tuna and Caper Dressing

Burrata con Insalata di Pomodri Ciliegia \$88
Fresh Mozzarella Cheese with Cherry Tomato Salad

Main Course

Di Pollo alla Cacciatora di Kalamata Aglio e Pomodoro \$168
Braised Chicken Cacciatore with Olives, Garlic and Tomato

Filetto di Salmon alla Griglia Gamberi e Rucola \$188
Grilled Salmon Steak with Tossed Prawns and Arugula

Scaloppine di Vitello \$188
Pan-fried Veal Topped with Prosciutto, Mushrooms and Cheese

Dessert

Clafoutis di Ciliegie \$52
Clafoutis with Cherries

Bacca near Souffle \$58
Blackberry Soufflé



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DARTS, SATAY AND BEER EVENING

Date: Every Wednesday in May

Time: 6pm-9pm

Venue: The Waglan bar

Every Wednesday night throughout May
is Darts Night at the ABC.

Come and join the fun and receive a free can of beer
and portion of hot, tasty Satay sticks as well.

Price: \$48 and includes four Satay sticks and one can of beer.

All further drinks will be charged to Member's account.



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LAMB ON A SPIT EVENING

Date: Friday, 18 May 2012

Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Venue: The Patio

All you can eat tender juicy whole
Australian Lamb on a spit with Salad Bar.

Only \$188 per adult & \$118 per child 3-12 years

Free wine tasting until 8.00pm, thereafter all drinks charged to
Member's account. For reservations please call the Coffee Shop
on 2554 9494.



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HOME WINE DELIVERY MAY 2012

	Bottle \$	Quantity	Amount
Sparkling wine			
Bodegas Covinas Cava NV – Catalonia Spain Fresh, fruity and elegant with a balanced acidity and an enjoyable finish.	\$110		
Rose & White Wines			
Castello Banfi Centine Rose, 2010 – Tuscany, Italy Delicate pink in colour. An elegant body with good structure, well balanced with a pleasant acidity and a great, persistent finish.	\$130		
Tin Pot Hut Sauvignon Blanc, 2011 – Marlborough, New Zealand Hints of juicy, almost tropical fruit on the mid-palate with a searing core of mineral, dry acidity. A wine with fine length and lots of finesse.	\$130		
Domaine Bailly Reverdy Le Mercy Dieu, Sancerre Blanc, 2010 – Loire Valley, France Mineral notes combined with white stone fruit, subtle gooseberry and currant aromas with traces of tropical fruits. Great as an aperitif or with seafood, asparagus or goats cheese.	\$200		
Nugan Estate Franca's Lane Chardonnay, 2009 – King Valley, Australia Aromas of peach, nectarine and poached peach with mixed spice overtones. A rich, mouth-filling palate of stone fruit, biscuit and yeast notes with a crisp acidity that complements the full fruit flavours.	\$190		
Red Wines			
Nugan Estate Vision Pinot Noir, 2009 – NSW, Australia Rich and ripe with concentrated flavours of black cherry, plum sauce and fennel. The palate is round and fleshy with a long savoury finish. This is a fabulous every day drinking pinot.	\$110		
Scarpantoni Block 3 Shiraz, 2008 – McLaren Vale, South Australia A textbook expression of the region with dark chocolate, fruitcake spice and generous levels of black fruit and oak on display. The palate is rich and thickly textured, but displays life and energy with an attractive liquorice note for a warm finish.	\$220		
Ramon Bilbao Limited Edition, 2008 – Rioja, Spain Ripe blackberries and fine, exotic woods. Elegant and voluptuous in the mouth, with considerable persistence and a pleasant mineral finish. A powerful wine whose complexity will continue to grow over time.	\$180		
Chateau Haut Corbian AOC Saint-Estephe, 2007 – Bordeaux, France This wine is very rich but already supple and provides lots of pleasure with a lovely fruit character underlined by a pleasant oaky taste.	\$180		
Pecchenino Quass Barbera D'Alba, 2008 – Piedmont, Italy Deep blackberry and cherry flavours, even a hint of liquorice. This is a red with style, balance and grace with a lingering finish.	\$230		

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

Minimum order 12 bottles. Mixed cases available. 10% discount for orders of two cases or more.

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by mail, fax or in person.

Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945.

Free Delivery for orders over HK\$1,200. Please allow 3 working days for delivery.

All wines are subject to availability.

Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting at the Galley on Friday, 18 May from 6-8pm.





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Firstly, just to set the record straight, Sawadee having proved her seaworthiness in weather many boats (and skippers) would shy away from, has since gone on to complete the China Sea Race – twice. Thanks to Wayne Robinson her owner and skipper for pointing that out.

Congratulations to the Giant Easter Egg auction winner Wong Shu Kun, I hope you have a very large refrigerator!

As most of you will have noticed by now Karen has left our ranks to pursue duties and goals of her own. I am sure

I speak for us all when I say that we will miss her bubbly personality, her creative expression and her willingness to share her knowledge and experience. We wish her, and her family, all the very best for a bright and successful future.

Finally, may I just take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to the ABC Marine staff, the Catering staff, the Cleaning and Maintenance staff, and of course the Administration team for all your hard work in making our Club such a comfortable, safe and enjoyable home away from home. Thank you all.

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– Sir Edward Heath

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