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Commodore's Letter

Hope you all enjoyed the lengthy New Year's break with family and friends.

March will see the end of the 2012-13 Waglan Series. I am pleased to note that race participation has strengthened and we have been able to reintroduce the Division B to cover boats of a size that used to be normal in earlier years, but are now relatively smaller.

In late January, sailors and runners had a good Four Peaks Race, organised by the ABC. We had fine weather and safe conditions, with good Force 3-4 winds most of the time, though light at times, especially in the inner coastal areas in the night. Thanks to supporters Volvo Action Service and others for their assistance, as well as the race committee, the many enthusiastic supporters and Club staff. A few of the participants from the original 1985 race entered, but only one of the original runners ran in 2013 (and had one of the top times for Violet Hill). How many

of these grand originals will make it to compete in the 30th race, scheduled for 18 - 19th January 2014?

National Sailing Coaching Director

The Hong Kong Sailing Federation has appointed a national coaching director to take charge of elite sailing training in the run-up to the 2014 Asian Games. Craig Cobbin has drafted a comprehensive programme for high-performance squads and looks forward to working with the principal clubs to develop future Asian and world champions. The ABC supports and will work with HKSF on this initiative, to which our Middle Island development will also contribute.

Register early with Kim Stuart <hongkongfishing@gmail.com> for the ABC vs Mandarin Sport Fishing Club tournament on Saturday 18th May. As usual, there will be a post-tournament barbecue at Middle Island and possibly a few fish on the fire. Kim advises that



there are reports of early arrival of tuna, believed to be kawa kawa, inside the Lema islands.

Wishing all members and staff a happy family Easter, and safe boating.

John Berry
Commodore

General Manager's Letter

Staff changes

Eileen Sze is our new assistant marine operations manager and John Tsoi has joined as dinghy instructor. Eugene Manzano is the new senior waiter in the Waglan Bar, Martin will return to the Four Peaks Restaurant, and Choi Pui Key has returned as senior cook for The Galley. Clara Kong has left, leaving a vacancy of secretary to the Club general manager.

March 23 Earth Hour Initiative

The Club again will support the WWF's Earth Hour Initiative and its energy-saving goals on 23 March. Further information will follow in the newsletter.

Carpark repair update

Phase one is complete. As we progressed, we found things were not as bad as they could have been. We

managed to avoid replacing slabs by removing only cracked concrete and an unstable area and replacing some rebars. Free-flowing, self-compacting repair concrete was injected, followed by seven days' curing and waterproofing and compressive-strength tests. We are working now to finish phase two, near the seawall, and reopening the playground.

Thanks to Four Peaks supporters

I would like to once again express the Club's full gratitude for the outstanding support given to the race this year by Volvo Action Service, Fragrant Harbour, Boutique Wines and San Miguel beer. Their support certainly added to the race committee's superb organization, coupled with the names of Elaine Morgan, Stephen Davis, Bruce Perkins and Wayne Thompson. The next



running of the Four Peaks Race will be the event's 30th anniversary and even bigger and greater.

Rugby Sevens on in Bridge and Galley


The Bridge and the Galley will televise the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens during the weekend of 22 - 24 March.

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Reciprocal Agreement with HHYC

As I met with my counterpart at Hebe Haven Yacht Club last month, we felt some of both Clubs' members are unclear of full details of this very popular arrangement, despite the agreement's details being posted for over two years on our website at <http://www.abclubhk.com/download/546.pdf>

For background, in April 1999, the two Clubs agreed to trial reciprocal membership for a year beginning 1 May 1999. A year later, both Clubs agreed to extend the agreement indefinitely. In May 2000, members with dual membership were allowed to choose their "home club" to which to pay normal monthly dues, while the other Club gave them honorary status while

the reciprocal agreement remains in force. In 2010, as both Clubs became bigger and busier, the agreement terms needed some revision endorsed by the ABC General Committee. Far from reducing the agreement, the 2010 revisions add options such as shared resources and re-enforcement of equal charges for all berthing, parking and training. The only real change was that members from both Clubs wishing to visit the other Club on weekends must request advance permission, reflecting greater activity at both Clubs and priority for "home club" members.

Reciprocal arrangements with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club pertain only to ferry services to and from Middle Island. RHKYC members may use the

ABC's scheduled ferry service from the main Clubhouse to Middle Island and may have parking facilities on weekdays if requested. Parking for RHKYC members is unavailable for any reason other than going to Middle Island.

The RHKYC will pick up ABC members from the promenade steps and take them to the ABC MI facilities. A special signing right is also allowed in both Clubs on race days for participating sailors only.

I hope this gives a better understanding of the reciprocal arrangements between Hong Kong's yachting clubs.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

Flag Officer's Report

Development Committee Status

The ongoing work regarding the development of Middle Island has continued throughout the winter months that has seen this subcommittee convene on an almost weekly basis.

In short, the development team have been inviting, scrutinising, analysing and challenging a series of tenders from a number of organisations so that the Club can appoint a principal consultant to manage the development process. This may sound a little vague, but the process in fact has been very detailed and time-consuming, with each of the tenders being presented in writing and then followed by verbal submissions and discussions. The Club's own deliberations and analysis of these proposals has then followed, with each and every stage being documented to ensure that the decision-making process is fair and transparent.

During the tendering process, to ensure absolute impartiality, any member of the General Committee who is employed or engaged in any way commercially with any of the tendering organisations was recused from the process. The tenders' subcommittee (which is a subset of the development committee) is comprised of me, Janice Goh, Mark Clift and Matthew Johnson,

who have put in the hard hours on this important stage of the club's future progress. Tantalizingly, the final decision on the appointed contractor is being made the day after this issue of *Horizons* goes to press!

It is this appointed contractor that will submit our plans to the Home Affairs Bureau and subsequently to the Lands Department and Marine Department. The finalists in the tender-review process are confident that the Club will obtain the support and permissions required.

I updated *Horizons* in an August article about Middle Island and stated then that there has been ongoing dialogue with the senior levels of the Hong Kong Electric Company. Meetings have taken place with HKE (including meetings with RHKYC) and the clubs now have price quotations that are close to the targeted budget. The schedule proposed by HKE is still rather too slow for the rest of the development plan to keep on track so negotiations continue. I will report back as progress is made in this area.

As advertised, I held a town hall to discuss the progress above after the Club's AGM on 27th November and was pleased that interest in development is still strong and the format of the meeting seems to work for interested



members. Please anticipate May as the time for the next update, as there will be more information to share regarding the progress made by the principal contractor and the various Government departments and utilities. Confirmation of a date will follow.

As ever, should you like to drop your thoughts/suggestions in writing at any time to Dev Com, please feel free to do so to my attention, David Tait, care of General Manager Philippe de Manny, at his office.

David Tait
Vice Commodore
Chair, Development Committee



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March Seasonal Menu: a Touch of Spring

Char-grilled Vegetables served with smoked Mozzarella	\$88
Braised Veal Shank Light pesto polenta	\$168
Pan-fried Loin of Venison Wild mushrooms, gooseberry jam on toast and Cumberland sauce	\$238
Grilled Turbot on a bed of fresh broad beans and capers	\$238
Slow-cooked Codfish Wrapped in thin slices of tomato braised in fish broth	\$238
Sautéed Scampi Risotto	\$138
Bailey's Mousse Cake	\$52

Available at the Four Peaks and Galley restaurants throughout March

ABC Hosts 29th Annual Four Peaks Race

Hong Kong's iconic racing and running challenge

Photos by Philippe de Manny, Michiyo Ross, Ronan Hasle, Romain Riche and Timothy Thistle

The ABC hosted the annual Four Peaks Race on Saturday and Sunday 26-27 January. The race featured 176 crewmembers aged 14 to 68 taking part in 23 boats with the support of 77 volunteers. At the prize-giving on 1 February, many glittering trophies were awarded for this iconic Hong Kong event, recognized worldwide as one of the territory's toughest challenges.

"Kayaking, running, sailing. It's a 24-hour triathlon and a box on my list of sports priorities that I just had to tick," said a visiting competitor based on the Mainland who took part in his first Four Peaks race this year on the ABC Commodore's boat, *The Farr Side*.

In the Four Peaks Race, competing yachts sail around Hong Kong's islands. Crew paddle kayaks and dinghies – no engines are allowed – to beaches, jetties and rocky bays. Runners tackle Hong Kong's peaks and check in with teams of Hong Kong Scouts and Sea School students who volunteer as stewards.

Every year the rules are revised, and every year the courses change, keeping the competitors and the highly valued

“Getting off a sailing boat and into a kayak off a rocky shore at midnight in January is not easy...”

volunteers interested and on their toes. The system works.

The rules are complex and good strategy is essential. If the strategy goes wrong, some fun ensues, often alongside chaos. Runners can end up going by very indirect routes to the mountain tops, often getting lost on the way, while boats can sail further than necessary as precious minutes tick by.

This year's weather offered everything from lovely sunshine and a brisk breeze to calms, fickle gusts and rain after weeks of drought. Nevertheless, said one young lady, part of Michiyo Ross' Scout team of volunteer race stewards who all spent the night on Violet Hill, "I had a great time ... and I only got a little bit wet!"

Sliding down ledges

For the Four Peaks runners, the rain was just an added challenge. One shore party reported seeing "little waterfalls all the way down Mt. Stenhouse." On Peak

300, another team of runners found rocky boulders, a river valley and ledges that they negotiated safely by sitting down and just sliding.

Canyoning, coasteering, and responding flexibly to changing demands are all part of the process of getting to the finish, but safety is a big issue.

Precautions ensure safety

Careful precautions are made to ensure safety. Every year the police monitor the Four Peaks Race, and this time again called the control room regularly to check on the race and competitors' progress, right up until the last boat crossed the finish line at 6 pm on Sunday night. Race Officer Wayne Thompson and his team of Club volunteers, including Diana Bruce, Chas Doyle, Jon Zinke, Matthew Adams, Norman Martel, Natalie Berry, Anna Rees and Steve Haack took telephone calls, text messages and emails all through the night. And the police are diligent. "I don't think they are very busy this weekend,"



Avant Garde and Tipsy Easy taken from The Farr Side in Sai Kung



Brizo at the start line



Tipsy Easy at the start line



Scintilla Team Leighton



Sai Kung dropping zone



Wicked, the IRC and HKPN A winner



Red Kite on the start line



Spitali at the Four Peaks Race start line



Paddling in



Paddling in



joked Wayne after the umpteenth call from the police station.

Getting off a sailing boat and into a kayak off a rocky shore at midnight in January is not easy, but this race, run since 1985, is for everyone who loves something a bit different involving camaraderie, sportsmanship and endurance.

"Taking part in the Four Peaks Race is unforgettable, one veteran participant commented. "The race is unique. There is nothing quite like it anywhere in the world."

Lewis Cerne, a newcomer to the event and a new club member in 2012, said afterwards, "It's been a while since I've participated in sports and enjoyed myself this much." Lewis was the youngest skipper, sailing the smallest boat, *Javelin*, ABC's own J/80. Stephen Davies, founder of the race, was among Lewis' crew. The 2013 race was the first time a J/80 had entered the Four Peaks Race, showing the way for the rest of the fleet in 2014.

Francois Najean, also a club member new to the race, entered *White Crane*. "We spent hours and hours around Cheung Chau Rock during the night ... we are proud to have made it all the way to the finish following the rules of the game in this fantastic event. All my team

spent a wonderful weekend and we are already looking forward to the next Four Peaks Race."

The race goes from strength to strength. At the prize-giving this year, skippers proposed recruiting one new boat each. There were 23 boats this year, with organisers hoping to see well over 30 boats next year.

The 2014 race will be held on Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 January. Mark the days. It will be the 30th anniversary, a special race to watch and take part in. See you soon, we hope. H

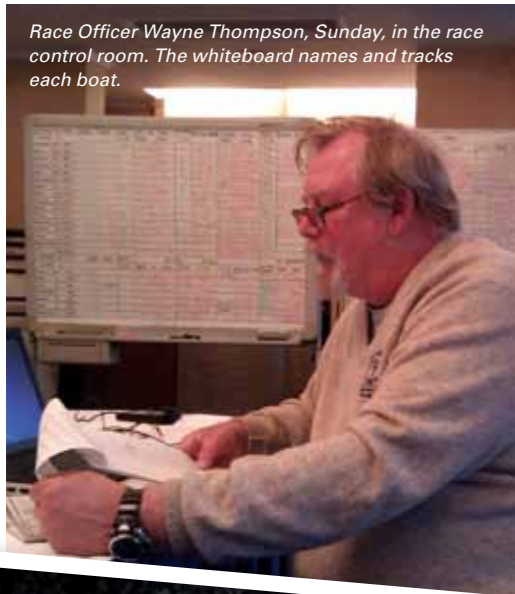
Complete results of the race are posted on the ABC website at:
http://www.abclubhk.com/race/FP2013/results/FP2013_Sailing_Results.pdf

Many thanks go to the 2013 supporters, Volvo Action Service, Boutique Wines, Fragrant Harbour and San Miguel, and The Aberdeen Boat Club.



Disembarking from Javelin

Race Officer Wayne Thompson, Sunday, in the race control room. The whiteboard names and tracks each boat.



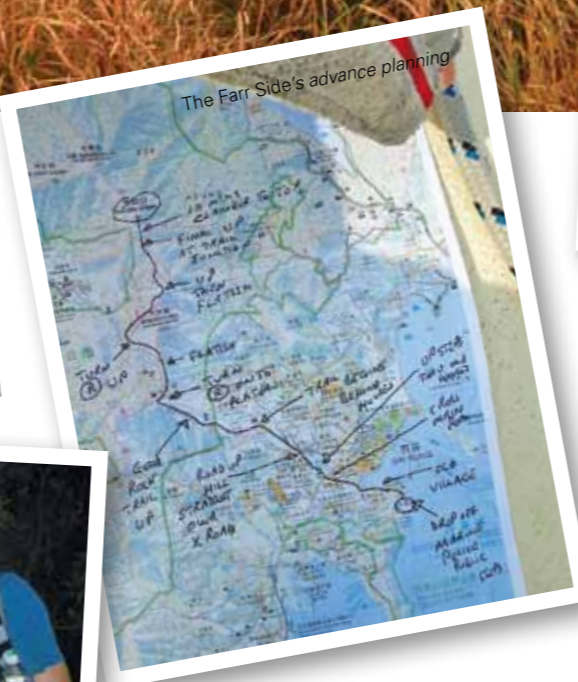
Running up that hill



Red Kite's Nora Senn (L), fastest lady runner, with race co-founder and organiser Elaine Morgan and Race Officer Wayne Robinson



Checking in on Lantau



Sea School and Scout scrutineering



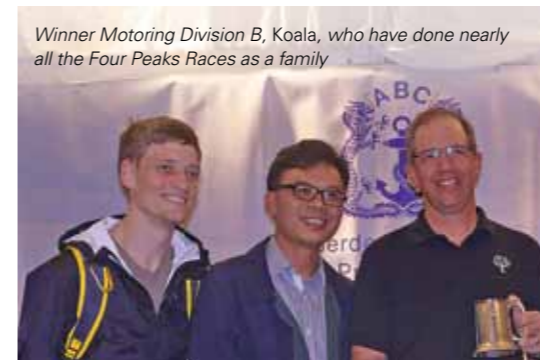
Winning team Wicked receiving the International Trophy



Ate crew, 2nd in Motoring Division A



Winner Motoring Division B, Koala, who have done nearly all the Four Peaks Races as a family



The Farr Side, winner of Motoring Division A





Four Peaks Results

Sailing											
IRC A			HKPN A			HKPN B					
Place	Name of boat	Finish (Sunday)	Place	Name of boat	Finish (Sunday)	Place	Name of boat	Finish (Sunday)			
1	Wicked	6:35:44	1	Wicked	6:35:44	1	No One Else	5:28:12			
2	Kei Lun	9:32:28	2	Kei Lun	9:32:28	2	Javelin	4:49:45			
3	Red Kite II	10:41:02	3	Darling	12:44:50	3	GA	12:31:30			
4	Talkinghead	12:47:50	4	Red Kite	13:00:07	DNF	Scintilla Team Leighton	11:18:57			
5	Taxi	18:10:56	5	Red Kite II	10:41:02	DNF	White Crane	15:45:42			
6	Avant Garde	13:55:34	6	Talkinghead	12:47:50						
9	Whiskey Jack	DNF	7	Avant Garde	13:55:34						
			8	Brizo	14:44:32						
			9	Taxi	18:10:56						
			10	Tipsy Easy	17:14:00						
			DNF	Whiskey Jack							
			DNF	Byblos							
			DNF	Fuzzy Duck							
			DNF	Tardis							

Motoring Division A		
Place	Name of boat	Finish Time
1	The Farr Side	12:39:34
2	Ate	14:42:45

Motoring Division B		
Place	Name of boat	Finish Time
1	Koala	11:06:57
2	Spitali	15:17:20

Running			
	Name of boat	Runners	
1: Ma On Shan	Red Kite II	Michael Hazen & Mark Green	1 hour 38 minutes
2: Lantau Peak	Kei Lun	Kurt Lynn & Michael Pahler	1 hour 35 minutes
3: Violet Hill	Kei Lun	Darren Benson & Michael Pahler	49 minutes 25 seconds
4: Mt Stenhouse	Darling	Ashley Dyer & Diana Danyi	53 minutes
5: Peak 300 (Div B only)	GA	Sam Chan, Raymond Lo, Thomas Sit	1 hour 6 minutes 55 seconds
6: Four Peaks: Div A Ladies only	Red Kite	Nora Senn	fastest aggregated time; 2nd fastest runner Ma On Shan & Mt Stenhouse

ABC Four Peaks Race 2013 prize-giving			
TROPHY 2013			
International Trophy	Wicked	2nd in Div A - IRC (Class I)	Kei Lun
ABC Trophy	No One Else	3rd in Div A - IRC (Class I)	Red Kite II
RHKYC San Fernando Race Trophy	Wicked	Edwin Palfrey Trophy	No One Else
Four Peaks Race Shield (1st Div A Class I)	Wicked	2nd in Div B	Javelin
2nd in Div A - HKPN (Class I)	Kei Lun	3rd in Div B	GA
(Class II)	Red Kite	Bimblegumbie Bucket	The Farr Side
(Class III)		Fiddler's Folly Flask	Taxi
3rd in Div A - HKPN (Class I)	Red Kite II	Four Peaks Race Cup	Darling
(Class II)	Brizo	MTL Sprightly Skipper's Salver	Taxi
(Class III)		Geriatric Jug	Kei Lun
		ATAL Trophy	Ate
		Hill Running Trophies	
		Lantau Peak	Kei Lun
		Mount Stenhouse	Darling
		Ma On Shan	Red Kite II
		Violet Hill	Kei Lun
		Peak 300	GA
		Atalanta's Anchor	Red Kite
		Spirit of the Race	Whiskey Jack



Darling, 3rd HKPN class A



Red Kite II, 3rd IRC Division A



No One Else crew, Division B winner



Kei Lun, 2nd IRC A and HKPN



Whiskey Jack



GA runners

Sailing Diary

» Adult Learn to Sail HKSF Beginner Courses 2013

Our beginner courses always prove popular and most are usually full, so book well in advance!

March 2, 3, 16, 17, 24

April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27

May 11, 12, 18, 19, 25

June 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20

Aug 3, 4, 10, 11, 17

» Adult Laser 2000 Courses

The ideal next step after a beginner course or for those wanting a refresher for dinghy sailing. Day 1 reviews basic techniques (and rigging!), day 2 looks at use of the downwind "Gennaker" sail and day 3 introduces racing.

2 and 3 March

11, 12, 18 May

» Dinghy Sailing Trips

Open to adults and teens aged 12 and over, our regular sailing trips are a great way to gain more sailing experience in a social setting. We usually sail to Stanley, Tai Tam, or Po Toi for lunch, depending on the weather conditions.

Mon 1 April (Easter Monday) Sun 26 May

» Regattas and Racing

Sunday, 10 March Waglan 10

Sunday, 3 March ABC and RHKYC Dinghy Spring Races 1 and 2

9 and 10 March Inter-school Sailing Festival

» J/80 Courses and Activities

Our J/80 scheme continues to be popular, and these fixed-keel, one-design 26-foot keelboats are an ideal step for dinghy sailors wishing to sail larger yachts. A basic level of sailing, an HKSF Level 2 certificate or equivalent, is required before attending a crew course. Members wishing to hire a Club J/80 may either attend an assessment and introduction session or a Day Skipper Course.

29, 30 and 31 March J/80 Competent Crew Course

1, 4, 6 and 7 April J/80 Day Skipper Course

1 May J/80 Sailing Trip

22, 29 and 30 June J/80 Competent Crew Course

1 July J/80 Gennaker/Asymmetric Spinnaker day

Waglan Race 6

Words and photos by Philippe de Manny

A hazy day with a light northern wind forecast by the Hong Kong Observatory turned out to be quite enjoyable after all.

2012/13 Waglan Series race 6, on 13 January, attracted 19 yachts, equaling the same number of yachts in 2011/12's Waglan race 9.

Three newcomers to the Waglan races joined the second part of the series on that day. We welcomed *Thiptara*, a Tofinou 9.5 designed by Joubert-Nivelt and built by Latitude in France, *Vinetta*, a beautiful Marten 49 built by Azzura Yachts in Auckland, and *Constellation*, a Jeanneau 40.9, of course built in France by Beneteau.

The course chosen for the day was a 22 nautical-mile race from Deep Water Bay to south Lamma Island, straight to Cheung Chau Rock and back to the finish with a last port rounding of Chesterman buoy before the finish line.

The fastest yacht to complete the course was *Elektra*, in less than three hours, and the slowest was *Lazy Bones* in just over five hours. Eight yachts managed to do the course in three-and-a half hours, while the remaining 12 yachts needed more than four hours on the water. With such a disparity of speed, the Club is now reopening a Division B for the Waglan Series and the Summer Series races, aiming to have divisions A and B finishing at a similar time.

At the start, two boats went for a port start, *Kei Lun* and *The Farr Side*. The latter took first place at the start followed by the rest of the fleet having a few words with each other and calling for water in some cases in less than a gentlemanly way. *Elektra*, not slow to take the lead of the pack, rounded the windward mark first and

stayed in that position all the way through the race. *Intrigue*, *Red Kite 2*, *Vinetta* and *Salona 41* tailed closely behind up to Chesterman.

Already 300 yards behind, the rest of the fleet led by *Thiptara* was making good way, but size does matter in sailing, and the bigger boats were having a ball under these conditions. At the first mark (Chesterman Buoy), *Intrigue* was catching up with *Elektra* but took Chesterman to port, forcing them to make a 360° to point to the next mark. When they realised their mistake they had to go back and take that mark properly, which cost them precious time and perhaps the victory.

The wind was constant at 12 to 15 knots, and after a well-established order on the water, the challenge at the finish was the last issue to negotiate for our sailors as reported above. H

Winner Elektra



Thiptara leads the rest of the fleet

Aberdeen Boat Club Waglan Series 6

Sponsored by Jepsen Marine

13-Jan-2013 Course: 8

IRC RACE RESULTS

Start Time : 11:00 a.m.

Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	<i>Elektra</i>	3:28:46
2	<i>Red Kite II</i>	3:29:38
3	<i>Intrigue</i>	3:37:19
4	<i>Kei Lun</i>	3:40:34
5	<i>Blackjack</i>	3:44:20
6	<i>Redeye</i>	3:46:29
7	<i>Vinetta</i>	3:52:35
8	<i>FG3</i>	3:55:54
9	<i>Salona 41</i>	3:56:01
10	<i>JeNa PaBe (Ben Chong)</i>	4:10:01
11	<i>The Farr Side</i>	4:10:51
12	<i>Red Kite</i>	4:23:55
13	<i>Avant Garde</i>	4:39:52

HKPN RACE RESULTS

Start Time : 11:00 a.m.

Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	<i>Kei Lun</i>	4:00:16
2	<i>Blackjack</i>	4:08:03
3	<i>Intrigue</i>	4:09:54
4	<i>Redeye</i>	4:12:48
5	<i>Red Kite II</i>	4:15:27
6	<i>Elektra</i>	4:15:43
7	<i>FG3</i>	4:16:15
8	<i>The Farr Side</i>	4:22:07
9	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	4:23:18
10	<i>Constellation</i>	4:23:20
11	<i>Red Kite</i>	4:24:12
12	<i>Vinetta</i>	4:26:06
13	<i>May 13th</i>	4:26:30
14	<i>JeNa PaBe (Ben Chong)</i>	4:26:51
15	<i>Salona 41</i>	4:30:32
16	<i>Lazy Bones</i>	4:38:00
17	<i>White Crane</i>	4:39:51
18	<i>Thiptara (Bart Kimman)</i>	4:53:37
19	<i>Avant Garde</i>	5:07:23

RACE RESULTS J/80

Place	Yacht	Elapsed Time
1	<i>FG3</i>	4:06:15
2	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	4:11:11
3	<i>May 13th</i>	4:20:06
4	<i>JeNa PaBe (Ben Chong)</i>	4:20:59



Red Kite II



Kei Lun at the chase



Intrigue



The Farr Side
rounding a buoy



Thiptara and crew



Redeye in action

2012/13 Waglan Series Race 7 and Division B Revival

Report and photos by Philippe de Manny



Elektra, Waglan 7 Division A winner

Following a request made at the November 2012 ABC Annual General Meeting to give smaller boats a chance for fairer racing, the sailing committee reintroduced a Division B for Waglan series 7. This race's new criteria considered boats with an HKPN of 1000 and above to be in Division B, which had a different, shorter course with a later start.

At Waglan 7 on Sunday, 3 February, four boats were listed in the new Division B, but sadly only two turned up, with one racing the full Division B course to become the season's first winner.

At the traditional pre-race breakfast (which more crews should join as skippers tend to help choose the best

race possible), we shifted from Course 9 just before the start, when uncertainty arose with rumours of relocation of the P1 buoy west of Lamma. Finally, Course 16 got the thumbs up for Division A, despite a few grunts about the idea of a long beat up from south Lamma to Sung Kong under the day's wind conditions.

Speaking of conditions, at 10:30 am over at Deep Water Bay, the wind was gusting up to 26 knots from NE 65° to E 78°. A windward mark was set for a very big starting line, and the race began on time with some beautiful broaching in front of the committee boat. *Vinetta*, a superb Marten 49, took the start followed by *Elektra*, *The Farr Side*, *Intrigue* and *Red Eye*. It was not long before *Elektra* took

the lead and rounded the windward mark just before *Vinetta*, who remained close to the latter for the whole race.

Crystal, *Red Kite II*, *Thiptara*, *May 13th*, and *Diamond Queen* retired from the race, and after a good three hours of battle with the elements, *Elektra* took line honours, followed by *Vinetta*, *Blackjack* and *Red Eye* with less than four hours at sea, very fast for a 23-nautical mile race.

Kei Lun, after not such a great start, was the only boat seen putting up the kite on the first downwind leg, between Chesterman and South Lamma, in an as-usual defiant Dutchman's competitive attitude. This certainly helped *Kei Lun* to avoid finishing far behind the fleet with a very comfortable 5th place overall. H

Red Eye in Waglan 7



FG3, J/80 winner



Intrigue jockeying with Elektra

Chasse-Spleen, Division B winner



Elektra



Blackjack en route to HKPN second place



Red Eye crew



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13-Jan-2013 Course: 16

J/80 RESULTS		
Start Time: 11:00 a.m.		
Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	FG3	5:02:22
2	JeNa PaBe	5:05:40
3	May 13th	DNF

IRC RESULTS		
Start Time: 11:00 a.m.		
Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	Elektra	3:46:54
2	Vinetta	4:09:49
3	Blackjack	4:12:20
4	Redeye	4:19:59
5	Intrigue	4:20:24
6	Kei Lun	4:22:43
7	Salona 41	4:26:20
8	The Farr Side	4:43:40
9	FG3	4:49:40
10	JeNa PaBe	4:52:50
11	Red Kite	4:35:07
12	Crystal	DNF
13	Red Kite 2	DNF

HKPN RESULTS		
Start Time: 11:00 a.m.		
Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	Elektra	4:37:09
2	Blackjack	4:39:01
3	Vinetta	4:42:11
4	Redeye	4:46:06
5	Kei Lun	4:49:50
6	The Farr Side	4:55:48
7	Thea	4:56:20
8	Intrigue	5:00:11
9	Salona 41	5:05:39
10	JeNa PaBe	5:10:57
11	FG3	5:13:20
12	Red Kite	5:35:08
13	Crystal	DNF
14	Red Kite 2	DNF
15	Thiptara	DNF
16	May 13th	DNF
17	Diamond Queen	DNS

DIVISION B RESULTS		
Course: 45		
Start Time: 11:10 a.m.		
Place	Yacht	Corrected Time
1	Chasse-Spleen	2:05:58
2	Lazy Bones	DNS
3	Banter	DNS

2013 Waglan 7





2013 ABC Easter Youth Sailing Programme

The Easter school holidays are about the best time to sail with great wind! As the school holiday is only two weeks long, it tends to be our most popular time to sail. Most courses, especially our Optimist Junior activities, become full, so apply early. As usual full details are on our website, www.abclubhk.com and also from Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	HKS (Member)	HKS (Non-member)
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March am	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	840	1,215
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March am	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March pm	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March pm	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Racing Course	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Tues 26 – Fri 29 March		ABC Introduction to High Performance Sailing	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF Level 3	2,016	2,920
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March		HKSF Level 4 Advanced Sailing Course	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF Level 3 with 1 year sailing experience since	2,520	3,650
Tues 26 – Wed 27 March		RS Feva Gennaker Intro Course	Age 11 – 18, Pass RS Feva Intro Course	1,008	2,190
Tues 26 – Sat 30 March		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 - 18	2,520	3,650
Thurs 28 – Sat 30 March		3 Day Topper / Pico / RS Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF Level 2	1,512	2,190
Mon 1 April		Dinghy Sailing Trip	Age 11 – Adult Pass HKSF Level 2	590 <i>adult</i> 504 <i>youth</i>	855 <i>adult</i> 730 <i>youth</i>
Tues 2 April – Sat 6 April am	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	840	1,215
Tues 2 April – Sat 6 April am	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Tues 2 April – Sat 6 April pm	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Tues 2 April – Sat 6 April pm	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Tue 2 Apr – Sat 6 Apr		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 - 18	2,520	3,650
Tues 2 April – Sat 6 April		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF level 2 with 1 year sailing experience since	2,520	3,650
Tues 2 April – Thurs 4 April		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11 – 18, Pass HKSF Level 2	1,512	2,190
Fri 5 April – Sun 7 April		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 11 – Adult, Pass HKSF Level 2	1,512	2,190

French International School Mid-term break sailing programme

FIS students miss out on the ABC Easter sailing programme that suits many schools, but have a mid-term break in April. The ABC will run sailing courses later in April to coincide with the FIS mid-term holidays.

Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	HKS (Member)	HKS (Non-member)
Mon 22 – Fri 26 April am	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	840	1,215
Mon 22 – Fri 26 April am	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Mon 22 – Fri 26 April pm	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Mon 22 – Fri 26 April pm	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Racing Course	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Mon 22 – Fri 26 April		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 - 18	2,520	3,650
Weds 24 – Fri 26 April		3 Day Topper / Pico / RS Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF Level 2	1,512	2,190
Sat 27 – Weds 1 May		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF level 2 with 1 year sailing experience since	2,520	3,650
Sat 27 – Mon 29 May		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11 – 18, Pass HKSF Level 2	1,512	2,190



The ABC's Maintenance Team

Words by Ann White, photos by Steven Ng and Matthew Tsui

The ABC maintenance team are the unseen and unsung heroes of the Club, keeping the broad range of Clubhouse and Middle Island facilities going in support of the hundreds of people who pass through on a daily basis.

As ABC General Manager Philippe de Manny commented about his four-man "back of the house" team, "the stars whom the members know could not shine without the suns the members do not see."

The maintenance team, which consists of day guard Wong Sai Kwan, senior technician Lui Yiu Cheung, and junior technicians Leung Kin Chung and Tam Wai Hang, is led by House Manager Steven Ng. Steven and his larger staff of 12 are responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Club's buildings, decoration, laundry, pool, car parks, and playground, as well as the purchase of children's games. Steven also leads the team of lifeguards and cleaning staff.



Wong, Sai Kwan

Wong Sai Kwan

Ah Kwan, as he is widely known, actually began working at the ABC in 1991. He retired from the ABC in 2009, taking a role as a night watchman, but six short months later was happily recalled to the Club. The soft-spoken 63-year old plans to work another two years before his final, real retirement.

Ah Kwan speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, Fujianese, and Tagalog, the last learnt during his time as the foreman of a carpenter crew on a project outside Manila.

Ah Kwan's first impression when he arrived in Hong Kong in 1957 at age nine, from Fujian province, was that Hong Kong was a city of low buildings, all four floors or fewer. As he started life again in the city, he and his mother, brother and grandfather all found Hong Kong very friendly, with no need to lock doors.

Ah Kwan's memories of his early days at the ABC are similar: members and staff were close, and he and his colleagues felt they were starting a new Club together. "Our members are good, and Steven is very nice to staff," he said. The Club's décor was very different then and the Club undoubtedly looks newer and fresher today, Ah Kwan commented.



Tam Wai Hang

"Ah Hang," 31, joined the maintenance team at the ABC in October 2012. House Manager Steven Ng praises him for his eye for design as well as his across-the-board skills. It was Ah Hang who chose decorations for the Year of the Snake, and Ah Hang who decided where to place them across the Clubhouse.

In his spare time, Ah Hang plays football for Kowloon City as a striker. He speaks Cantonese and Mandarin and plans to improve his English, already at conversational level.



Lui Yiu Cheung

House Manager Steven Ng praises Lui, or Eric as he is sometimes called, for his strong and varied technical skills that are put to work across the entire main Clubhouse and Middle Island. Eric regularly inspects and rights all the Club buildings' electrical and plumbing works, air conditioning and kitchens. Every day Steven and Eric confer about the day's maintenance needs, major planned work and emergency works and holiday preparations.

Eric's young family and his own youthful looks belie his 30 years' experience, much of it with Swire Properties. Eric speaks Cantonese, Mandarin and the Chiu Chow dialect, and also understands some English.



Leung Kin Chung

Leung, aged, 27, also known as "Ah Chung," is the newest member of the maintenance team, having joined in November 2012. Like Ah Hang, he is skilled in plumbing and basic electrical work and the regular maintenance work the Club constantly requires. Ah Chung speaks some Mandarin as well as Cantonese.

Ah Chung is studying now in preparation of earning his boat license "A," and also has plans to study required lifeguarding skills. Ah Chung was raised on Cheung Chau and continues to enjoy fishing, diving and wakeboarding. H



Cyberport opens doors for community events

Cyberport, a high-tech office and shopping hub in Pokfulam, offers its neighbouring communities in western Hong Kong a range of year-round activities that align with its corporate mission of supporting the community and the environment.

Cyberport has served as the venue for a range of art exhibitions including the British Council's London 2012 - Olympics Posters Exhibition, the "Be Inspired" exhibition of the Pokfulam community, and the "Art of Light" exhibition supported by various local schools.

One option for family outings is to visit the weekend market, a monthly outdoor bazaar held at Cyberport from September to March. The market's many and varied booths

offer handicrafts and locally designed gadgets.

Cyberport offers fun activities that help families celebrate special occasions and festivals. Easter will feature a carnival for children, a Mother's Day event on 11 May will host a concert from a Chinese orchestra, and Father's Day in June will have gifts for redemption.

In December 2013, Cyberport's annual Christmas Funland again will help local families celebrate the festive season. Themed around a specially created cartoon character, Funland will offer games with prizes, a mini-farm, and musical and circus performances as well as gifts to redeem and a lucky draw. The two-week event also features an outdoor bouncing paradise with inflatable slides and games.



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Bubbles at the Weekend Market



Robocon event



Eco-driving carnival



Christmas Funland

Easter children's event

Upcoming events at Cyberport:


- 2013 HK InfoMatrix Robot Challenge, 2 - 3 March
- Weekend Market, 16 -17 March
- Playright Walkathon, 17 March, enquiry tel. 2898 2922
- Fun Run Day, 24 March
- Kids Sports Day, 29 March – 1 April
- Jessica Run, 31 March, <http://jrun.jessica.hk.com>

For more information on any event, see www.arcade.cyberport.hk

Cyberport regularly supports socially responsible community-organized programmes, including its annual charity CyberRun. It also has put on environmental programmes of its own, including "Save the Sharks - 1,000 Kids, One Message" with the goal of ending consumption of shark fins. That effort was joined by an eco-driving carnival and the mini-underwater Robot Fun Day that promoted marine conservation to kindergarten and primary school students.

Each year, Cyberport organizes various ICT-related events for industry professionals, including topical seminars and conferences. It also hosts annual competitions such as Robocon, testing students' creative engineering skills.

Cyberport's shops offer designer furniture, homeware and lifestyle products. Restaurants are to be found in The Arcade, or Le Meridien hotel. The shopping mall also has a supermarket and cinema.

Cyberport works with its tenants and other ICT technology bodies to co-host events that seek to help cultivate an appreciative culture within the community. 2012 events included a "Heartfelt Appreciation, Show Hand for Christmas" event with Cyberport's incubatee Praisage. 



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Willow Bridge Dragonfly Sauvignon Semillon 2011, Western Australia

Colour Light lemon with green hints.

Nose Strong aromas of citrus and peaches show the distinctive varietal style from this region.

Palate Tropical flavours of passion fruit and melon, enhanced by a well-balanced finish.

Willow Bridge Dragonfly Cabernet Merlot 2011, Western Australia

Colour Dark cherry/ garnet red.

Nose Dark chocolate, blackcurrant, rosemary and cedar wood.

Palate Mulberry and dark chocolate plushness come through upfront. The finish shows some fine but gravelly/mineral tannins.



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Wines of the Month

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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



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Cocktail of the Month

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, 30 – 31 March

Saturday, 30 March
Buffet Lunch
The Patio
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Buffet lunch with lamb Shawarma, honey-glazed ham, tasty barbecued food, an array of salads and other culinary delights.

Adults \$228 each, children \$138 (3-12 years old).

Easter Sunday, 31st March
Main Clubhouse

Easter Egg Hunt (children up to age 10)
The Patio
10 am

Traditional Family Buffet
The Four Peaks Restaurant
12:30 – 3 pm

Traditional family buffet with complimentary basket of dim sum, freshly shucked oysters, roast sirloin of Irish beef, glazed ham, baked potatoes, grilled peppers and vegetables, grilled sausages and more ...

Adults \$248 each (including a complimentary soft drink),
Children \$168 (ages 12-16 years), younger children \$108 (ages 2-11).

Easter Sunday, 31st March
Middle Island

Lamb on a Spit Buffet
12:30 – 3 pm

Family Egg Race, 3 pm
(registration required)

Buffet lunch featuring lamb on a spit, grilled vegetables and baked potatoes, salads and delicious desserts.

Adults \$208 each, children \$138 (3-12 years old).

To reserve for your family and friends, call The Galley at 2554 9494



St. Patrick's Day barbecue, Saturday 16 March with Irish music and Guinness Stout

The Patio
6:30 – 8.30 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an all-Irish barbecue, Guinness stout and Irish music.

Adults \$328 each (including a glass of Guinness),
Children \$118 (3-12 years old).

To reserve for your family and friends, call The Galley at 2554 9494



Lamb Shawarma Buffet with free wine tasting, Friday 8th March

The Patio
6:30 – 9 pm

Lamb Shawarma with a selection of spring vegetables, salads and dessert.

Free tasting of the ABC's home wine delivery listings.

Adults \$260 per person,
Children \$160 each (3-12 years old).

To reserve for your family and friends, call The Galley at 2554 9494



Home Wine Delivery March 2013

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
Wines			
Kissing Bridge Chardonnay 2010, south-eastern Australia Medium-bodied, textured yet refreshing. White-fleshed stone fruits with light fresh cream are followed by hints of ginger and a twist of citrus.	\$90		
Mansion House Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough, New Zealand Gooseberry and bell pepper on the nose lead into a palate of lush passion fruit and kiwi fruit. Mouthwateringly fresh, this is an absolute benchmark wine not to be missed.	\$138		
Astrolabe Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough, New Zealand Vibrant white currant, guava and gooseberry aromas with a fruit core of grapefruit and passion fruit. Some pungent herbaceous and jalapeño flavours fill in the background. Two-time winner of the world's best sauvignon blanc at the London International Wine and Spirit Competition.	\$178		
Ashbrook Riesling 2011, Margaret River, Western Australia Light straw colour with tinges of green, an attractive floral aroma and an elegant, clean, flavoursome palate that finishes crisp and very dry.	\$170		
Simonsig Cabernet Merlot 2011, Stellenbosch, South Africa Aromas of dark chocolate, blackcurrant, rosemary and cedar wood. The palate is mulberry and dark chocolate, the finish shows some fine but gravelly/mineral tannins.	\$90		
Monte Antico, 2008 Toscana, Italy Dark ruby in colour, its bouquet of leather, earth, herbs, black cherries, liquorice and plums is confirmed on the palate – round, spicy, elegant, attractively fruity and extremely versatile.	\$120		
Chateau Tanunda, 2010, Shiraz Primitivo, Barossa Valley Lifted aromas of blackberry, plum and black pepper with spicy, dark berry fruits on the palate. Has benefited from the addition of Primitivo, native to southern Italy, adding vibrant cranberry, raspberry and strawberry flavours.	\$140		
Shearwater Pinot Noir, 2010, Marlborough, New Zealand A medium-bodied wine with round, filled flavours of plum and cherry. Very soft and silky. Supple tannin and oak spice support primary fruit flavours.	\$168		
West Cape Howe Rosé, Western Australia This wine has floral aromas with notes of musk and violet. The palate is berry fruits and ripe strawberries. The mid-palate is quite creamy in texture, and the crisp finish lasts in the mouth.	\$160		
Simonsig "Kapse Vonkel" Sparkling Wine 2010, Stellenbosch, South Africa Lively and vibrant flavours of fresh green apples and citrus with hints of red berry flavours. The palate is very well-balanced with plenty of berry and apple flavours and hints of yeastiness.	\$148		

Free Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting at the Galley on **Friday, 8 March, 6:30 pm.**

Member Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Tel (Office): _____ Tel (Home): _____

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Minimum order of 12 bottles. Mixed cases are available. 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. Deliveries free for order of 12 or more bottles. Please allow three working days for delivery. All wines subject to availability.

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



Welcome New Members

The Aberdeen Boat Club welcomes the following new members who have joined recently:

Oct 2012

Paul Solway	Richard Moore
Cheng Chi Wah	Jamie Miller
David Harari	Calvin Chung
Elizabeth James	Pierce Byrne
Arjun Menon	Sean Byrne
Kenneth Ng	Preston Tso
Jaime Redfern	Ryan Chang
Warren So	Alexander Morgan
Bernd Strasser	Howard Wong
Judy Wai	Ng Yee Wah Eva
Lawrence Lamport	Yeung Sau Ming Boris

Nov 2012

John Wan	Yeung Hong Ming, Thomas
Neil Thomason	James Michael Dubow

Dec 2012

Jean Philippe Beulque	Jonathan Cheh
Jessie Chan	Andrew Tara Chawla
Ben Cheung	Julian Kris Chawla
Peter Dawson	Nicholas Poon
Andy Leung	Gerry E P Ifill
Rupert Leung	Tony Small
Tillman Vidal	Lee Yat Keung

Jan 2013

Robert Allcock	Andrew Chua
Remy Woo	Anthony Young
Stephen Chun	Mitsuru Tsuboi
Robin Hudson	Jason Webber
Vicci Lau	Chan Wai Wong, Richard
Alfred Santos	Lui Pui Kwan Treagy
Ruby Siu	Tse Kin Wang
Marcus Wong	

Food News from Food and Beverage Manager Giselle Isabella Gaggino

Dear Members:

March will see a number of special dining events at the ABC:



Photo by Matthew Tsui

"A Touch of Spring" special menu promotion at all ABC restaurants throughout the month of March.

• **Friday 8th March, 6:30 – 9 pm, The Patio**

*Lamb Shawarma with spring vegetables, salads and dessert.
Free tasting of the ABC's home wine delivery listings.
Adults \$260 per person,
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*Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an all-Irish barbecue, Guinness stout and Irish music.
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Please call The Galley at 2554 9494 for reservations.*

• **Easter Sunday, 31st March, 12:30 – 3 pm, the Four Peaks Restaurant**

*Traditional family buffet with complimentary basket of dim sum, freshly shucked oysters, roast sirloin of Irish beef, glazed ham, baked potatoes, grilled peppers and vegetables, grilled sausages and more ...
Adults \$248 each (including a complimentary soft drink),
Children \$168 (ages 12-16 years), younger children \$108 (ages 2-11).
Please call the Four Peaks Restaurant at 2553 3422 for reservations.*

• **Easter Sunday, 31st March, 12:30 – 3 pm, Middle Island**

*Buffet lunch featuring lamb on a spit, grilled vegetables and baked potatoes, salads and delicious desserts.
Adults \$208 each,
Children \$138 (3-12 years old).
Please call The Galley at 2554 9494 for reservations*

Throughout the month of March, the ABC and Maison Eric Kayser will promote two special gourmet cakes, apple tartin and raspberry macaroon, for takeaway to your home or office. In addition, twice a week, Maison Eric Kayser will deliver its freshly made daily desserts for the set lunch at The Galley and the Four Peaks. Please place your orders for either gourmet cake three days before your intended collection date by calling the F&B manager at 2555 6261.



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