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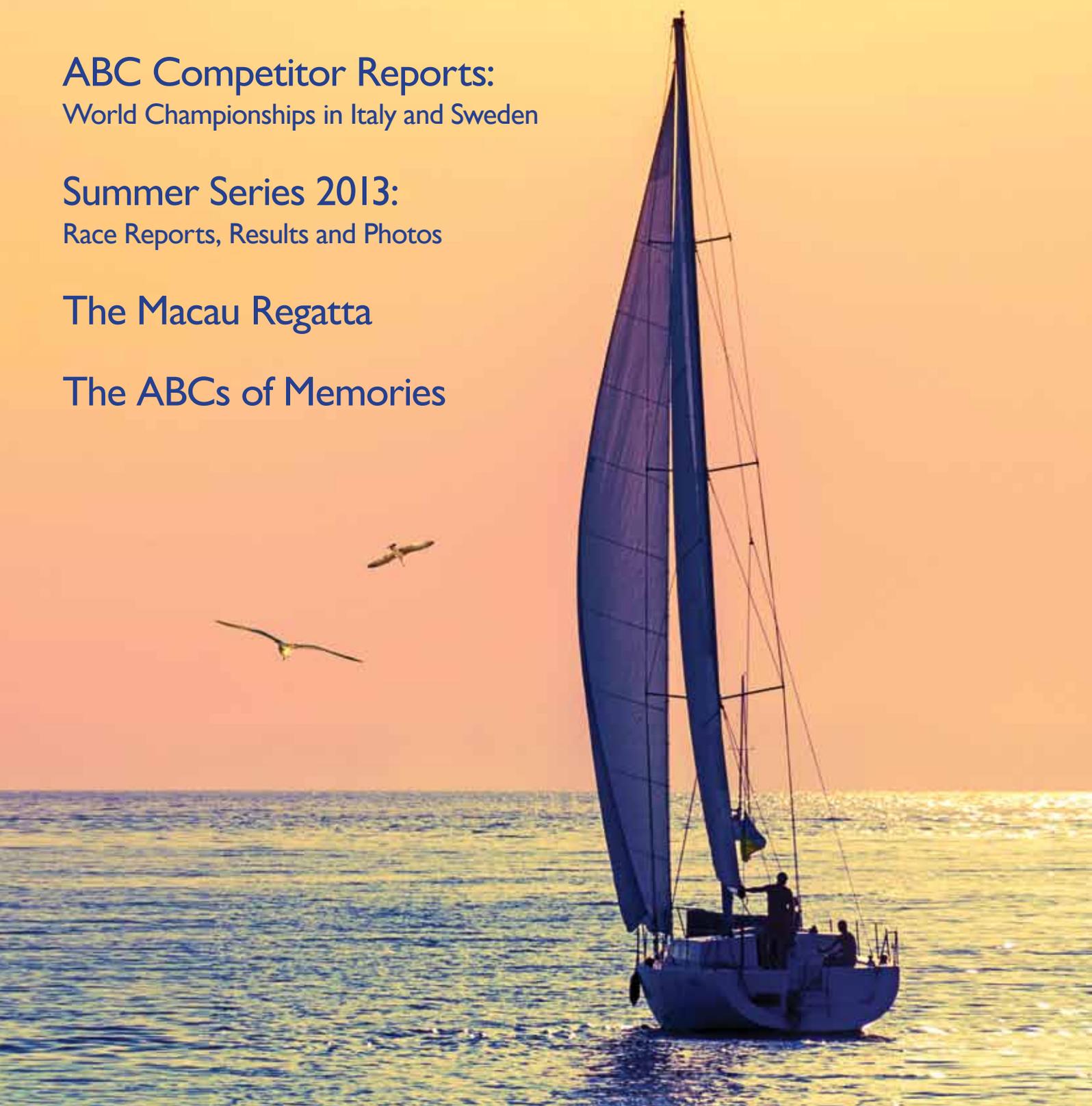
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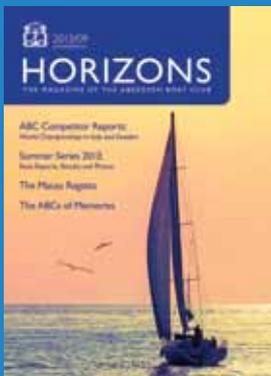
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## Commodore's Letter

Welcome back to those who have been away. Those who stuck it out through the summer enjoyed weather good for sailing, boating, cruiser and dinghy racing and the odd trip to Po Toi. Only one No. 8 so far.

The Club is looking in good order, in particular the playground and carpark areas after revamping.

On the racing side, revised sailing instructions will soon be issued in time for the 2013-14 Waglan Series, which starts on 6 October. Changes include restoration of Division B with its shorter courses. Some of the new and amended courses include a new Tai Tam Club mark and reduced shipping course crossings. The successful joint dinghy racing with RHKYC is continuing, with Autumn Series

racing on Saturdays, and Winter, Spring and Summer series on Sundays.

We celebrate Sunseeker's 10th year of sponsorship of the Opening Regatta on the 7th and 8th of September. The growth of both dinghy racing and skiff and day-cat racing and their different speeds this year have been recognised through the creation of a third course location, with only the cruisers now racing south of the shipping channel.

A few events on the water to look out for in September and October:

- the revival of Cruisers vs. Dinghies Challenge on 1 September,
- ABC's defence of its title in its regular gamefishing tournament with the Mandarin SFC in September, and
- the annual ABC Fiesta flotilla on Sunday, 20 October 2013. This is a fun



day event that is open to all vessels that float and can reach Po Toi Island.

Happy autumn and safe sailing.

**John Berry**  
Commodore

## General Manager's Letter

I hope you all have had a great summer.

Summer has been extremely busy this year with record food-and-beverage operations. We desperately are looking for new full-time waiters as our service needs are constantly increasing and we cannot carry on only with part-timers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract people to this profession. We have advertised widely and asked the Vocational Training Centre and Hong Kong Polytechnic University for referrals, but we continue to look for four or five staff. Should you know of anyone, please direct them to our Food and Beverage Manager Alok Kumar.

In sailing, noteworthy are some very good results for our high-performance team in Europe, for which some first reports are in this issue of *Horizons*, with more to follow in the October issue. One highlight is a tremendous result for Louis Bond-Smith, who earned fifth place at the RS500 Worlds in Sweden, which he entered privately.

The ABC Opening Regatta will take place over 7-8 September. If you

wish to assist the Club in running the Regatta, please contact Assistant Marine Operations Manager Eileen Sze or me.

### **Middle Island Webcam Set-up**

Boat owners now are able to view their boat and mooring at Middle Island through live videos from two webcams the Club has set up. To set up this function on your home or office computer, including Apple computers, please follow the prompts, including a request to install an add-on programme to view video, on the ABC webpage <http://www.abclubhk.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=235>

Two links there let you choose a view from two different live Middle Island webcams. If you have any difficulty, you may email Matthew at [it@abclubhk.com](mailto:it@abclubhk.com)

Still on Middle Island, some unauthorised kayaks have been left there again. I must remind every member that you may not leave your vessels on Club premises without a specific request and entering into a contract approved by the Sailing and Marine Committee. Any unauthorised kayaks must be removed



before the Club is left with no other option but to declare them to the Marine Department as abandoned for removal.

The Club has added an external telephone landline on Middle Island, situated near the classroom.

### **Incident reports due to MarDep**

We have recently been made aware that insurance companies could and will now fight any claim for incidents at sea if a collision report has not been filed within 24 hours with Hong Kong Marine Department. This is a requirement under

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Section 57 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance – CAP 548, which states as follows:

*Owners, agents or coxswains of vessels to report any incident to Marine Department within 24 hours that involves any one of the following occurrences:*

- (a) a local vessel is involved in a collision with another vessel, a port facility or other property;*
- (b) a local vessel sinks or becomes stranded or disabled;*
- (c) a person is killed or seriously injured on board a local vessel as a result of an accident;*
- (d) an explosion or fire occurs on board a local vessel;*
- (e) damage is caused by a local vessel to a*

*port facility or other property; or (f) a person, cargo or equipment is lost overboard from a local vessel*

From the Club's perspective and requirements, only incidents that happen during a race for which a claim might or will be made will need a report from us. But boat owners themselves have the duty to make such reports within the 24-hour window, whether or not they shall file a claim. Insurance companies in Hong Kong have begun to require a copy of the Marine Department accident report form when assessing a claim, therefore, please be aware that a protest committee is not the only solution to a dispute.

See the website's Sailing and Marine sections for a full set of the declaration and

the discussion between the RHKYC and the Marine Department.

On the stairs to the Main Clubhouse's pontoon, we have placed a large stainless-steel safety box with an extinguisher, a first-aid kit and a powerful torch, in case of emergency, for the pontoon *only*. New ladders, with fluorescent markers that can be easily spotted at night, have been installed along the pontoon, should anyone fall in the water.

I wish you all a great Mid-Autumn Festival, a superb Opening Regatta and an enjoyable tasting of our Chilean food and wine promotion this September.

**Philippe de Manny**  
General Manager

## Flag Officer's Report

I trust that you have all had a good summer and look forward to autumn's cooler weather. I would like to take the opportunity to update you on a number of issues and events.

The Club's General and House committees are in the process of overhauling our club rules and regulations for updated bye-laws this autumn. For now I would like to remind members about some Club rules that have been breached repeatedly this summer, on the use of mobile phones in the Club and helpers. Some members have answered their phone in the restaurants and others have brought domestic helpers to assist with children.

We recently updated our rules on communication devices with requests that members use a phone only in areas of the Club next to where Club landlines are, or in hallways and the car park. Domestic helpers are allowed in the Club as guests, but are not permitted to perform any support activities without prior permission from the General Manager.

*General guidelines from our bye-laws follow:*

- (i) No private or domestic staff may enter any part of the Club premises at any time without the consent of the General Committee who may delegate the granting of such consent to the General Manager.*
- (ii) Carers for disabled members or their*

*children may be permitted to enter Club premises to care for such persons.*

- (iii) Parents are responsible for their children therefore, private staff are not supposed to be brought to the Club to look after children.*
- (iv) Private staff may be allowed to drop off children taking a course with the Club and wait for them at a designated area assigned by the management on the day.*

Progress has been made with the IT system, which will be up and running in the New Year. May I remind members to complete the questionnaire that the Club sent out asking for updates of your personal details – if you have not done this, you may collect a questionnaire from the office. Benefits of the overhaul of our IT system that members will see include e-invoices and more detailed access to your account online.

The Galley coffee shop menu now will be refreshed on a regular basis. Already we have had some very positive comments. If dishes you like have come off the menu, you will be glad to know the next new menu will be launched in October. We are also looking to extend the range of events on Middle Island. The south Indian curry buffet and the ABC seafood barbecue were well-attended. The next event not to be missed is the Mid-Autumn Festival evening with mooncakes, under the open sky if weather permits it, on 19 September.



We are fortunate to have a photograph exhibition on the corridor to the Four Peaks restaurant. These photos were taken and framed by a local photographer, Mike Abbott. If you have ideas about events or shows at the Club, please feel free to contact me or other General Committee members or staff.

Looking ahead, the theme this year for our highly successful New Year's party will be 'Woodstock,' giving you a chance to dress up as your favorite hippy!! We also will be reintroducing, after an absence for a number of years, the black-tie dinner in the Four Peaks – more details on both events to follow.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club during the autumn.

**Richard Walker**  
House Committee

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## September Menu Promotion: Chile

<b>Cabonada –Typical Chilean Soup</b> soup with finely diced beef and vegetables	<b>\$42</b>	<b>Costillar de Chancho</b> baked spare ribs with mesclun mix	<b>\$118</b>
<b>Catch of the day Ceviche</b> Fish with onion, tomatoes, green chilli and olives	<b>\$62</b>	<b>Seared Salmon and Avocado Tartar</b> with sea salt, cilantro seed and avocado tartar	<b>\$148</b>
<b>Plata Reina</b> an avocado half, filled with tuna fish with mayonnaise served on lettuce leaves	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Pollo Arvejado</b> grilled chicken breast served with peas, onion and sliced carrots	<b>\$118</b>
<b>Crab Soufflé</b> with truffle oil	<b>\$62</b>	<b>Parrillada Mixta - Chilean Meat Mix</b> flank steak, chorizo, goose liver and blood sausage served with grilled vegetables	<b>\$188</b>
<b>Chilean Empanadas</b> traditional empanada, stuffed with a mixture of ground beef, onions, raisins, black olives, and hard-boiled eggs	<b>\$96</b>	<b>Papaya Con Cremapre</b> preserved papaya with whipped cream	<b>\$42</b>





## Mid-Autumn Festival, the Patio, Thursday, 19 September

Poolside Barbeque Buffet | 6:30 - 9 pm

All-you-can-eat barbecue buffet with salads and festival desserts

New Zealand lamb chops, prawns, sausages, sardines, the ABC's signature Hainan chicken station, salmon fillet, Chef Singh's Indian vegetable curry, an array of salads, moon cakes (中秋月餅), assorted fruits including star fruit and taro cake (芋頭糕).

Adults	\$238
Children (3-12)	\$138

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



## Live Cooking Station, the Patio, every Sunday

12 noon to 2:30 pm

Wok-fried noodles with your choices from the salad buffet \$82

Wok-fried noodles only \$60

Noodles: rice noodles (Ho Fan), rice vermicelli and egg noodles

Your choice of ingredients:  
beef, chicken, prawns, squid, barbecue pork, egg, bean sprouts and spring onion

Your choice of:  
chilled apple juice or orange juice

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



## Lamb-on-a-Spit, Free Wine Tasting, the Patio, Friday, 27 September

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Accompanied by baked potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts.

Adults	\$218
Children (3-12 years of age)	\$118
Children under 3	free



Free wine tasting

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

### Vina Maipo Vitral Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2012 Casablanca Valley, Chile

An elegant, rounded and well-bodied wine with a fresh and sharp balance, and a highly expressive aroma with gooseberry and citric notes. Selections Mondiales des Vina – Gold Medal.

### Vina Maipo Vitral Reserva Syrah 2011 Rapel Valley, Chile

Rounded wine with soft tannins and a mouth-filling texture. Bright dark-ruby red with attractive aromas of plum, blackberries, chocolate and hints of vanilla. Wine Advocate – 88 points.

Concours Mondial Bruxelles – Silver Medal  
Decanter Asia Wine Awards – Bronze Award

By the glass \$42

By the bottle \$200



## Wines of the month - September



# Home Wine Delivery September 2013

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
<b>Sparkling Wines</b>			
<b>Cook's Brut N.V. – USA</b> Medium-dry with crisp fruit flavors. The aromas of apple and pear are balanced with a bouquet of toasty yeast notes and floral nuances.	\$88		
<b>White Wines</b>			
<b>Canyon Road Pinot Grigio 2011 – California, USA</b> Medium-bodied, refreshing wine with inviting flavours of summer-ripened apple and pear. Hints of floral aromas complement a crisp, clean finish.	\$108		
<b>Protea Chenin Blanc 2011 – Franschoek, South Africa</b> Protea Chenin Blanc shows aromas of stone fruit, citrus and some floral notes. Good fruit structure, voluptuous mouthfeel and a long finish.	\$108		
<b>LFE Family Selection Gran Reserva Chardonnay 2011/12 Colchagua Valley, Chile</b> Aromas of pineapple, honey, nuts and almonds. Medium body and well-balanced acidity with hints of oak. A complex and elegant wine. <i>Chardonnay Du Monde 2011 – Silver Medal</i> <i>Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2011 – Gold Medal</i> <i>International Wine Challenge 2011 – Bronze Medal</i>	\$148		
<b>Red Wines</b>			
<b>Canyon Road Pinot Noir 2011 – California, USA</b> Rich notes of dark cherry, brown spice, and cloves. This medium-bodied wine boasts fruit-forward flavours completed by soft, subtle tannins and a smooth, light finish.	\$110		
<b>Protea Shiraz 2010 – Franschoek, South Africa</b> Protea Shiraz with good concentration and balance. The deep soils produce dark fruit. Delicious smoky dark fruit, classy, smooth and appealing with spice-infused flavours.	\$108		
<b>LFE Family Selection Gran Reserva Merlot 2010/11- Colchagua Valley, Chile</b> Strawberries, black cherries, and cassis with subtle vanilla and tobacco aromas. Complex and elegant wine with soft ripe tannins, bright and lingering finish. <i>AWC Vienna 2011 – Gold Medal</i> <i>Mondial du Merlot 2011 – Diplome Argent</i> <i>Korea Wine Challenge 2011 – Seal of Approval</i>	\$148		
<b>Santa Carolina Barrica Selection Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Maipo Valley, Chile</b> Traditional style, with cedar, herb and cocoa notes, and dried currant fruit that lingers on the supple finish.	\$155		

## Free Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting at the Galley on **Friday, 27 September, 6:30-8:30 pm, during the Lamb-on-a Spit event.**

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  
**FREE delivery will be offered for purchase of over 12 bottles;** please allow 3 working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability.





# National Day Buffet, the Four Peaks Restaurant, Tuesday, 1 October

12 pm to 3 pm

Adults	\$238
Age 12-17	\$178
Age 3-11	\$118

### Salad Bar

your choice of frisee, butter lettuce, red chicory, romaine, baby spinach and cabbage, with cherry tomato, carrot, cucumber, red onion, asparagus, sweet corn and beetroot  
lobster soup

### Cold Dishes

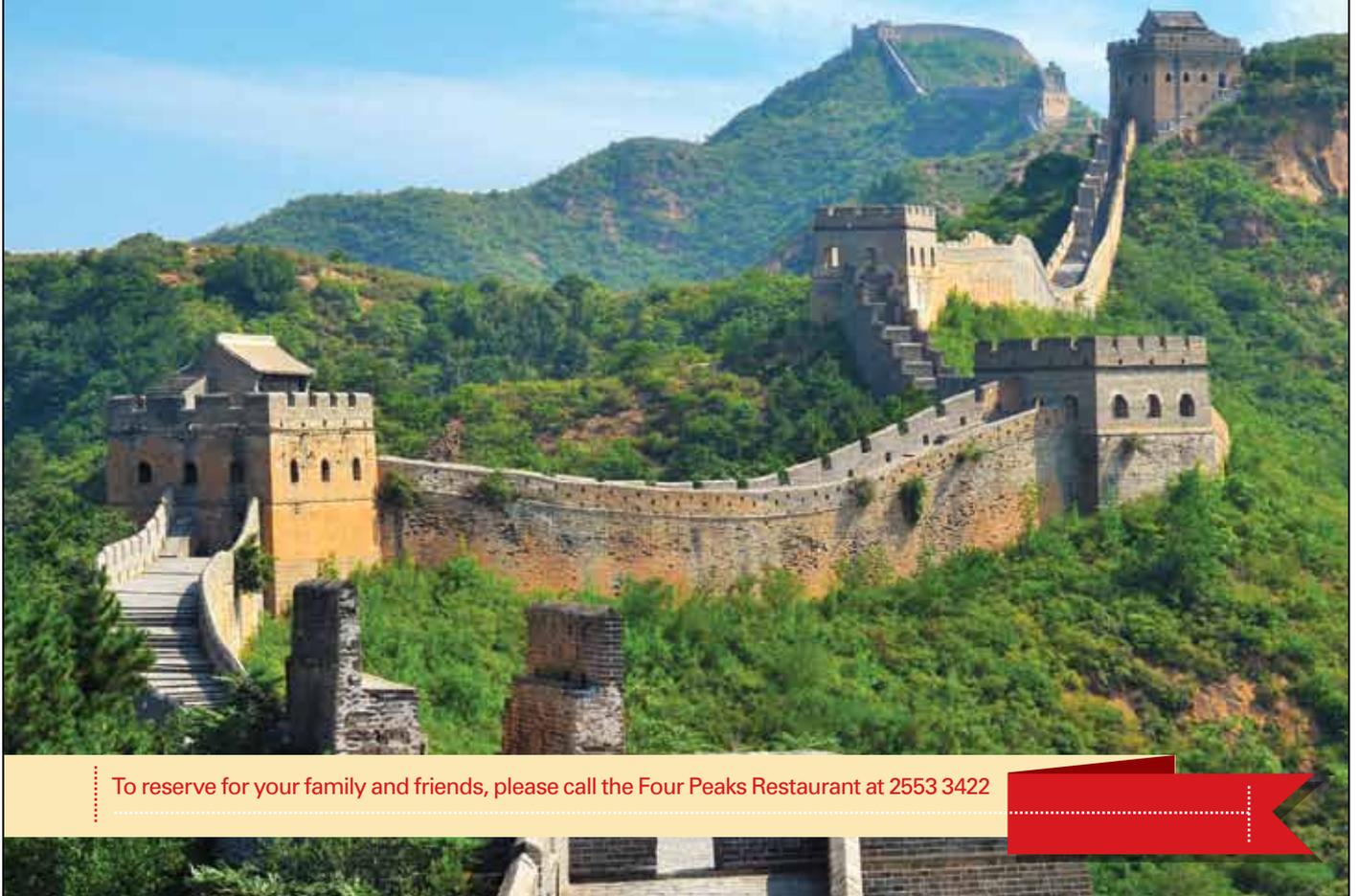
mussels, live rock oysters, smoked salmon, sushi, sashimi, California rolls, Japanese beancurd skin with salmon and crab roe, assorted cold cuts, sea blubber and cucumber salad, prawn and grapefruit salad, Alaskan crab legs, water crabs, shrimp cocktail

### Hot Dishes

baked skate wing in spicy tomato salsa, barbecued prawns skewer, grilled sole fillet, seasonal vegetables, sautéed crab with ginger and spring onion, stir-fried chilli prawns with garlic, steamed whole groupa with soya sauce, sautéed squid with honey beans in XO sauce, chicken curry, roast prime rib of beef with red wine sauce

### Desserts

fresh fruit platter  
mango pudding with seasonal mixed fruit  
strawberry Napoleon, egg white soufflé with seasonal mixed berries, chestnut tart, marble cheesecake, bread and butter pudding beancurd in syrup



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# Summer Series 2013 Race 2

By Elaine Morgan, photos by Eileen Sze

*May 13 in foreground, Boadicea behind*

The Summer Series' second race opened with an average-to-poor start but we were up with leading boats until a bad call by the skipper over the salvage barge-exclusion zone. Smart sailors went to windward. Dummy went to leeward. *May 13*, our J/80 competition, leads us round Castle Rock by five minutes ... a lifetime.

That's when the fun really began.

Kite set up for a port hoist. Well, that's a mistake. Now we want to go off on starboard ... wondering how come we didn't notice everyone going off on starboard ... wait ... maybe not a

mistake. Two box ships headed in for Kwai Tsing. By heading up white sail reaching on the 'wrong' gybe we are better placed ...

Skipper calls the gybe hoist. Crew fluffs the hoist. Skipper yells ... then gybes back to clear the wrap ... gybes back again. Crew utterly bemused, stagger round cockpit, and mast ... purple kite sheets tangling like angry, thin snakes, green, gold and black cloth flapping and wrapping like surrealist can of Carlsberg ... I wish and ... No! Have to gybe back again. Those darned yellow marker buoys round the wreck-lifting barge are here again. Will we ever escape them?

But slip neatly past the stern of Hamburg Süd *Santa Ines* where *May 13* has been broaching madly trying to get upwind enough to do the same. Meantime the rest of the fleet are way over the horizon ... or seems like ... *Calamansi*, on our heels for the first half of Summer Race 1, certainly is. She's almost at the ABC buoy, or so it seems ... we think ... dismay ... despondency ... silent skipper ... what's wrong??? Focussed. Right angles. Max VMG.

Eyes on the horizon to port. Line squall approaching. Thickening up in patches. Mate, imagining 25 knots+, starts drilling new crew on drop just in case. But ... no! Great wind. Whee ... 10.6 knots.

Need to get ready for next gybe. Tutor new crew on gybe!

"Watch the luff," goes the cry. "Look for where we're going ... not at the horizon!"

We all looked. For the ABC buoy. Where is it? Boats ahead of us spanned out over an arc of 60 degrees. They're all looking ... then up pops that other J/80 we've been closing. Where has he been? Catch him on starboard and ... not far from ABC buoy now, surely? Skipper aims for middle of the spread-out pack.

"They put it in the wrong place ... it's drifted ... nobody can find it," mutters the skipper.

Then up it pops tucked closer to Un Kok than usual ... and we've nearly rounded the next ship at anchor and headed off to Cheung Chau.

Close J/80 encounters ensue. How come we picked up half a mile?

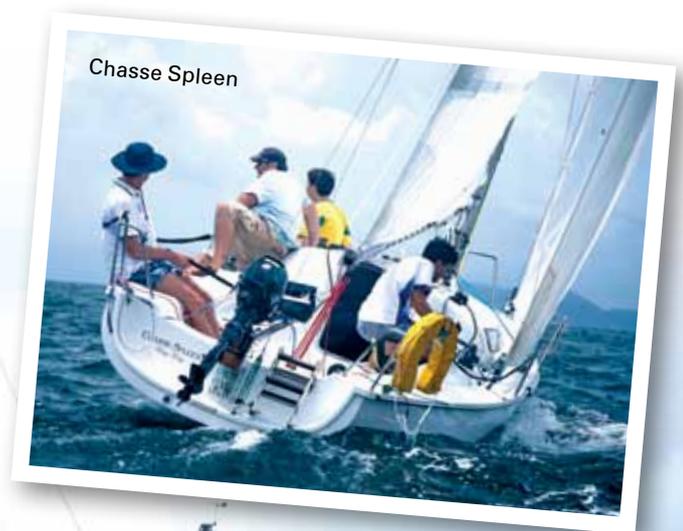
Crew watching the luff after all ... and skipper watching crew ... teamwork.

And then the leg across Foul Bay, kite strapped in tight, heading far too high for speed, trying to keep upwind of that pesky J/80 leading by a boat length or two under our lee bow!

"Aha," says skipper to himself, spotting the tideline and back eddy under Wong Chuk Kok. "I'll get him here ... if he doesn't spot it too." He didn't ... stood out into the tide. We roared downwind running square ... almost by the lee ... rocks gnashing close to port. A hundred metres to go. Gybe out. Brilliant crew with quick, slick work. Gybe back ... another bit of ace crew work. Final dash for the line. Over ... wah! Two-hundred metres ... and a 20-second deficit turns into a lead of two minutes. Tides matter.

Race results follow. ✨

Rona





# ABC Summer Series 2013: Race 3

By Bruce Perkins, photos by Eileen Sze

Sixteen boats arrived at the start line for the ABC's Summer Series Race number 3, held on Sunday, 7 July. The weather for the start promised a beautiful day with clear sunny skies and a steady breeze of 10-12 knots coming from the south-west. ABC Race Officer Eileen Sze selected course 31, which would see the fleet race over to the island of Cheung Chau. The course offered up a new venue for lunch, and a suitable anchorage within Cheung Chau's typhoon shelter for the prevailing wind.

As the fleet left on a combined start, it was a quiet affair with a light breeze providing a gentle fetch to the first mark

of Chesterman. The larger boats, with their tall rigs, made the most of what wind was available and soon stretched the lead to Chesterman.

Steve Manning's *Walawala 2* led the charge across the channel to find the ABC mark before the fleet could ease off and head towards Cheung Chau Rock.

Although rather shy, it was just possible for some boats to hold their reaching kites and a-sails, and soon the fleet spread out across the long leg to the island. Once rounding the rock, it was a short beat up the south-east side of the island, where the race officer had laid the finish line.



Watawala 2

Tipsy Easy



### Dramatic turn of weather

Once finished, it was a quick motor into the typhoon shelter of Cheung Chau where quite a few vacant government buoys were available for the fleet to moor up against. Ferried in by sampans and the ABC support boats, the crews made their way to the New Baccarat Seafood Restaurant for a traditional seafood lunch. Virtually taking over the restaurant, various crews were enjoying the fayre on offer, when the weather took a sudden and dramatic turn for the worse. The heavens opened and the wind picked up to the point where most people began to wonder if there was a mini-typhoon on the way. Most boats' crews huddled down under the plastic curtains

lowered by the restaurant staff, but *The Farr Side* and *Jelignite* crews, determined to stick it out, stayed on their outside table sheltered by a few strategically placed notice boards. As the weather deteriorated, it was a fairly unanimous decision that the comfort of the restaurant was the best place to be and another round of drinks was ordered, whilst the results of the day's racing were read out to the delight of the boats crews who had won their classes.

The weather did eventually abate and the restaurant soon emptied as boats and their crews made a quick dash back to Aberdeen. All agreed it was an entertaining day's sailing and a novel change to head to Cheung Chau. Race results follow. H



### Race 2 – HKPN, Course 28

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Rating	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Wonderwall</i>	1401	987	12:37:34	2:07:34	2:09:15	1.0
2	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	290	1055	12:47:19	2:17:19	2:10:09	2.0
3	<i>Xiphias</i>	1638	935	12:33:16	2:03:16	2:11:50	3.0
4	<i>May13</i> (Lonny Chen)	2231	1014	12:44:29	2:14:29	2:12:38	4.0
5	<i>Calamansi</i>	1347	941	12:35:27	2:05:27	2:13:19	5.0
6	<i>White Crane</i>	10405	1010	12:46:39	2:16:39	2:15:18	6.0
7	<i>Rona</i>	K9	1078	12:57:00	2:27:00	2:16:22	7.0
8	<i>Zephyr</i>	1839	1122	13:06:16	2:36:16	2:19:17	8.0
9	<i>FG3</i>	2265	944	12:42:47	2:12:47	2:20:40	9.0
10	<i>Boadicea</i>	138925	959	12:45:31	2:15:31	2:21:19	10.0
11	<i>Thea</i>	2066	1018	12:54:20	2:24:20	2:21:47	11.0
12	<i>Wicked</i>	2171	822	12:30:35	2:00:35	2:26:42	12.0
13	<i>Jail Breaker</i> (Michael Tsui)	1530	968	12:52:30	2:22:30	2:27:13	13.0
14	<i>Sula</i>	2270	1003	12:58:01	2:28:01	2:27:34	14.0
15	<i>Kei Lun</i>	1691	849	12:35:57	2:05:57	2:28:21	15.0
16	<i>The Farr Side</i>	254	969	12:58:30	2:28:30	2:33:15	16.0
17	<i>Hanafe</i>	283	916	12:55:03	2:25:03	2:38:21	17.0
18	<i>Dolphin Six</i>	1166	958	13:02:23	2:32:23	2:39:04	18.0
19	<i>Intrigue</i>	200	804	12:44:46	2:14:46	2:47:37	19.0

### Race 2 – J/80, Course 28

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Finish	Elapsed	Points
1	<i>FG3</i>	2265	12:42:47	2:12:47	1.0
2	<i>May13</i>	2231	12:44:29	2:14:29	2.0
3	<i>Jail Breaker</i>	1530	12:52:30	2:22:30	3.0

### Race 2 – IRC, Course 28

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Rating	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Calamansi</i>	1347	0.980	12:35:27	2:05:27	2:02:56	1.0
2	<i>FG3</i>	2265	0.958	12:42:47	2:12:47	2:07:12	2.0
3	<i>Kei Lun</i>	1691	1.053	12:35:57	2:05:57	2:12:38	3.0
4	<i>The Farr Side</i>	254	0.99	12:58:30	2:28:30	2:27:01	4.0
5	<i>Intrigue</i>	200	1.107	12:44:46	2:14:46	2:29:11	5.0

### Race 3 – IRC, Course 31

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Rating	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Walawala 2</i>	2008	1.178	12:14:14	1:44:14	2:02:47	1.0
2	<i>Red Kite II</i>	2093	1.029	12:32:11	2:02:11	2:05:44	2.0
3	<i>Kei Lun</i>	1691	1.053	12:32:27	2:02:27	2:08:56	3.0
4	<i>Tipsy Easy</i>	2250	1.148	12:23:18	1:53:18	2:10:04	4.0
5	<i>Calamansi</i>	1347	0.980	12:46:32	2:16:32	2:13:48	5.0
6	<i>Andiamo</i>	2119	1.036	12:44:56	2:14:56	2:19:47	6.0
7	<i>Lady Butterfly</i>	3470	0.997	12:51:46	2:21:46	2:21:20	7.0
8	<i>The Farr Side</i>	254	0.99	13:06:59	2:36:59	2:35:25	8.0
9	<i>Javelin</i>	1529	1012	13:05:19	2:35:19	2:33:28	9.0

## Race 3 – J/80, Course 31

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Finish	Elapsed	Points
1	<i>Jelignite</i>	1428	12:58:42	2:28:42	1.0
2	<i>Javelin</i> (Felix Ng)	1529	13:05:19	2:35:19	2.0
3	<i>Jail Breaker</i> (Michael Tsui)	1530	13:07:22	2:37:22	3.0

## Race 3 – HKPN, Course 31

Rank	Boat Name	Sail No.	Rating	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Boadicea</i>	138925	967	12:42:50	2:12:50	2:17:22	1.0
2	<i>Tipsy Easy</i>	2250	801	12:23:18	1:53:18	2:21:27	2.0
3	<i>Kei Lun</i>	1691	864	12:32:27	2:02:27	2:21:43	3.0
4	<i>Wonderwall</i>	1401	958	12:45:48	2:15:48	2:21:45	4.0
5	<i>Calamansi</i>	1347	931	12:46:32	2:16:32	2:26:39	5.0
6	<i>Walawala 2</i>	2008	701	12:14:14	1:44:14	2:28:42	6.0
7	<i>Zephyr</i>	1839	1148	13:22:40	2:52:40	2:30:24	7.0
8	<i>Red Kite II</i>	2093	800	12:32:11	2:02:11	2:32:44	8.0
9	<i>Javelin</i>	1529	1012	13:05:19	2:35:19	2:33:28	9.0
10	<i>Andiamo</i>	2119	849	12:44:56	2:14:56	2:38:56	10.0
11	<i>Jail Breaker</i>	1530	985	13:07:22	2:37:22	2:39:46	11.0
12	<i>Lady Butterfly</i>	3470	882	12:51:46	2:21:46	2:40:44	12.0
13	<i>The Farr Side</i>	254	969	13:06:59	2:36:59	2:42:00	13.0
14	<i>Jelignite</i>	1428	892	12:58:42	2:28:42	2:46:42	14.0
15	<i>Tiphara</i>	1982	865		DNF		17.0
15	<i>Sipadan</i>	790	1121		DNF		17.0

# Calling All Dinghy Sailors!

By Diana Bruce

Over the 26-27 October weekend, the Hebe Haven Yacht Club will host its annual 24-hour dinghy race to benefit local charities. The ABC has been closely involved for over 10 years, and definitely will enter teams again this year.

For those unfamiliar with the race, each boat is raced by a team of sailors on a roster over the 24-hour race period (from 2 pm on Saturday to 2 pm on Sunday). Team points are awarded for "laps" completed on a course set in the harbour off Hebe Haven Yacht Club; the team with the most points wins. The course is patrolled for the entire time by safety boats, so don't worry about sailing at night. In fact, it's magic!

ABC will enter four teams, each to sail one of the following boats: a Wayfarer, a Laser 2000, an RS Feva and a Laser Pico. Anyone with a Level 2 Certificate may sign up for this fun and worthwhile event. The Laser 2000 team is an adult-only team; the RS Feva and Laser Pico teams are juniors. (The Wayfarer team is invitation only – and will be looking to take first place this year!) A responsible adult must accompany young sailors whilst at Hebe Haven.

**Fine family outing:** Supporters and teammates can cheer from the dockside with its terrific view of the race, the basis of a great family weekend. ABC members can sign for food and drink at Hebe Haven, and entertainment will include games stalls (and our own Kevin Lewis as the DJ and MC!).

The 2012 event raised \$1 million for local charities. This year's chosen charities are The Children's Cancer Foundation, Enlighten – Action for Epilepsy, Ideal – The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League, Sailability Hong Kong and TREATS.

**Junk needed for ABC team:** In the past we have benefitted from the weekend loan of a junk, which makes a huge difference to the comfort and spirits of the sailors. We would be very grateful if a member could lend a junk this year as a home base.

To learn more or sign up for this exciting race, contact Diana Bruce ([jollyfin@netvigator.com](mailto:jollyfin@netvigator.com)) or Kevin Lewis ([DinghySailing@abclubhk.com](mailto:DinghySailing@abclubhk.com)).



Sailing at night - 2012



# RS500 Worlds 2013 Gottskar, Sweden

By Louis Bond-Smith,  
photo by Bob Ensor

**The ABC's Louis Bond-Smith and RHKYC's Campbell Manzoni teamed up this summer as Hong Kong's entry into the RS500 Worlds at Gottskar in Sweden. Hong Kong (and more specifically the ABC) has entered the RS500 Worlds three times, and this year the team once again did us proud, finishing fifth overall (out of a fleet of 35) and gaining a bullet in the final race of the Championships.**

With only about four organisational e-mails and a couple of months of waiting, Team HKG regrouped in Gottskar, Sweden. We rocked up, the wind was blowing 20 knots, the weather was stunning, the people were ridiculously friendly, and even the sea was warm.

Next thing we know, we were handed a brand-new RS500 still in its plastic bag. We weren't really sure what we had done to get such a sweet deal and were seriously keen to get on the water.

With one day of training on the water – having not sailed for a half-year and having sailed together very rarely – and Campbell almost never having sailed the 500 before, we felt we got going pretty well.

With 35 boats entered, we said we'd be happy with a finish in the top-half of the Worlds fleet. We did well in the first race to get a 13th and our results only improved after that with only top 10s.

We had a massive range of conditions, winds light and strong, both flat water and big waves, with some heavy conditions making for some awesome downwind sailing. The fleet was great, on the water and off – loads of singing between races on the day of non-stop rain, fantastic off-the-water socials, and brilliant racing.

And what better way to end the week than by finishing in first place in the last race, bringing us to fifth place overall? A big thanks to the whole team who ran the event in Gottskar and all the sailors for making the event awesome! 

## Sailing Diary

As we head into our peak sailing season, reminders about future events and regattas. Further details at [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)

### Regattas and Racing:

- September 7 and 8: Sunseeker ABC Opening Regatta
- September 14: Joint Clubs Dinghy Racing 1 & 2
- September 20 – 22: HKSF International Dinghy Regatta
- September 28: Joint Clubs Dinghy Racing 3 & 4
- October 5: Joint Clubs Dinghy Racing 5 & 6
- October 6: ABC Waglan Series 1

### Courses and activities:

- September 28: J/80 Sailing Trip
- September 29: J/80 Gennaker Day
- September 28, 29 and 1 Oct: Adult Laser 2000 Course
- October 1, 5, 6, 12 and 13: Adult Beginner Dinghy Course
- October 12 – 14: Laser 1 Course

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*Regatta*



Photo by Matias Capizzano

# IODA Optimist

## World Championships

2013 at Italy's Lake Garda By Mike Wright

In July, the ABC's Matthew Wright joined four other young sailors from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Hong Kong Sea School to compete at the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Optimist World Championships 2013, held at Lake Garda, Italy. Some 260 sailors from 60 countries took part.

The competition over eight days comprised individual fleet racing and a team-racing event. The Hong Kong team was led by Richard Knight of RHKYC. Matthew, at 12 years of age the team's youngest, gained his first experience of a truly international competition.

Arriving several days before the start, the team practiced races and joined the opening ceremony with a procession of all teams through the old town of Riva del Garda. The team experienced their first "Ora," the famous wind that most days springs up from the south and occasionally tops 20 knots. The lake was often full of boats and windsurfers, and during one practice race, the Optimist fleet was interrupted by a racing fleet of Melges, most determined not to give way!

### Hong Kong's first Worlds team-racing win

The actual regatta was even more competitive than expected. Racing was in four fleets of about 60 boats, with two races a day. Getting a good clear start and holding a lane throughout was crucial, with any error or penalty resulting in many places lost. Halfway through the regatta, there was a break for the team-racing. Hong Kong lost against Chile but won the next race, against Japan, providing Hong Kong with its first team-racing win at any world championship. However, Hong Kong was eliminated from the competition after falling to Finland.

When fleet racing resumed, winds were shifty and less steady. Matthew had some good starts and first beats, but it was hard to hold on throughout a race. By the end of the regatta, the top-placed Hong Kong boat was Calum Gregor in 93rd. Singapore showed continued dominance at this level with first place overall in the fleet, team-racing and girls' categories. Matthew takes the IODA 2013 Worlds as a great learning experience, and looks forward to more opportunities in the future to continue his sailing career at ABC. **H**



Photo by Matias Capizzano

# Annual ABC Members' Flotilla

All ABC Boat Owners/Dinghy and J/80 hirers are invited to a Pasta Fiesta!



## Sunday, 20 October

The second-annual ABC flotilla will be sailing out on Sunday, 20th October at 10:30 am from Round Island. We hope all cruiser owners, J/80 owners and hirers, dinghy owners and hirers, motor boat owners and anything else that floats, will join the flotilla, which will sail to Nam Tam Wan bay (on Po Toi Island). The Club junk will be there to greet us with a fantastic "Pasta Fiesta" lunch.

Dinghies will sail directly from Round Island to Nam Tam Wan and haul up on the beach for a jolly day out. Cruisers and motor boats will sail a short island course and then anchor in the bay. Sign up and/or book your boat on <http://www.abclubhk.com/news.aspx?newsid=175>

A pasta buffet with salads and desserts will be available on the Club junk.

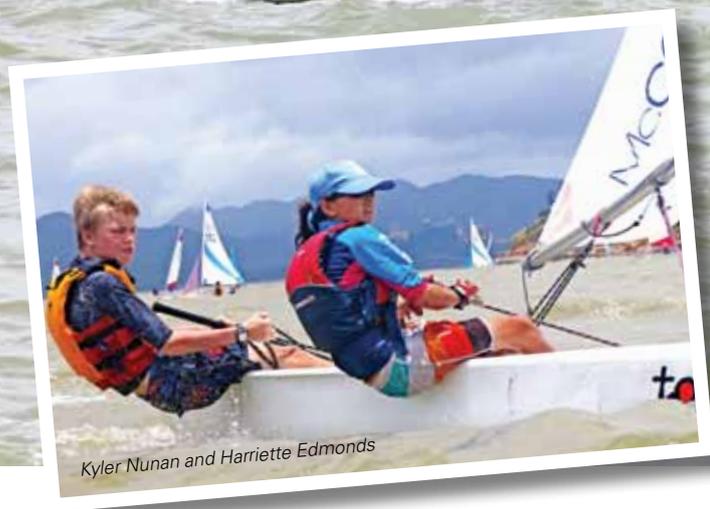
Adults \$98, Children (aged 7-12) \$68

To reserve lunch for your family and friends, please contact Cobo at 2553 3032



# Macau International Dinghy Regatta 2013 22 and 23 June

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis



Kyler Nunan and Harriette Edmonds

June 2013 saw the fourth Macau International Dinghy Regatta, and this year the ABC sent its biggest team yet, 17 sailors with around 20 parents and supporters making the trip for one of the most fun dinghy events of the year.

As in past years, the Macau regatta is aimed at intermediate-level sailors and is positioned as a family event, with parents and friends from all three Hong Kong clubs making the trip and having a great "weekend away."

Nearly 40 rooms were booked in the Westin Hotel on Hac Sa Beach, with a total of 70 sailors competing in divisions for Toppers, Picos, Fevas, Laser 1s and Laser Stratos.

As in previous years, the ABC supported the event by shipping Club Picos and a small club safety boat over to Macau, joined this year by HHYC and RHKYC who also sent dinghies.

Geelong Sales once again kindly sponsored the ABC team, offsetting nearly all of the costs incurred by the Club – huge thanks on behalf of the Club go to Ian Skeggs!

Wonderful clear skies and a fresh breeze on the Friday set-up day were replaced by a T3 signal on Saturday morning as tropical storm Rumbia passed to the south.

After a delay to wait for the lowering of the signal, all competitors took to the water from the AVM sailing centre (Associação de Vela de Macau) at noon on Saturday.

The first race was started in windy conditions with building waves. As the tide went out, the swell increased with waves of 3m or more, and 16 - 20 knots of wind making conditions exciting and very challenging.

In fact these were some of the largest waves many of our younger sailors had encountered, and with multiple capsize and waves increasing further.

The race committee wisely decided to curtail racing for the day. Competitors returned to the beach ready and eager for the evening's barbecue at the Miramar Restaurant.



Russell Aylsworth in the Topper division



Ralph Summers and Madeleine Walker



The ABC Laser Stratos team:  
Long Ting Chan, Ashley Tang and Tom Nunan

### Near-perfect conditions

Sunday saw almost perfect-sailing conditions with a good 10 knots of building breeze and a reduced but still exciting swell. To ensure the successful completion of a total of five races (allowing one discard), lunch was brought out to competitors on the water and the Sunday windward-leeward racing was both competitive and close. Prizegiving followed later on Sunday afternoon.

Special congratulations must go to ABC sailors Kyler Nunan and Harriette Edmonds who finished second in the Topaz Division; Madeleine Walker and Ralph Summers, and Ryan and Cedric Wong, who finished third and fourth in Pico respectively; and Oliver Wong and Julian Chawla fourth in the Feva division.

Overall, a superb weekend; without a doubt one of the most fun events in the dinghy sailing year. The Macau sailors, led by Eric Crowter and Dennis Bordais have done a great job to improve and expand the event and it was a huge success. The 2014 date is already set – 21 and 22 June – mark it now in your diary as a weekend not to be missed! H

### ABC Team at Macau International Regatta

Harriette Edmonds and Kyler Nunan	Topaz
George Burkett and Andrea Chawla	Pico
Ralph Summers and Madeleine Walker	Pico
Ryan Wong and Cedric Wong	Pico
Oliver Wong and Julian Chawla	Feva
Max Openshaw	Topper
Russell Aylsworth	Topper
Oliver Edmonds	Laser Radial
Tom Nunan, Ashley Tang, Long Ting Chan and Michael Openshaw	Laser Stratos



The ABC Macau Team, 2013



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Ryan and Cedric Wong, 4th place, Pico



Julian Chawla and Oliver Wong



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## Youth Programme Report



Willing students, proven instructors

# Fun at Middle Island: Summer 2013

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis

Summertime at the ABC is our most busy for youth sailing, and 2013 proved to be once again a record-breaking summer! We had more students than ever, on 40 courses we ran from late June through the end of August.

Our most popular activities remain the junior Optimist courses, which continue to attract large numbers of children onto the water. We also held a successful "Water Sports Week," which encompasses sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, wakeboarding, snorkelling and other fun activities. Optimist race training with Coach Rory Godman also continued in August as part of our busy summer schedule and in preparation for the upcoming regatta season.

With almost two-thirds of our participants non-members, our youth sailing programmes also form a vital link to those who would otherwise not visit the ABC. The profile of our sailing activities continues to rise and the knock-on effect is a big increase in demand for "Cadet" memberships of the Club and rising interest in the ABC's youth racing squads. ABC's increase in resources allows for the growth we continue to experience but ever-increasing numbers should not be the only aim – high-quality courses, offered at reasonable fees, with a framework to develop and keep sailors is a primary target.

The photographs on these pages give just a glimpse of the summer fun at the ABC. Our next programme takes place in October; programme options and details follow. 



Snorkelling during Water Sports Week



Rigging sails



Paddling practice



Towing around



Feeling the breeze on an Opi

Sitting by the dock of the bay



In the balance



Wakeboarding

All smiles



Fun in the sun



High noon on the high seas



Rounding a buoy

A bevy of ABC boats



A capsizing drill



Windsurfing



The ABC Laser way



## ABC October Youth Sailing Programme

For most schools, the October holiday is only one week, thus places in our October programme are very limited. To ensure your place, we advise you to apply at least three weeks before the course start date. Note spaces may only be reserved on receipt of a completed application form and deposit payment; we cannot reserve course slots by email or telephone. Full details and application forms are available on our website, [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com). For further enquiries please contact [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com).

Date and Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	HKS (Member)	HKS (Non-member)
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Intro	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Sat 12 – Mon 14 Oct		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	1,512 (youth) 1,770 (adult)	2,190 (youth) 2,564 (adult)
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct		Beginners HKSF Level 1 and 2	Age 11 – 18	2,520	3,650
Tues 15 – Sat 19 Oct		Improver HKSF Level 3	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2 for at least one year	2,520	3,650
Tues 15 – Thurs 17 Oct		RS Feva Intro Course	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,512	2,190
Fri 18 – Sat 19 Oct		RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 11 – 18, hold RS Feva Intro	1,008	1,460



## Late October Youth Sailing Programme (French International School)

ABC is pleased to offer an extended programme to cater for students from French International School and some other schools with different holiday dates. Full details and application forms are available on our website, [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com). For further enquiries please contact [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com).

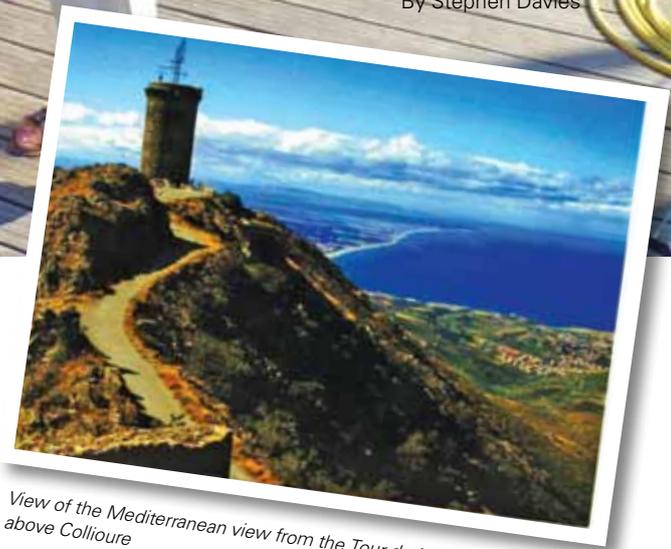
Date and Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	HKS (Member)	HKS (Non-member)
Sun 20 Oct		Dinghy Sailing Trip	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	504 (youth) 590 (adult)	730 (youth) 855 (adult)
Weds 23 – Fri 25 Oct		3-Day Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	1,512	2,190
Weds 23 – Thurs 24 Oct		Basic and Intermediate Windsurfing	Age 8 – 18	1,008	1,460
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Course	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov		Beginners HKSF Level 1 and 2	Age 11 – 18	2,520	3,650
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov		Improver HKSF Level 3	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2 for at least one year	2,520	3,650
Mon 28 – Weds 30 Oct		RS Feva Intro Course	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,512	2,190
Thurs 31 – Sat 2 Nov		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSF L2 or similar experience	1,512	2,190



# The ABC of memories

By Stephen Davies

Ben and Melita Corbeek with Cariño



View of the Mediterranean view from the Tour de Madeloc, above Collioure

**B**egin with A. The approach to Port Argelès through the vineyards of the Roussillon. The sky that intense blue of the summer Mediterranean.

I was bound to a rendezvous at the small marina there with ABC friends made in the early '80s, Melita and Ben Corbeek. Their Peterson 36, *Cariño*, had moored alongside our Yamaha 30, the first *Fiddler's Green*, in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter. They learned to sail with the ABC and raced against us around Beaufort Island, Fury Rocks, Po Toi ... Now, 30 years later, I was on my way for a sail with Melita and Ben ... and *Cariño*.

## A flood of memories ...

I was in the yard where *Fiddler's Green II* had been depoxed, where Elaine and I had painted the hull green in 1998. There was our old berth before the long return voyage to Southeast Asia and Singapore in 1999-2001. I could see Cap Béar and the entrance to Port Vendres just down the coast. We'd arrived there in *Fiddler's* in October 1993, 27,000 miles out from Hong Kong via Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

Then further into the past, our departure from Middle Island in January 1990. The club boat – the *Invicta* that's still doing sterling work – was dressed overall. John Makin, the then-general manager, and Ah Kee fired the gun to start our 40,000 mile odyssey ...

## ... but there was B.

Ben Corbeek. Older to be sure. But always the bronzed Ben we knew so well of 30 years ago, as if there'd been no years in-between.

The warmth of years of friendship washed between us and we began talking about the boats around us ... Port Argelès ... how things have changed ... as if there'd been no interval since last we'd met at the marina in 1999 and today.

## Which brings us to C.

*Cariño* and her effervescent chief mate, Melita Corbeek. There was Melita's smiling face at the main hatch, as ever, in warm welcome. It may have been eight years since last we'd sailed together. It felt like a week or two.

The Med beckoned. The back end of the night breeze off the mountains was blowing down the trots, inhibiting *Cariño's*



Stephen Davies on the helm of *Cariño* with Melita Corbeek

natural prop walk to starboard. No worries for Team *Cariño*. They had hacked for short-handed exits in any conditions. Without a glitch the heavy, 1980's cruiser was on her way.

Then we all remembered the day after *Fiddler's Green* arrived from Ampuria Brava (another ABC connection – but that's for another time). A vicious sou'easterly autumn gale had demolished the outer seawall closing the marina for a month or so. Sometimes you're lucky ...

Once clear of the marina Ben nipped forward and got the main up (I hope I'm as limber when I'm 80). Back in the cockpit Melita got the genny out. It was around 1300. The first breaths of the regular-as-clockwork daily sea breeze of Le Grand Bleu (the Great Blue) were making from the east.

"Will you take the helm, Stephen?" asked Ben. Close-hauled, *Cariño* settled into her comfortable lope and we headed SSE for the horizon.

La Côte Vermeille (the Vermilion Coast) slipped by to starboard. Behind it the chain of the Pyrénées receded into the blue distance, where the sacred mountain of the Catalans, Le Canigou, towered over the plain. Past the ancient Catalan port of Collioure and its medieval castle, home for many years to Patrick O'Brien of "Aubrey and Maturin" fame. Past ancient Portus Veneris (Port Vendres). Past Cap Béar, its massive hilltop fort, lighthouse and semaphore ... and on into the blue.

"The breeze will work round towards sou'sou'east. Maybe 15-20 knots by around four. By six it'll be gone," Ben said, with all the sea wisdom of a nigh-on quarter-century sailing this coast.

Ben had had *Cariño* freighted back from Hong Kong to a neighbouring farmer's field, where Melita and he lived in the Netherlands, while he worked out his time as a senior executive at Philips, the big Dutch multinational.

Elaine and I had visited *Cariño* there amongst the sheep and cows ("Can you make Cowes Week?" "No, but I can make their eyes water.") Ben, ever the engineer, explained the improvements on the Peterson he was making ... completely revising the profile of both keel and rudder ... in a field, 100 km from the sea.

(But then, what's new. As soon as *Cariño* had arrived in Hong Kong, Ben had taken her to a small boatyard in Tai Shue Wan, where Ocean Park's western entrance now is. Over a weekend he had removed the engine. Closed and faired the saildrive opening in the hull. Moved the engine beds. Created a new opening for the saildrive. And reinstalled the engine. Over a weekend ... .)

Ben had retired in the late '80s and he and Melita had bought a house in nearby Montesquieu des Albères. They brought *Cariño* to Port Argelès. Ben went sailing everyday he could for nearly 20 years. He and Melita moved back to Holland about five years ago. Now they come to Port Argelès for a month or two every summer, live aboard and day-sail with the occasional cruise further afield. That's a lot of sailing.

Bang on Ben's prediction, the wind worked around and freshened, though only to around 15 knots. We were maybe 14 miles out in perfect sailing conditions. Bliss.



Fiddler's Green (white) in Aberdeen typhoon shelter in 1980s, same era as Cariño, which previously occupied berth to starboard



Fiddler's Green II (green boat) in 1990s, on berth in Port Argelès, where Cariño is now kept



Ben's inner chart plotter went "Bleep, bleep!"  
"OK, we tack now, Stephen. Aim for Le Canigou once we're 'round."  
"Aye aye, skipper."

We romped back on an easy broad reach, with *Cariño* picking up her skirts to six or seven comfortable knots, light as a feather on the helm. Over Le Canigou, we could see what had been sucking in the sea breeze as the usual, massive thunderheads built over the mountains inland.

We closed the marina around 1800 and dialled away the genny. Melita took the helm while Ben and I got the main down and flaked. At once, bang on prediction, someone threw the switch on the fan. Perfect timing.

Once learnt, the ABC of cruising is with you for life ... in every way. -H-



Ben Corbeek in Collioure



# Adventure Sailing Races across Asia

By Shakil Uttamchandani

In Asia, there is an abundance of quality sailing races, and the coming racing season is no different. Here we showcase the top adventure-sailing events over the coming year.

## **Hong Kong – Vietnam, October 2013**

The Hong Kong to Vietnam Race is back for 2013, and promises to be an epic. Joining in on the longest Category One offshore race in Asia, sailors will take on the might of the South China Sea as they traverse the 656-mile biennial route to Nga Trang on the south-eastern coast of Vietnam.

Sailors can anticipate daunting rolling waves as they dash their way through to the finish line. This race is a “no-brainer” for sailors who thrive on long downhill excursions. The event starts on 10 October with welcome drinks at the RHKYC Kellett Island lawn. However, the real action starts a week later as the race commences on 17 October at the Kellett Island club line and concludes 21 October with the prize-giving in Nha Trang. The Hong Kong to Vietnam Race 2013 will have the following classes: IRC Racer Class, IRC Premier Class, IRC Cruiser.

Eligible boats must complete and return the entry form with the fee to the RHKYC Sailing Office by Monday, 9 September. For further information, see [www.rhkyc.org.hk](http://www.rhkyc.org.hk) or email [alex.johnston@rhkyc.org.hk](mailto:alex.johnston@rhkyc.org.hk).

## **Royal Langkawi Regatta, January 2014**

Looking ahead to 2014, the Royal Langkawi International Regatta, organised by the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, is one of the more well-known and reputable regattas in Asia. Taking place off the coast of the tranquil haven of Langkawi, this prestigious event draws yachtsmen and sailors from the farthest reaches of the earth. The classes for this year’s event include racing, cruising, other IRC classes, sport boats and multihulls. Whilst the first day of the Regatta starts with preparations and the practice race, get ready for the following five days as sailors seek to take home one of five coveted trophies that the competition offers.

For further information and to register, visit [www.langkawiregatta.com](http://www.langkawiregatta.com) or email [office@langkawiregatta.com](mailto:office@langkawiregatta.com)

## **Penghu, Taiwan, June 2014**

It may still be more than 10 months away, but you should definitely start training for this one right now! June 2013 was the date of the inaugural Penghu Regatta, which turned out to be a sterling success as 11 sailing yachts participated in the first-ever regatta to be held in Taiwan’s idyllic Penghu islands. Although the exact date is yet to be confirmed, the second Penghu Regatta is set to take place in June 2014. Organisers are eager to build on the success of the first regatta by making next year bigger and better.

Before next June’s racing starts, participants will be treated to a welcoming beach party sponsored by Peroni, with an evening barbeque and entertainment by a singer and live jazz band. The action starts off with a day of course racing in Penghu Bay followed by a ‘Round the Island’ race in south Penghu the next day. The sailing will resume the next week and the regatta will conclude the following day.

The Penghu islands are very well-suited for yachting during the summer months between April and November, with regular southerly winds reaching up to 20 knots. Since 2000, the Penghu islands have hosted a plethora of top-class events such as the Asian Windsurfing Tour, Olympic-class sailing regattas, cross-straits sailing races and, most recently, the RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships.

The event, organised by the Penghu Sailing Association, supported by the Penghu County Government and the Taiwan Tourism Board, is keen to support the development of yachting in the picturesque Penghu archipelago. The Penghu Regatta is jointly sponsored by Simpson Marine and Beneteau.

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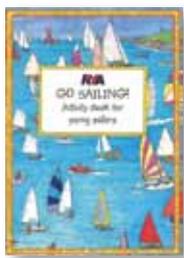
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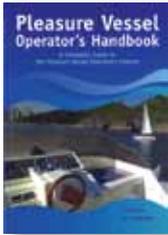
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