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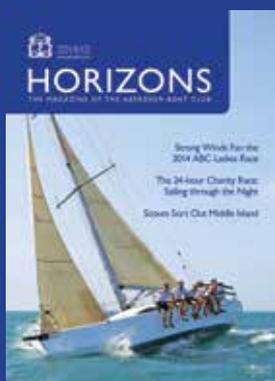
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Commodore's Letter

As I write, we plan the AGM, to complete the 2013-2014 committee year. The General committee has more candidates than vacancies, so look for updates in the next *Horizons*.

I thank our committee members who have so unselfishly and continuously contributed to the Club in so many ways. The Club would not be what it is without these volunteers who give freely of their time, or the cheerful efficiency of our fine management and staff.

In October, the Club submitted the land application for Middle Island development. Submissions will follow to Home Affairs

Bureau and others. The Hong Kong Sailing Federation and many sailing bodies have given us strong support.

The 2014 Southside Regatta, to be held 6–7 December, will be a ranking regatta for the Hong Kong Optimist Association and the final race in the Hong Kong Laser Class Association ladder. It will also be good training for sailors heading for the 2015 Australian Youth Championships.

I wish you and your families the very best over Christmas and New Year. See you at the Commodore's Drinks on 14 December and around the Club.



John Berry
Commodore

Flag Officer's Report

It's certainly been a busy year afloat to date, for cruisers, dinghies and marine support craft. Much of this is recounted in the report for the AGM, available as of 25 November, covering events up to the start of the Waglan Series.

So to avoid repetition ... what, instead, is brewing? Well, starting with dinghies:

The annual Southside Regatta will be hosted by the ABC over the weekend of 6–7 December. This is one of the dinghy highlights of the calendar, with an excellent chance of great wind and always a lot of entries.

Our Optimist and 29er squads will head to Australia over Christmas and New Year to take part in the Australian Optimist and 29er Championships. These are keenly anticipated as qualifying races for HKSF nominations.

The dinghy subcommittee is now reviewing the storage of members' boats, kayaks, etc., at Middle Island. It's rather sad that there are a few craft there that appear to have been abandoned, or at least never used.

Members are very welcome to apply for hardstanding space at Middle Island but, once approved, we do request that you use your boat regularly – it needs love and attention!

Cruisers are in the thick of the Waglan races, with good attendance so far, in line

with the growth in levels of support all this year.

By the time you read this, Waglan 3 will have been completed and ABC's newest event, the Round Island Autumn Beach BBQ on 29 November, we hope, will have generated many enthusiastic requests for a repeat next year. As with all such initiatives, members' responses and comments are very much encouraged.

Following Waglans 4 and 5 in mid-December, we have another new event, this time from COA, a four-club, four-leg race (more a rally) with a joint finish pursuit, and a party finish on Saturday 13 December. Then, a revival of the ABC's Christmas Pursuit fun race to a restaurant on Sunday, 21 December. Watch for news.

Meanwhile preparations for the annual ABC special Four Peaks Race over the weekend of 31 January are in hand. The call is going out to last year's corps of helpers, and via this letter to any/all other members, especially those new to the Club who would like to help out in any way to enjoy a unique event and ABC fellowship. Contact the ABC office or any SailCom member.

In support of all this activity much effort has been put in by staff to upgrade and re-engineer our support craft, to good effect. And at last I am able to report



that the Club has committed to a new Committee and general support boat to be built by Cheoy Lee. Delivery is expected by June 2015 for this standard 13.7m launch powered by a 500 HP Caterpillar engine.

Given the arrival of this new vessel (a first for ABC) and the rejuvenation of the other support craft, a new name, theme and colour scheme would be refreshingly fitting. To this end the GM will support a competition with prizes for the best suggestions SailCom receives, with a top prize for the ultimate selection. So kids of all ages, creativity caps on!

And so to Christmas with best wishes to all members for the season and in particular, the sailing season.

Chris Pooley
Rear Commodore – Sailing



Waglan

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14 December

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18 January
15 February
15 March

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General Manager's Letter

On behalf of all the ABC staff, let me wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year to come.

Access control: Members are now well-aware that access to the pontoon and to our facilities is controlled after normal working hours, being for members only. The General Committee has decided that, while the pontoon access gate is indeed effective, we will employ security guards to prevent intruders from accessing Club and member property. Later, we shall move the gate closer inside the carpark to ease members' access to the Club. We hope these steps will boost control of access while limiting the effect on members.

Maids in the Club: Sadly, this issue recurs time and again so stronger actions will be taken. Please remind your guests about the rules and respect the staff who enforce them.

Gym: Upgrading of this increasingly popular facility has begun with new

treadmills, bicycles and a cross-trainer. We expect delivery soon of more new equipment, including a bench press and squat press.

Pool: Winter operating hours now are in effect: noon to 8 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 8 am – 9 pm the rest of the week. "Splash hours" will resume in March with the warmer weather.

For your diaries:

- 1 – 21 December, collection of Christmas gifts for Po Leung Kuk
- 6 – 8 December, food drive for Feeding Hong Kong
- Sunday, 14 December, Commodore's drinks on Middle Island after the Waglan race
- Saturday, 13 December, Casino Fatale dinner theatre
- 3 January, Members' Day on the ABC junk

Carpark labels: If you wish to cancel your 2015 carpark label, please advise Membership Service Manager Cobo Liu at mbs@abclubhk.com before 15 Dec 2014.



Simpson Marine: I would like to thank Simpson Marine for sponsoring the ABC Four Peaks race for 2015 and the following two years. I hope that the relationship will develop into a very long and happy partnership to promote sailing and boating all over Hong Kong.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

ABC Member Wins "La Route du Rhum"



The race: Created in 1978 by Michel Etevenon, the Route du Rhum is an epic journey of over 3,500 nautical miles across the furious Atlantic Ocean for a fleet of over 100 mono- and multihulls, from 39 ft to the planet's largest super-fast racing machine. Held every four years, the route runs from Brittany's Saint-Malo to Guadeloupe's Pointe-à-Pitre in the Caribbean.

The ABC members: In 2007, we made honorary ABC members of two illustrious world class sailors visiting Hong Kong, Lady Ellen MacArthur who won the Route du Rhum in 2002, and Loick Perron, the thin one here, who raced it six times in 1986, 1982, 1990, 1994, 2002 and 2014. We can proudly announce that Mr. Perron won this year's race, in fact breaking the 2006 race record by 2 hours, 1 minute. He did 4,199 nautical miles in 7 days, 15 hours, and 8 minutes at an average speed of 23 knots. Kudos.

The boat:

Official Name: Maxi Trimaran Solo Banque Populaire VII
Architect: Cabinet VPLP
Length: 31.50m, width: 22.50m
Weight: 18,000 kg, draft: 5.70m, mast: 33.50m
Built-in carbon-Nomex
Sail m2: 411 m2, with 678 m2 spinnaker

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ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB

Southside Regatta

南區公開風帆大賽

2014

**Venue :
Middle Island**

December

06

and

07

Notice of Race and Entry Forms
Available from www.abclubhk.com

For Enquiries Contact:
SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

**Entry Deadline:
Friday 28, November**

**This is a Ranking Regatta for
Hong Kong Optimist Sailors**
這次活動是香港Optimist風帆選手的排名比賽

**Separate race area for 29er
and multihull classes**
29er 和雙體船有獨立比賽區域”





December F&B Promotions



Festive Menu Promotion

A special set holiday menu will be available daily, 1 – 31 December, in all the ABC restaurants, except for on Christmas Eve in the Four Peaks, and Christmas Day lunch and all day Boxing Day and New Year's Eve.

A starter of scallops, mango and avocado salad is followed by butternut squash soup, roast turkey and gammon ham with all the traditional trimmings, or grilled codfish with ratatouille and mashed parsnips, Christmas pudding and cookies. \$298 per person.

Featured wine from France

Jean Loron Mâcon Villages Blanc 2011
By the glass, \$52, by the bottle \$250

Jean Loron Moulin A Vent 2011
By the glass, \$55, by the bottle \$265

Featured beer from the U.S.

Brooklyn Lager IPA, \$38 per bottle

Featured Champagne

Taittinger Brut Reserve
By the glass, \$105, by the bottle \$520

Taittinger Nocturne Sec
By the bottle \$660

Featured cocktails

Mulled Wine

Red wine, cinnamon, nutmeg, fresh orange, cloves and Grand Marnier
By the glass \$45
by the bowl (16 glasses, 4 litres) \$700

Sparkling Pomme

Calvados, Orange Curaçao and sparkling wine
By the glass \$59

Christmas Tropicana Punch

Fresh fruit, tropical fruit purée, grapefruit juice, cranberry juice and soda
By the glass \$35
by the bowl (16 glasses, 4 litres) \$450

Ginger Herb Tea

Fresh ginger, camomile tea, lemongrass and Korean citron
By the glass \$40

Green Ginger Toddy

Green ginger wine, fresh ginger, lemon, cinnamon and cloves
By the glass \$45



December and January F&B Events

'Tis the Season

| | |
|------------------|--|
| 15 – 30 November | Thanksgiving takeaways available |
| 27 November | Thanksgiving dinner at the Club |
| 6 December | Santa's Visit |
| 13 December | Dinner Theatre: Casino Fatale |
| 14 December | Commodore's Christmas Cocktails on Middle Island |
| 21 December | Dong Zhi 冬至 Chinese Set Dinner |
| 31 December | ABC New Year's Eve Party – Hollywood in Black and White: the Roaring Twenties |
| 1 January 2015 | New Year's Day Brunch |
| 2 January | ABC Chefs' Show |
| 3 January | Members' Day on the Junk |

2014 Christmas Programme

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|-----------------|---|
| 1 – 31 December | Christmas takeaways available |
| 24 December | Christmas Eve Dinner with unlimited bubbly and live piano performance |
| 25 December | Christmas Day Celebration set lunch |
| 25 December | Middle Island Christmas Buffet |
| 26 December | Boxing Day Brunch |



Sailing Diary: What's on across Hong Kong

Cruiser & Keelboat events:

ABC Waglan 4 & 5: Sunday, 14 December
 ABC Christmas Invitation Pursuit Race: Sunday, 21 December
 ABC Waglan 6: Sunday, 4 January
 ABC Waglan 7: Sunday, 18 January
 ABC Four Peaks Race: Saturday, 31 January & Sunday, 1 February

Dinghy Races & Regattas:

ABC Southside Regatta: Saturday 6 & Sunday, 7 December
 Joint Club Dinghy Races Autumn 7 & 8 (Laser, Optimist & Open) Saturday, 13 December
 Joint Club Dinghy Races Autumn 5 & 6 (29er, Double-handed & Moth): Saturday, 20 December
 Joint Club Dinghy Races Winter 1 & 2 (29er, Double-handed & Moth): Sunday, 11 January

Joint Club Dinghy Races Winter 1 & 2 (Laser, Optimist & Open): Sunday, 18 January
 RS Feva Club Championships (ABC): Saturday 24 & Sunday, 25 January
 29er National Championships (RHKYC): Saturday 24 & Sunday, 25 January

Other Adult Dinghy courses and activities:

Dinghy Sailing Trip: Sunday, 14 December
 Adult Improver HKSF Level 3 Course: January 2015: 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18

J/80 Keelboat courses and activities:

Sailing Trip: Saturday, 13 December



ABC 2014 Seasonal Greetings Takeaway Order Form

| | | Weight/ Unit | Price | No. of people to be served | Quantity | Amount | Remarks |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Salads | | | | | | | |
| S1 | Caesar Salad | Tray | 380 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| S2 | Greek Salad | Tray | 360 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| S3 | Nicoise Salad | Tray | 360 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| S4 | Avocado and Prawn Salad | Tray | 420 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| S5 | Waldorf Salad with Chicken | Tray | 380 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| Canapés | | | | | | | |
| C1 | Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls with Soft-shell Crab | Doz. | 208 | / | | | |
| C2 | Smoked Salmon Rosettes with Cream Cheese and Crab Roe | Doz. | 208 | / | | | |
| C3 | Crispy Risotto Balls | Doz. | 158 | / | | | |
| C4 | Mini Beef Wellington | Doz. | 228 | / | | | |
| C5 | Sausage Rolls | Doz. | 168 | / | | | |
| C6 | Seafood Vol-au-Vent (5-inch) | Doz. | 218 | / | | | |
| Main Dishes | | | | | | | |
| A1 | Roast Turkey | 5 to 6 kg | 680 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A2 | Roast Turkey | 6 to 8 kg | 800 | 12 – 16 | | | |
| A3 | Roast Turkey | 8 to 10 kg | 1000 | 18 – 22 | | | |
| A4 | Turkey with Homemade Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce | 5 to 6 kg | 800 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A5 | Turkey with Homemade Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce | 6 to 8 kg | 1000 | 12 – 16 | | | |
| A6 | Turkey with Homemade Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce | 8 to 10 kg | 1300 | 18 – 22 | | | |
| A7 | Brussels Sprouts, Parsnips, Carrots and French Beans | 1 kg | 280 | 6 – 8 | | | |
| A8 | Homemade Chestnut and Herbs Stuffing | 1 kg | 200 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A9 | West Australian Rack of Lamb (7 Ribs) | 1.8 kg | 420 | 4 – 6 | | | |
| A10 | Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Jus | 2.8 kg | 480 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A11 | Roasted Prime Rib with Jus and Condiments | 6 kg | 1600 | 10 – 12 | | | |
| A12 | Roasted Pineapple Ham with Applesauce | 7 kg | 1350 | 12 – 16 | | | |
| A13 | Honey-glazed Bone Ham with Pineapple Sauce | 9 kg | 1250 | 18 – 22 | | | |
| A14 | Gammon Ham with Honey Gravy | 4 kg | 650 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A15 | Roasted Whole Goose | 4 kg | 800 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A16 | U.S. Beef Wellington | 3.6 kg | 980 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A17 | Lasagne with Mozzarella, Fresh Basil and Tomato | Tray | 360 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| A18 | Oven-baked Tandoori Salmon and Condiments | 1 kg | 420 | 8 – 10 | | | |
| Christmas Sweets | | | | | | | |
| D1 | Whole Strawberry Tart 8" | 1.2 kg | 360 | 8 | | | |
| D2 | Christmas Cake | 1 kg | 380 | 8 | | | |
| D3 | Christmas Yule Log (vanilla/chocolate/Grand Marnier) | 1.2 kg | 380 | 8 | | | |
| D4 | Christmas Fruit Cake | 1 kg | 360 | 8 | | | |
| D5 | Minced Pie (60g) | Pc | 18 | / | | | |
| D6 | Minced Pie (40g) | Pc | 15 | / | | | |
| D7 | Minced Pie (60g) | Doz. | 208 | / | | | |
| D8 | Minced Pie (40g) | Doz. | 168 | / | | | |
| D9 | Christmas Pudding | kg | 198 | / | | | |
| D10 | Christmas Stollen | 500 g | 46 | / | | | |
| D11 | Homemade Berry Jam | 250 g | 58 | / | | | |
| D12 | Christmas Cookies | kg | 288 | / | | | |
| D13 | Christmas Cupcakes (80g) | 80g/pc | 9 | / | | | |
| | | Total | | | | | |

Member's Name: _____ Membership number: _____

Contact Number: _____ Collection date: _____ Time: _____

Signature: _____

Please fax back to 2873 2945 or e-mail to chef@abclubhk.com.

For further information, please contact our F&B Manager Alok Kumar on 2555 6216





Festive Season Home Wine Delivery 15 November – 31 December 2014

Champagne

Taittinger Brut Reserve N.V. with gift set of two Champagne glasses



Medium lemon with persistent fine bubbles. Open and expressive with aromas of fruit such as white flower, peach and a touch of honey. Long finish.

Reims, France
Price: \$435

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Taittinger Prestige Rosé with free cooler bag



Bright pink with consistent bubbles; on the palate, fresh and young with red fruit aromas of wild raspberry, cherry and blackcurrants. Balanced and full-bodied finish.

Reims, France
Price: \$460

Qty: _____ Total: _____

White Wine

Domaine Louis Michel & Fils Chablis "Vieilles Vignes" 2012



Opening with notes of concentrated milk, acacia, flowers and licorice. In the mouth, sea breeze aromas lead to a warm finish with jam and peach, cooked apples and fruit tart.

Chablis, France
Price: \$196

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Maison Michel Redde & Fils Pouilly-Fumé "La Moynerie" 2011



Medium lemon, with a rich character that adds fruitiness such as bright apples and citrus. It has a strongly mineral texture with a long finish.

Loire, France
Price: \$196

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Taltarni "T" Series Sauvignon Blanc 2012



A very pale lemon with fresh grapefruit and lime blossom on the nose. The refreshingly zesty natural acidity is perfectly complemented by persistent sweet fruit and is fresh on the palate. This is an easy-to-drink wine.

Victoria, Australia
Price: \$120

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Nautilus Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2012



Intensely aromatic and complex on the nose, displaying multi-layered characters of blackcurrant leaves, passion fruit skin and elderflower, with subtle notes of pink grapefruit. The palate is mouth-watering and intense with a strong textural component.

Marlborough, New Zealand
Price: \$176

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Member's Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Red Wine

Domaine Lafond Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2011



Medium ruby with aromas of ripe fruit, cherries, and blackcurrant. A hint of sweet spice and very smooth, with good concentration on the palate.

Rhone Valley, France

Price: \$110

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Jean Loron Fleurie Château De Fleurie 2013



Ruby in colour. Intense red berry and floral pastille aromas are complicated by smoky minerals and spices. Offers gently sweet raspberry and cherry flavours with a hint of candied rose. Silky tannins with a long finish.

Beaujolais, France

Price: \$196

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Taltarni "T" Series Shiraz 2011



This wine is a vibrant crimson colour with hints of spice and red fruit on the nose. The palate is succulent with chocolate, mocha and forest floor fruits coming through, allowing hints of toasty French oak. It exhibits lovely silky tannins and an elegant structure, offering the perfect drink for all occasions.

Victoria, Australia

Price: \$120

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Rochford Pinot Noir 2009



Medium ruby with aromas of ripe fruit, cherries, and blackcurrant. A hint of sweet spice. Very smooth with good concentration on the palate.

Victoria, Australia

Price: \$215

Qty: _____ Total: _____

Member's Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Tel: (Mobile) _____ (Home) _____ Email Address: _____

Expected Delivery Time: (tick as appropriate): 10am – 2pm () 2pm – 6pm ()

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

How to order:

- Order may be made by mail, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax 2873 2945.
- Please note that wines are subject to availability of stock.
- Deliveries free for order of 12 bottles. Please allow three working days for delivery.
- The total bill will be charged to the member's account.





The ABC's Very Special 2014 Christmas Bubbly Selection



Piper Heidsieck Limited Edition Bottle 2012 X Cannes Edition

Piper, for decades the official Champagne of the Cannes Film Festival, offers this limited edition. Pale-gold in colour, aromatic with spring blossoms such as hawthorn and summer fruit (apple, pear and citrus) and hints of toastiness, the palate shows passion, gentleness, lightness and spontaneity.

\$410

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



Bottega Rosé Brut N.V. 2009

This wine is brilliant and an intense pink with a nose of golden apples and wild berries (mainly raspberries and currants) with slightly spicy touches. On the palate, it is soft, fresh and lively with a flowery aftertaste. Ideally served at 5/7°C.

\$160

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



Bottega Prosecco N.V. 2007

A clean and bright yellow colour, with fine, numerous and persistent bubbles. The nose is flowery and herbaceous, with hints of apple and pear. On the palate it is dry and crispy with light acidity. Good balance and length. A perfect match with any seafood, sushi and tempura.

\$160

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



Bottega Prosecco Gold N.V. 2010

This fashionable golden bottle of Prosecco is light-straw yellow, with a steady stream of fine bubbles. The nose is clean and fresh citrus, flowery and herbaceous, with hints of honey, apple and pear. Rounded and with a complex taste, this is a fine Prosecco with a lovely finish. A perfect match for seafood, especially sushi and oysters.

\$280

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____

Member's Name: _____ Membership Number: _____



**Simonsig | Kaapse Vonkel
Brut Rosé 2012**

With its exquisite pale-salmon colour, this rose showcases a fine mousse of shooting stars. Dancing aromas of strawberries and luscious red berries with an elegant twist abound on the nose. A bouquet of rose petals creates a layer of finesse and decadence, whilst the crisp, well-balanced acidity transforms these delicate flavours into an unforgettable sparkling sensation.

\$154

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



**Champagne Soutiran |
Cuvée Perle Noire Brut NV**

Pale gold and crystalline in appearance, with an intense nose of fresh mushrooms and a fragrance of white truffles with notes of brioche. On the palate, a good acidity supports its vinous aromas. It has a remarkable length and is surprisingly fresh for a Blanc de Noirs Champagne.

\$655

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



**Champagne Zoémie De
Sousa | Millesime 2000**

The Pinot Noir gives full-bodied and fruity flavours, the Chardonnay freshness and fineness. This Champagne shows a perfect balance between the power of Pinot Noir and the fineness of Chardonnay.

\$847

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____



**Champagne Franck Bonville |
Rosé Brut NV**

A blend of white and red grapes from Grand Cru terroir, this Rosé wine cuvée charms by the fineness of Chardonnay and the aromas of red berries of the Pinot Noir from Ambonnay. Delicately perfumed with small red berries, this cuvée is harmoniously balanced and combines fineness and corpulence.

\$505

Qty: _____ bottle

Subtotal: _____

Member's Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Total Order: _____ Signature _____

Contact Number: _____ Pick-up Date: _____ Pick-up Time: _____

Pick-up from ABC Waglan Bar; available until 31 December.

The total amount will be charged to the Member's account. Orders may be made by mail, fax or in person.

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

Please allow three working days between order and collection. All Champagnes are subject to availability.





NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY THE ROARING 'TWENTIES: HOLLYWOOD IN BLACK AND WHITE

————— **Wednesday, 31 December** —————
8 pm 'til late

What an exciting time the 1920s were!
Hollywood beckoned, flappers were everywhere,
and illicit gambling and speakeasies were open secrets during
Prohibition. Feather boas and spats abounded and cigarette holders
were flourished by film stars and G-Men chasing real mobsters.

You and your guests are invited to a black and white-themed evening
of 1920s glamour. Sophisticated music and dancing and
free-flowing drinks are yours for the evening.

\$798 per adult including canapés, buffet selections,
standard drinks and Champagne at midnight.

Without drinks, \$688 per adult.

\$318 per teenager (ages 12 – 16)

\$218 children (3 – 12)

Free for children under age three.

See inside for details.



The Farr Side, skippered by Natalie Berry

19 October ABC Hosts 2014 Ladies Helm Race

By Chris Pooley, photos by Kevin Lewis and Philippe de Manny

If the current Waglan Series can produce the favourable winds that greeted the Ladies Helm on Sunday, 19 October, we will have many happy sailors at the end of the series.

Six boats made the start for a memorable day's sailing, in strong and sometimes gusty winds. There was no need for a windward mark, and it was straight off the start line into an east-northeasterly breeze.

The forecast was for Force 5 winds, occasionally at Force 6. Well, it was actually Force 6-7 south of Stanley Bay and during the approach to Castle Rock, and a steady Force 6 for much of the race.

The RO set an interesting course (number 27 in the SSI), sending the fleet south of Castle Rock, to provide a beat through the Beaufort Channel and up to Fury Rock.

Then it was foot down for the kite run to the (somewhat elusive) Tai Tam Club mark. A gibe 'round back to Castle Rock, too shy for full kites, until the rock was rounded, then kites up again for the run home past Chesterman buoy.

A very close finish, with all but one boat home within 13 minutes of each other, over 2 hours and 40 minutes, helped by the ebb on the way out and flood on the way back (well done, RO!).

Choppy seas

Lots of fun on the way with the ladies whipping their crews into line and flexing rapidly growing biceps as they wrestled their helms against the choppy seas and strong breeze. Fun, too, watching other boats broaching wildly, but then they too said they had observed the same on the author's boat!



Wicked, helmed by Lucy Bruzzone



Zephyr, skippered by Vincy Wong



FG3, skippered by Elaine Morgan



Redeye (photo by Philippe de Manny)



The Farr Side, skippered by Natalie Berry

Redeye found a novel way to sail and save money by dispensing with the mainsail on the beat, and still managed line honours under the jib and occasional gennaker. That called for a special prize from the back of the cupboard for "racing spirit."

Overall winners were *FG3* in IRC and *The Farr Side* in HKPN, with respective helms of Elaine Morgan and Natalie Berry. But it was a close-run thing, and so each lady received a prize of a facial cream and a sailing brooch; and each boat a bottle of wine. Bribes, you might say, to encourage others!

For full results for all boats, please check the ABC website, where you will also find excellent photos from Kevin Lewis, leap-frogging the waves in the rescue boat.

For all those who missed the Ladies Helm race, set your sights on October 2015. 

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Competition report



Madeleine Walker and Scarlett Lorin (seated)
(by Terence Wong)

2014 Hebe Haven 24-hour Charity Race ABC Sailors Team Adventure with Fundraising

By Harriette Edmonds, photos by Alison Treasure and Terence Wong

It was a beautiful morning on 1 November, the first day of the 2014 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race at Hebe Haven Yacht Club. The sun was shining and the sails and flags were flapping in a breeze of around 10 knots. A buzz of excitement was in the air, with people rushing around and getting their boats ready for the 2 pm start.

Many teams and schools from all over Hong Kong had entered, along with a team from Macau.

For readers new to the event, the Hebe Haven 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race is an annual event where different teams sail as many laps as they can manage over a 24-hour period of a simple square-shaped course. For every lap we complete, we raise more money for local charities. The per-lap sponsorship money goes to charities, which this year were the Children's Cancer Foundation, Treats, Enlighten, Ideal and Sailability.

The ABC entered two teams – the Wayfarers and Laser 2000s. First to sail were sailors Scarlett Lorin and Madeleine Walker in the Laser 2000 class. In the Wayfarer class, we had Matthew Wright, who normally sails on the ABC High Performance squad, and

Malo Kennish, who normally sails with the Optimist squad.

Apart from a couple of bumps from other boats, the two ABC boats got away smoothly at the start line. For the first two hours the ABC Laser 2000 team with Scarlett Lorin and Madeleine Walker held second position overall. Unfortunately, as the afternoon progressed, they lost this place, dropping to 21st overall.

With this race, there is always a lot of waiting around for shifts and boats, and thankfully we ABC sailors were able to base ourselves on a junk that was moored up at the end of the furthestmost pontoon. We enjoyed great views of the course and a gentle breeze that kept us nice and cool. We spent most of our spare time here, although we did make an effort to visit and chat to friends from other clubs and teams in order to fight off our tiredness.

Breakfast for some; none the worse for wear (by Alison Treasure)



The penny board dropped

As for our late-night adventures, we had fun trying to avoid cockroaches on the pontoon, climbing aboard Kevin Lewis' speedboat to check the course, searching for cheaters who needed to do penalty turns, and swimming late at night. We also managed to lose a penny board, like a smaller version of a skateboard, when it fell off the quay. This was followed by a long discussion, whilst peering into the water, about whether it was sensible to swim down and get the penny board in the middle of the night. It wouldn't have been easy as it had sunk between two walls covered in barnacles and, furthermore, we were without a light! After a phone call to parents we abandoned the idea and said goodbye to the penny board, probably still lying in silt at the bottom of the marina.

Waiting and drifting

When it came to Russell Aylsworth's and my shift, from 2:30 am to 4 am, we spent nearly 1.5 hours waiting for the boat from the previous shift to arrive back at the pontoon – so we actually only got into our boat to start our shift at 4 am!

By this time, fellow ABC sailors Alexander Hahn and Scarlett Lorin, in the other ABC boat, had already swapped over and were moving towards the first mark. When I say moving, I mean they were drifting, in two knots of "wind."

Finally, when the Wayfarer rounded the bottom mark and arrived, Russell and I hopped in and bobbed slowly towards the first mark. At this point we realised

that Scarlett had taken her phone on her boat to listen to music. Since I had also had my phone, we decided to call her, which was fun and a nice distraction in the darkness with little sailing to do.

Progress, backwards

The one lap seemed to take a lifetime but as we finally approached the bottom mark we estimated that we were moving at a reasonably steady pace, given there were only two knots of wind. However when we took a transit on a nearby junk we realised that we had started moving backwards.

Horrified, we ran through all our training techniques and tried to work out just what we were doing that was so wrong. The options were many but the most likely ones were that either the boat was full of water or we were sitting too far back.

Eventually we concluded that the current was very strong and the boat was full of water. Sadly, we had lost all of the places previously gained on the upwind leg of the course, and were no longer moving at all, in any direction whatsoever. Finally after what seemed like hours of torture, bobbing around in the same spot, a "gust" of around five knots of wind hit us and we managed to slowly round the mark and swap with the next pair of sailors.

After our shift ended, at around 5:30 am, Russell and I went back to the junk to join the rest of the squad.



Sleeping sailors (by Alison Treasure)

It had taken us 1.5 hours to get just one lap done! Back at the junk, we all sat around talking, but remembered to nudge people awake when it was time for their shift.

During the whole 24-hour period, the only people who managed to get any sleep were Taylor, Andrea, Penelope, Anatole, Julian, Russell and George. I only managed to get a half-hour snooze in, waking at 7:50 am, only 10 minutes before my next shift.

After the race ended when the 24 hours had finished, we had to de-rig all of the boats. By this point, it was obvious that the Wayfarer that Russell and I had sailed had a problem, and we weren't at all surprised to find that it was full of water. Once we towed it up onto the slipway, it took us a full five minutes to drain it.

After all the boats were packed away, we left Hebe Haven Yacht Club and headed home for a nice long sleep. Although some of us, adults included, were slumbering before we even left the carpark. H



Packing away (by Alison Treasure)

“ABC sails submarine in 24-hour dinghy race ...”

By Diana Bruce

Well, it was actually a Wayfarer, which usually bobs above the water very happily, but by the end of the 24-hour charity race, with so much water in the hull, it was seriously in danger of sinking below the waves.

And, despite heroic attempts by the ABC team to build on the success we had at last year’s charity race at Sai Kung, our ranking unfortunately dipped along with the boat.

The Laser 2000 team, made up largely of our up-and-coming young Feva sailors, tried their very best and, even though they didn’t win a prize on the water, they should certainly get an honourable mention for their cheerfulness and high spirits throughout the weekend.

Good-natured banter

I don’t know how much sleep they got on Saturday night – hopefully none were any worse for wear by the end of the weekend! So I can say that the two ABC teams did enjoy themselves.

The weather was true to form – fairly good winds for the 2 pm start on Saturday afternoon, an ominous drop in force by about 6 pm and then pretty much zilch from 8 pm until 6 am the following morning. The prospect of taking 1.5 hours to do one lap can be rather dispiriting, but the event’s good-natured

feel and the on-the-water banter more than made up for any lack of wind.

Monsoon down from China

Happily, by 8 am on Sunday morning, the effects of the monsoon coming down from China were being felt, and the last couple of shifts from 10 am to 2 pm were pretty exciting, testing our young sailors well.

The ABC Wayfarer team came third in its class, only three laps behind the winners (whose boat was indeed still bobbing very happily above the water at the end of the race), and 18th overall. The ABC Laser 2000 team was 19th overall, out of a total of 37 boats.

The ABC junk contributed enormously to our comfort and security. It’s so nice having a comfortable, clean and well-kept base where we can leave our belongings and return after sailing. It was obviously one of the better bases as I noticed we had a lot of visitors from other teams! So many thanks to the Club for sponsoring the junk (and the entry fees) and to Mr and Mrs Lau Kam Cheung for helping us. The ABC’s Tsai Fook, as always, is a tower of strength, spending the whole weekend ensuring our comfort and generally supporting the team, as well as coming down to the pontoon to cheer on the teams, and then onto the slipway to effect emergency repairs.

We’d also like to thank John Wood and John Tsoi for helping prepare the boats for the race, checking them upon arrival and after the race, and especially John Wood for helping out at the race with rigging and timely advice. We were in excellent hands all weekend.

Thanks also go to all the people who kindly sponsored our sailors. We raised \$13,190 on the day, with promises of a further \$4,200 at least to come (hope everyone has sent their cheques to Hebe Haven by now!!). We’d also like to thank Alison Treasure and Tim Edmonds for all their help before and after the weekend, Kevin Lewis and Rory Godman for their help before the weekend and, last but by no means least, the sailors, who were (in alphabetical order):

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Russell Aylsworth | Malo Kennish |
| Yann d’Argenlieu | Anatole Martin |
| Diana Bruce | Cecile Martin |
| George Burkett | Juliette Martin |
| Andrea Chawla | Penelope Martin |
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| Scarlett Lorin | |





ABC Christmas 2014 Youth Sailing Programme

Application Deadline Friday 12 December

Saturday, 20 December 2014 – Sunday, 4 January 2015

The Christmas and New Year school holidays can provide some of the best times to sail; normally we can expect great conditions with good wind, making this time of year ideal for our more advanced courses. Naturally, it is cooler and we remind students and parents of the need to wear appropriate warm clothes. However, often we have lovely sunny weather, so December sailing can be very rewarding! Our High Performance and Level 4 courses are also now offered only once a year – so don't miss the opportunity!

Further details and application forms for all courses are available at the ABC Main Clubhouse reception and on the ABC website, www.abclubhk.com. For more information, contact Jennifer Li at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Due to last-minute applications, we now issue application deadlines for all courses. **Please note that if we have space we will still accept late applications, subject to a 30 percent late application-additional fee.**

| Date and Time | Course | Age | Details/entry requirements | HKS (Member) | HKS (Non-member) |
|---|--|------------|--|--------------|------------------|
| Junior Optimist Courses | | | | | |
| Sat 20 – Weds 24 Dec AM | Optimist Stage 1 | 7 – 12 | Entry-level fun sailing for our youngest sailors! | 864 | 1,300 |
| Sat 20 – Weds 24 Dec PM | Optimist Stage 2 | 7 – 12 | For those who have passed Optimist stage 1 | 864 | 1,300 |
| Sat 20 – Weds 24 Dec PM | Optimist Stage 3 | 7 – 13 | For those who have passed Optimist stage 2 | 864 | 1,300 |
| Fri 26 – Tues 30 Dec AM | Optimist Stage 1 | 7 – 12 | Entry-level fun sailing for our youngest sailors! | 864 | 1,300 |
| Fri 26 – Tues 30 Dec PM | Optimist Stage 2 | 7 – 12 | For those who have passed Optimist stage 1 | 864 | 1,300 |
| Fri 26 – Tues 30 Dec PM | Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction | 7 – 13 | For those who have passed Optimist stage 3 | 864 | 1,300 |
| Youth Courses | | | | | |
| Sat 20 – Weds 24 Dec | Beginners HKSF Levels 1 & 2 | 12 – 18 | Basic entry-level sailing for teenagers | 2,600 | 3,900 |
| Mon 22 – Weds 24 Dec | 3-day Topper Pico Feva Supervised Practice | 12 – 18 | HKSF L2 or equivalent experience | 1,560 | 2,340 |
| Fri 26 – Tues 30 Dec | Improver HKSF Level 3 | 12 – 18 | Applicants must have passed HKSF Level 2 and since had a season of sailing | 2,600 | 3,900 |
| Fri 26 – Sun 28 Dec | RS Feva Introductory Course | 12 – 18 | Hold HKSF level 2 | 1,560 | 2,340 |
| Mon 29 & Tues 30 Dec and Fri 2 & Sat 3 Jan 2015 | ABC Introduction to High-Performance Sailing | 13 – 18 | A 4-day "mini" course to introduce spinnakers and trapeze-based high performance sailing. Ideal choice for students to gain experience if not yet ready or qualified to attend the complete HKSF Level 4 course | 2,080 | 3,120 |
| Mon 29 & Tues 30 Dec and Fri 2 – Sun 4 Jan 2015 | High-Performance Advanced Skills, HKSF Level 4 | 13 – 18 | Advanced skills course including spinnaker, trapeze, boat handling, anchoring, introduction to navigation and meteorology. (Applicants must hold Improvers HKSF Level 3 and since have had one season of sailing.) | 2,600 | 3,900 |
| Mon 29 & Tues 30 Dec | RS Feva Gennaker Introductory Course | 12 – 18 | Students must hold an RS Feva Introduction Certificate | 1,040 | 1,560 |
| 3, 10 & 11 Jan 2015 | Assistant Instructor Course | 14 – adult | Hold HKSF Level 3 | 1,560 | 2,340 |

Note course timings:

AM Course: 9 am – 12:30 pm (meet at 8:45 am at the main Clubhouse)

PM Course: 1:30 pm – 5 pm (1 pm ferry from the main Clubhouse)

Entire-day course: 9 am – 4:30 pm (meet at 8:45 am at main Clubhouse)

Competition report



Foo Wai Yuen in his 2.4mR



Sailability Hong Kong Earns Bronze at the Asian Para Games 2014

By Mike Rawbone, chairman, Sailability Hong Kong

When originally asked by the Asian Para Games organisers back in March 2013 if

Sailability Hong Kong would like to put a team together to represent Hong Kong in the 2014 Asian Para Games in Korea, we had few eligible sailors, no 2.4mRs and only three Access 303(w) – but we did have 18 months and a lot of enthusiasm!

By October 2014 – the time of the Asian Para Games – we had, thanks to the generosity of the Hong Kong sailing community and general public, six Access 303(w) and four 2.4mRs.

More essentially, during the period, we had gathered together 24 sailors, who like us had a competitive spirit, wanted to learn and were prepared to give their best.

The Hong Kong sailing community got behind us and we participated in all

of 2014's major regattas, using these as qualifying regattas. Our mission was established with a realistic goal and our target was "not to come last." As things turned out – we didn't.

Early adapters

Taking the decision to arrive a few days early in Korea, we quickly adapted to the local conditions. The most serious were the tidal strength and variable wind. This was a good decision on our part. When our four days of competitive racing commenced on 19 October, we knew the racing area.

What we didn't really experience was the cold and rain that set in on the second and third days of racing ...

By the end of the second day, Foo Wai Yuen, in a 2.4mR, was in fourth place

overall. On the third race day, Wai led from the start and won a race. Then Wai secured two third places – moving up to third overall. All that was needed was to hang on to that place on the final day.

Contenders for metal

Whether an omen or not, the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee knew we were in medal contention and came to support us on the final two days – we hung on and secured that bronze!

Our Access 303(w)s finished sixth and seventh overall, another very creditable effort and result.

As a team, the Asian Para Games 2014 were a fantastic achievement and one of which we are all proud. ✨

Wai, out in front, winning the race by a wide margin





Foo Wai Yuen with his Bronze on the medal stand



Foo Wai Yuen in HKG 2, dueling against a competitor from Japan

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Foo Wai Yuen with Mike and Kay Rathbone



The Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter



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One Man's Rubbish is Another Man's ... er ... Rubbish

By Andy Orr, first assistant to the harbour janitor

If any of you, when casting off from the ABC, happen to come across a small Chinese lady in a white floppy hat, holding a long-handled fishing net and plucking discarded plastic bottles, empty styrofoam fish boxes and (children, turn away) used "youknowwhatsits" from the typhoon shelter, please say hi.

She's a fellow ABC member and the founder of the very select and unfortunately way too small "Harbour Janitors" group.

For about six months now, my wife and I, along with our two daughters (when they can be bribed by the \$20 per hour fee on offer) and on occasion a few diligent neighbours, have been dedicating a couple of hours on weekends to collecting the unfortunately massive volume of rubbish that collects in the Aberdeen typhoon shelter.

Over this time, we've managed to extract upwards of 500 kgs of rubbish, but the sad fact is that we barely scratch the surface.

Particularly during the summer months, within a matter of hours, the lunch boxes, drink containers and plastic bags return.

The equally sad fact is that most people who live or work in the shelter regard it as someone else's problem. The Marine Department do next to nothing, whereas the Marine Police – despite being stationed in the middle of the mess and armed with a law that imposes a \$10,000 fine on anyone littering Hong Kong waters – seem oblivious to the shipyard and fishing boat workers, the boat boys and pleasure craft owners throwing their waste directly into the sea. We felt we needed to take matters into our own hands ... which is why I got my office involved.

On a very nice Thursday in October – the sort of day made for being on the water (but not resplendent in rubber gloves!)

– a group of intrepid folk from the Hong Kong office of WME IMG spent a few hours clearing rubbish from the typhoon shelter. Every year, the company sets aside one day for its staff globally to perform community-based service. Excellent – a ready-made typhoon shelter cleaning unit! Break out the nets and rubbish bags!

The ABC showed us fantastic support by donating the use of their small power boats, and the Club's boat staff pitched in, driving the rubbish crews around the typhoon shelter and helping remove the rubbish bags from the Club jetty.

Despite the fact that some of my coworkers are petrified of the water and have never learned to swim, we managed to pull 20 large garbage bags of rubbish from the typhoon shelter. That's 20 bags of rubbish that won't poison our waters and kill thousands of fish; 20 bags of rubbish that tourists to Hong Kong won't go home and tell their friends about; 20 bags of rubbish that won't create an eyesore as ABC members motor out of the typhoon shelter on their way to another majestic day on the water.

However, it was only 20 bags, and it will be back tomorrow.

Until we all make greater efforts to stop the littering and to keep our rubbish out of the shelter, it will always be back tomorrow. Scientific folk tell us that it can take one million years for a piece of styrofoam to decompose in the environment. It is 1,000 years for a plastic bag. However, it takes only a few seconds to pluck these items out of the sea. Even better, why not put them in a proper rubbish bin on land instead of throwing them in the sea in the first place? 

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Competition report

The Clean Half: Asia's Premier Swim-Relay Event

Stephen Voss and a great big boat, (by Ian Barlow)



*Ian Barlow all at sea
(by Nancy Chan)*



*Calum Watson at Cape D'Aguilar
(by Ian Barlow)*

So what's the hardest way to get from Stanley to Deep Water Bay? Cycle? Mostly downhill; too easy. Walk ... well, maybe. Violet Hill is a challenge.

How about sailing? As a sailor you'd say that's easy; as Captain Capsize I'd say that's hard.

But how about swimming? It's only 15 kilometres. What could possibly go wrong?

Every year, people come from all over the world to take part in what is fast becoming recognised as one of the world's premier long-distance swim events. Hong Kong's Clean Half, as it is known, follows the southern coastline of the island, and as the name suggests, it is likely to be the cleanest part of the sea around Hong Kong island.

The annual Clean Half swim raises money for charity, with its funds going to the Ocean Recovery Alliance, a non-profit organisation that focuses on improving the ocean environment (see more at <http://www.oceanrecov.org>).

In the November issue of *Horizons* you will have seen an article about the ABC/WWF beach clean-up in September, at Beaufort Island, where a big part of the Club's effort was picking up plastic bottles. One aim of the Clean Half swim event is to raise awareness

about ocean conservation and the damaging part that discarded plastic can play in ruining the seas.

Solo or relay options

Some people choose to swim the event solo, but most are in teams of five, swimming in a relay. The ABC was represented by two members of the "Left Laners" team; Calum Watson and me.

The Clean Half covers some of open water swimming's most challenging conditions; from the onshore headwind and chop at Stanley Main Beach (Calum, who volunteered to take the start and first section, called it a washing machine), across to the big swells between the Shek O Peninsula and Cape D'Aguilar.

And then suddenly it's calm, and there are some sublime views of the coastline on the run towards Deep Water Bay.

Last year Calum and I finished the event in a fraction over four hours. This year was different. The tides and currents were against us, so we finished in 5.5 hours, putting us halfway down the field of 63. A pretty good result, but we are going to have to do a bit to catch the winners next year, who finished this year in 3.5 hours. That's some going. H

“Swimming from Stanley to Deep Water Bay? It's only 15 km. What could possibly go wrong?”



*Stephen Voss meets
a junk (by Ian Barlow)*



Simon Dedman in a big swell (by Ian Barlow)



West Island Scouts on Middle Island: Scouts Open Up Path to 360° Views

Words and photos by Michiyo and James Ross,
28th West Island School Scout leaders

The bushy path, before we started our work

At the request of the Commodore and the General Manager, the 28th West Island School Scouts spent Saturday, 27 September, clearing a path from the ABC Clubhouse to the trig point on the top of Middle Island.

Making the path was hard and hot work for the Scouts, who all the same had a fantastic time cutting and clearing away a lot of low-level brush, ferns, and other ground cover.

When we first climbed Middle Island we found only the faintest of traces of a previous path, so there was a lot to do! Anyway, the Scouts all worked very hard

for the entire day. We managed to clear the bushes from the path all the way up to the top of the island.

Clearing brush was a great experience for the Scouts, and hopefully will enable ABC members to experience a new side to Middle Island!

Our thanks go to General Manager Philippe, Steven, Paul and Harry, and other members of the ABC staff, and Commodore John Berry, for all their help and support, and for providing a great ferry ride and lunch for the Scouts.

If you are interested in making the climb, then you will be able to see amazing 360-degree views from the top

of Middle Island, in fact enjoying great views on your way up.

However as the path itself remains rough, and in places you will have to scramble a bit, please make sure you wear proper trainers or hiking shoes with grip for safety.

For safety reasons, any children definitely should be accompanied by adults. Please make sure you watch where you put your feet, wear long trousers, and do make a lot of noise just in case you bump into a snake!

We do hope you will all enjoy this mini-hiking trail to the trig point of Middle Island. H



Scouts with Philippe de Manny



Cutting bushes on the trig point



Scout leader James Ross with scouts



The Scouts to Middle Island's rescue



At the trig point, before starting work



Doc's Dash: The Simple Joys of Autumn Sailing

By Jo Allum, photos by John Allum

On Saturday, 13 September, we made the early morning taxi and bus run over to Discovery Bay for the annual "Doc's Dash," organised by the Lantau Boat Club.

Skipper (and boat owner!) Jacob Meunier was hosting John and me in *Yankee's* inaugural race. Having cruised a few times as a crew of three, we were looking forward to seeing what *Yankee* could do in a race. *Yankee* is a Cape Cod catboat designed in 1965 and built in 1984 at Marshall Marine in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Her cabin was refit in 2009 before coming to Hong Kong.

However, *Yankee's* performance, sadly, was not fantastic – but that was definitely more down to the crew than the boat and skipper!

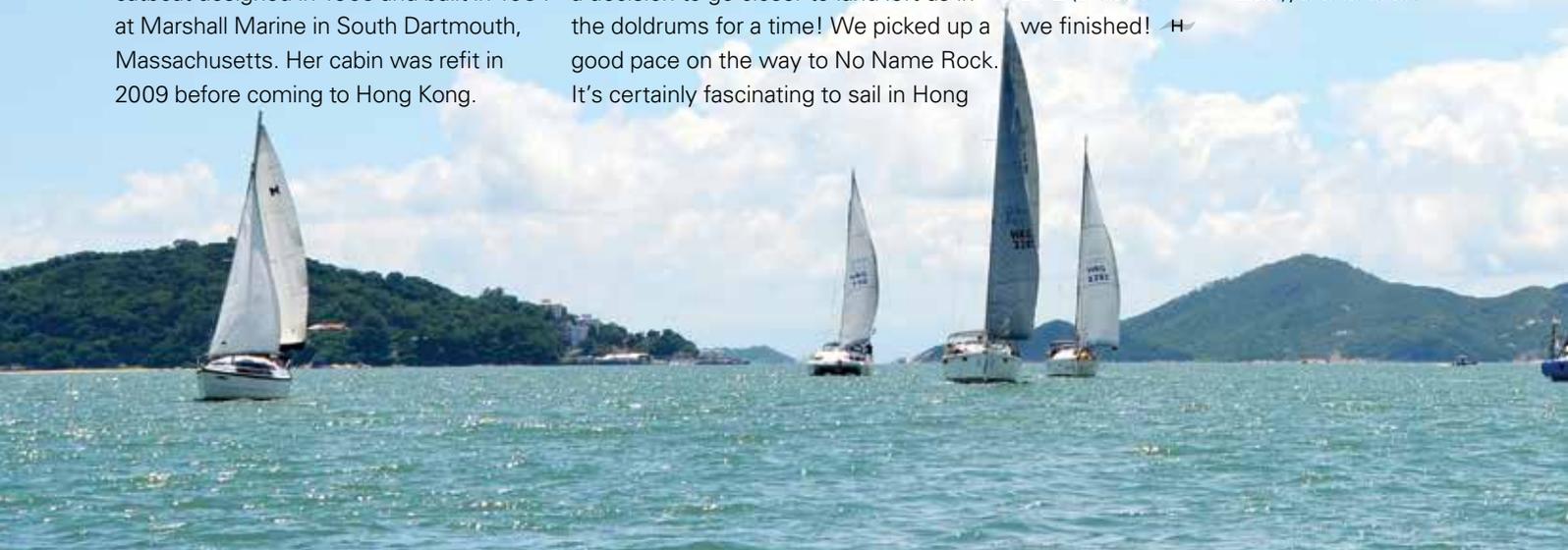
Confusion at the start, and not seeing the windward mark, meant we were playing catch-up from the start, and we were quickly overtaken by the Category B boats who started behind us.

However, we managed to get in front of two or three category A boats before a decision to go closer to land left us in the doldrums for a time! We picked up a good pace on the way to No Name Rock. It's certainly fascinating to sail in Hong

Kong, surrounded by every type of vessel from Hobies to freighters!

DFL and happy

A smooth rounding and we were on the homeward stretch. As we rounded Peng Chau, the wind dropped, and three boats behind us retired from the race. We determined to finish and struck out for the finish line, making it with 10 minutes to spare before the cut-off! We finished DFL (Dead F***** Last), but at least we finished! H





A tangle of transport



Yankee's sail boom



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