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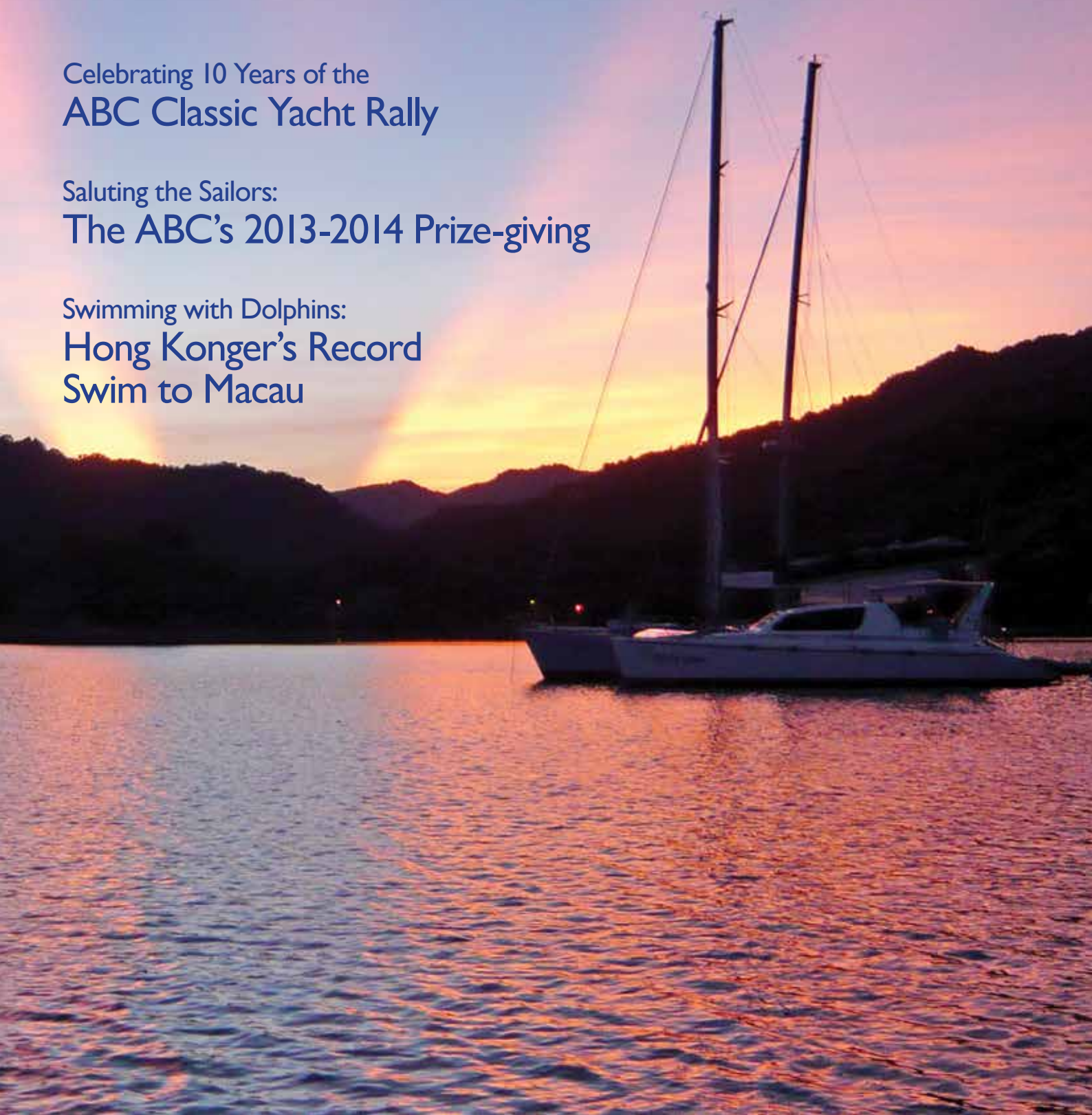
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Sunset at Sam A Chung, Double Haven, from *HanaFe*, 31 May, during a three-day tour of Mirs Bay.

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Commodore's Letter

We are now in the summer season with warm humid days, and south-west monsoon winds bringing clear(ish) skies – leading to busy boating at the Club.

Our dinghy teams are having a busy time fitting in championship and inter-port trips with busy training, coaching and Hong Kong racing schedules. Whilst detailed reports appear elsewhere in *Horizons*, some of our sailors did, or will, participate in the Thailand Optimist Nationals, held at Royal Varuna Yacht Club in the Gulf of Thailand; the Macau International Dinghy Regatta at Hac Sa, Coloane, Macau; the ISAF Worlds to be

held in Portugal from 12-19 July 2014 – 29ers; the 29er World Championships in Canada from 27 July-3 August 2014 (three ABC teams); and after Christmas, the Australian Championships – Optimists and 29ers.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, a pre-Summer Series introduction cruise/race held in late May showed newcomers how this A-to-B race works, helping the first Summer Series race to attract 23 boats in a good race to Po Toi.

I wish all members a good summer and look forward to seeing you around the Club.



John Berry
Commodore

Flag Officer's Report

In my first letter as chair of House Committee nearly four years ago, I indicated that we would look to move to electronic communication. After many hiccups we are nearly there. After this summer, your bills will be delivered by email and members may access their accounts online. This saves paper, time and money and hopefully eases your interaction with the Club.

The Club's financial year starts on 1 July. Over the last few months, the House Committee has looked at spending priorities for the upcoming year. Requirements for ongoing maintenance always eat up large parts of our budget. Work is often required on the car park and such items as the chillers and the air conditioner piping needs replacement. Along with meeting maintenance needs, we also look to try to bring improvements for members.

Two likely changes over the coming year will be to improve the facilities at Middle Island. House Committee has proposed that we improve the

refrigerator and display facilities to provide a better range of food for the barbecue and salads.

The design and layout of the Waglan Bar is now somewhat dated. This financial year we will look to remodel the bar to create a more modern and spacious layout.

One recent change we have implemented has been to the main entrance on Shum Wan Road. We hope you think that the new display cabinets provide a better welcome to the Club.

House Committee are always keen to hear members' ideas for change and improvements, so please feel free to pass these on to myself or any of committee members: Jo Allum, Graham Price, Andres Sanchez, Patrick Trainor and Jon Zinke.

The General Committee visited Middle Island on a bright and breezy morning in May to see how the development proposals will work in practice. We had a detailed tour of the facilities and made some suggestions for change. The visit reminded us of the



excellent quality of the facilities we have at the ABC. We finished our meeting with a barbecue.

Summer is upon us. If you are travelling I hope you have a wonderful trip, and if you are in Hong Kong, summer is a great time to take advantage of the Club.

Richard Walker
Rear Commodore-House

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General Manager's Letter

Dear Members,

Summer has finally arrived with its heat and humidity, school closing and holidays. The ABC has geared up to add an exotic flair to summer in Hong Kong with Malaysian food and cooling drinks.

This month, *Horizons* covers July and August. Please check the weekly Friday e-letter for added activities and Club updates. If you have yet to subscribe please contact Cobo; it provides the Club's most current news.

I am pleased to say that a one-year contract for *Horizons* has been extended to PPP after an extensive tendering process. Using the same tendering exercise, we also commissioned Digital Media Ltd. to upgrade our weekly e-letter layout for all smart phone and various operating systems in use today.

As I write we are working to get the new IT system up and running on time. New invoicing via email will start with your July bill, to be received in early August. Hopefully by then you will be able to check your account online; that is, if you returned last month's membership survey. We also will replace the old point-of-sales, as its vendor no longer supports it. We expect more support and more reliable assistance from the new system, Infrasy, widely used in clubs. It allows remote ordering by iPad, for faster food delivery, and you can view photos of menu items before ordering.

We will implement the new system on 1 July. Whilst a public holiday is not the ideal time to start, we had no option, as that is when the new financial year with its accounting needs begins. Please be patient if hiccups happen during ordering or closing your bill. Whilst our staff received extensive training on Infrasy, discovery and timing are involved, as with all things new.

Access to Clubhouse pontoon

The Club has now installed digital-access controls to the main pontoon to stop non-members and especially commercial junks from embarking and disembarking passengers. Members must register with the Club to receive a smart card to open the gate between 7 pm and 6 am, as of 7 pm on 2 July. This access control card may not

be transferred. If a non-Member (such as a driver, personal employee coxswain or friend) is found to use or carry the card, it will be cancelled and further access denied. Every Member who applies will receive two cards, one Member, and one spouse.

Staff changing room update

Early in July, the ping-pong area and a function room will be closed to serve as temporary staff-changing rooms so we can refurbish the permanent rooms and staff canteen. We aim to minimise disturbances also when heavy maintenance is done on chiller pipes hidden in walls.

“
Looking at the High-Performance youth team's achievements, I have only one thing to say: register your children now for ABC classes and our coach Rory Godman will take them to international standards.”

Sailing news

Over summer the Club's dinghy section has organized many courses and water sports days.

To learn about race management, you are most welcome to join Hebe Haven's race-management course from 17-20 July. To enrol, contact them directly at sailadmin@hhyc.org.hk

The Opening Regatta, to take place on 20 and 21 September, once again is sponsored by Sunseeker and Carlsberg. More details in September's *Horizons*.

From 4 July to 2 August, the Club's High Performance youth team will battle at sea. They will compete in Weymouth, England, for the European Cup, move



to Tavira in Portugal for the ISAF Youth Worlds, then compete in USA and Canadian championships, ending in Kingston, Ontario, with the World 29ers Championship. With such achievements, if you have children yet to take up sailing, I have only one thing to say: register them now for ABC classes and our coach Rory Godman will take them to international standards.

Summer series 1 report

Under typhoon 1 conditions, 23 participants joined the first race of the Summer Series.

The fleet left the usual starting area for a grand tour of our most popular islands, Beaufort and Po Toi, with most of the fleet finishing on Po Toi for a great though expensive seafood lunch (\$220 for fried rice and deep-fried squid with a soda).

The wind remained stable all along and despite a very strong tide at the finish, all boats finished within 2.5 hours, with the exception of *Ragamuffin*, who fell into a hole and could not fight the current.

Calamansi took first place in IRC, while the J/80 fleet creamed the whole HKPN Division A with *Jailbreaker*, *Javelin* and *FG3* respectively taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. One boat went out and raced single-handed, *Tuatihi* with skipper Philippe Grelon, but what do you expect from this great sailing family? We plan other races on 13 and 27 July, 10 and 24 August, ending at Middle Island.

No helpers as guests

A quick reminder to be considerate of others: ongoing abuse of the Club

rule on no personal helpers creates embarrassing situations and conflict. Signing in a guest at reception is not meant to result in that guest chasing unruly children, spoon-feeding them and changing nappies at the table. Guests are meant to be entertained at the Club, not working for the "host". To remind, again, the private or personal staff rule says:
(i) *No private or personal staff may enter any venue of the Club or its 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 and guests may be permitted by the General Manager to enter Club premises to care for such persons.
(iii) *Member/parents are responsible* for their children at all times within the Club premises.

(iv) Private or personal staff/ employees may be allowed to drop off *children registered for a course or event organized by the Club*. Such person may be asked to wait within a designated area assigned by the General Manager.

Whether you are abroad or in Hong Kong, have a great summer.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager



Last month seven ABC staff members were trained to respond to choking and defibrillator needs and more with Jackie Simpson's First Aid Plus school. They are pictured from left to right:

Lin Wing Wah, Coffee Shop demi-chef de party; Paul Chong, executive chef; Cheung Chi Wo, Club sous chef; Alok Kumar, F&B manager; Henry Lam, F&B restaurants manager; Ian Lau, Coffee Shop headwaiter; and Joe Yau, senior waiter, catering.

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July and August F&B Events and Promotions

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Malaysian Food Promotion throughout July and August The Galley and Four Peaks

Featured wine for July from Italy

Lagaria Pinot Grigio Venezie IGT
Toscolo Chianti DOGC Santa Lucia
By the glass \$49, by the bottle \$240

Featured beer for July from Japan

Asahi, \$34 per bottle

Featured wine for August from South Australia

Brand's Laira 1893 Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Brand's Laira 1893 Chardonnay 2012
By the glass \$45, by the bottle \$220

Featured beer for August from Portugal

Super Bock Abadia, \$30 per bottle

July and August Events

Lamb-on-a-Spit

Friday, 11 July 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$238, children (3-12 years) \$138
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494

Seafood Extravaganza with free wine tasting

Saturday, 19 July, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$298, children (3-12 years) \$198
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494

Minimum F&B Buffet

Saturday, 26 July, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$250 (including a glass of wine)
children (3-12 years) \$150 (including a soft drink)
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494

Chargrilled Sausage Night

Friday 8 August, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$228, children (3-12 years) \$128
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494

Angus Beef Dinner with free wine tasting

Friday, 22 August, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$288, children (3-12 years) \$188
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494

Minimum F&B Buffet

Saturday, 30 August, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio
Adults \$250 (including a glass of wine)
children (3-12 years) \$150 (including a soft drink)
To reserve for your family and friends,
call the Galley at 2554-9494



Home Wine Delivery July 2014

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
Wines			
White			
Kissing Bridge Chardonnay 2012, Southeastern Australia Apple, cinnamon spice and tropical fruit undertones with a mid-weight palate of nectarines and tropical fruit salad. Crisp with refreshing acidity.	\$98		
Mansion House Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2012, Marlborough, New Zealand Gooseberry and bell pepper on the nose lead into a palate of lush passion fruit and kiwi fruit. Mouth-wateringly fresh, this is an absolute benchmark and a wine not to be missed.	\$180		
Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2013, Marlborough, New Zealand Lifted grapefruit and white currants with hints of freshly crushed herbs, nettles and flint on the nose. The palate has freshness and clean fruit purity, with a finely balanced, refreshing acidity. <i>Pure Silver, Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2013</i>	\$210		
Ashbrook Riesling 2012, Margaret River, Western Australia Light-straw colour with tinges of green, a delicate citrus flower aroma and an attractive, clean flavoursome palate. The finish is crisp and dry. <i>Silver medal, Canberra International Riesling Challenge</i>	\$220		
Red			
Simonsig Cabernet Merlot 2012, Stellenbosch, South Africa Aromas of dark chocolate, blackcurrant, rosemary and cedarwood. The palate is mulberry and dark chocolate. The finish shows some fine but gravelly/mineral tannins.	\$98		
Whitehaven Pinot Noir 2012, Marlborough, New Zealand Lifted cherry and black plum flavours with complex hints of cedar, smoke and oak spices. Elegantly structured silky tannins. Complex array of bright red fruits and savoury flavours with a long fresh finish. <i>Silver, New Zealand International Wine Show 2013</i>	\$275		
Château Tanunda Barossa Tower Shiraz Primitivo 2012, Barossa Valley, Australia Lifted aromas of blackberry, plum and black pepper with spicy, dark berry fruits on the palate. Vibrant cranberry, raspberry and strawberry flavours. Long finish with fine-grained tannins.	\$175		
Galeón España Monastrell 2011, Yecla, Spain Deep-red cherry fruit with cocoa and coffee fragrance. Soft and fruity with good structure.	\$135		
Sparkling			
Marc Hébrat Selection Brut Premier Cru NV, Champagne, France Seductive aromas of ripe flesh fruit, dominated by yellow peaches and Mirabelle plum and by notes of spices and honey. Punctuated by hints of candied fruit evoking bergamot and orange peel.	\$460		
Simonsig Kapse Vonkel Sparkling Wine 2012, Stellenbosch, South Africa Delicate floral aromas with hints of ripe apples and citrus. A complex wine with layers of red berry and baked apple flavours. Clean and dry finish.	\$180		
	Total		

**Free Wine Tasting, the Patio
Saturday, 19 July, 6:30-8 pm**

All of the wines in the July selection will be available for free tasting at the seafood extravaganza buffet.

Remember to place your wine order together with your catering needs.

** Minimum order of 12 bottles. Mixed cases available.*

Member Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

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

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Orders accepted by mail, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 25556216 or Fax: 28732945
Free delivery for order of 12 bottles or above, please allow 3 working days for delivery.
All wines are subject to availability.





Home Wine Delivery August 2014

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
Wines			
SPARKLING			
Canti Prosecco Brut N.V., Veneto, Italy Light straw-yellow in colour with fine and persistent perlage. The fragrance is pleasant, characteristic and aromatic. Dry and pleasant fruity on palate.	\$130		
Bottega Moscato N.V., Veneto, Italy A pale gold-coloured moscato with persistent bubbles. The nose is flowery with roses and honey. The first impression of the taste is full of lovely fruit with almond, lychee and honey. The palate is fruity-sweet with light acid. <i>Top 100 Wines, Vancouver Magazine, 2008/2009</i> <i>Silver medal, Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2010</i>	\$150		
WHITE			
Double 8 Riesling 2009, Waipara Valley, New Zealand Straw-yellow colour with lifted aromas of elderflower, lemon and lime. Delicate bursts of stone fruit and floral flavours lead to a perfect balance of sweetness and citrus-like acidity. <i>Silver medal, Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition</i>	\$155		
Santa Carolina Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2012, Leyda Valley, Chile Bright greenish-yellow with a broad range of aromas such as mineral notes alongside citrus and tropical fruit notes including pink grapefruit and pineapple. The refreshing well-balanced perfectly integrated palate shows its impressive acidity and a quite-long finish for a Sauvignon Blanc. <i>Gold medal, Concours Mondial</i> <i>Best Buy, Wine Enthusiast</i>	\$105		
Canyon Road Chardonnay 2012, California, U.S. Refreshing aromas of green apple, citrus and tropical fruits. This medium-bodied wine showcases a creamy mouthfeel with flavours of vanilla and lemon completed by a rich, lingering finish.	\$120		
RED			
Canyon Road Merlot 2011, California, U.S. Aromas of dark cherries, ripe black plums and blackberries, nicely blended with nuances of mocha and brown spices. The wine is full-bodied with round, structured tannins and a pleasantly long fruit finish.	\$120		
Santa Carolina Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, Colchagua Valley, Chile A vivid and bright ruby-red colour, this wine has a flavour of ripe cherry and black currant with aromas of chocolate and peppers. On the palate, this dry and full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon owns a perfect balance between fruit and oak.	\$120		
Luis Felipe Edwards Family Selection Gran Reserva Shiraz 2010, Colchagua Valley, Chile Strawberries, cherries, blueberries and blackcurrants all make their presence known alongside subtle notes of vanilla, leather and tobacco. A complex and elegant wine with soft ripe tannins, and a bright and lingering finish. <i>Gold medal, AWC Vienna 2011</i> <i>90 points, Descorchados 2012</i>	\$145		
	Total		

**Free Wine Tasting,
the Coffee Shop, Friday,
22 August 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

All of the wines in the August selection will be available for free tasting at the 22 August Angus Beef Dinner.

Remember to place your wine order together with your catering needs.

** Minimum order of 12 bottles. Mixed cases available.*

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ABC Opening Regatta: Bart's Bash and the Andrew Simpson Foundation



Andrew Simpson was a gold and silver Olympic medallist, an America's Cup professional and a well-liked and respected sailor. In May 2013, he was killed in a tragic accident on a catamaran he was crewing on whilst training for the America's Cup in San Francisco Bay.

Andrew, or "Bart" to his friends, in addition to being a top-ranked sailor, was passionate about introducing beginners to sailing and was committed to supporting the next generation of sailing.

The Andrew Simpson Foundation, founded by Sir Ben Ainslie, Iain Percy OBE and Andrew's wife Leah and sister Amanda, works to honour his life and legacy by encouraging youngsters to take up sailing. This September the foundation aims to set a new Guinness world record for the largest sailing event in the world, to be called "Bart's Bash."


The idea is to have a mass-participation race throughout the whole world, and as the event is set for 21 September, ABC have registered and put forward our Opening Regatta as part of the initiative.

The Bart Project's Jez Payne said Bart's Bash is "one of those ideas that has huge potential to be a major, major event

that absolutely honours the core of what Andrew was about."

Here at ABC it is particularly appropriate as we also focus much time and energy to introduce young Club members to the sport and then train them to the highest levels. We also hope that ABC taking part in Bart's Bash will encourage sailors to enter our Regatta and also take a deeper look at the goals of the Andrew Simpson Foundation and also our own sail training.

Everyone who enters our Opening Regatta will be part of this initiative, and a potential Guinness World record holder!

To find out more, see the ABC website Opening Regatta page and www.bartsbash.co.uk. ABC now has a dedicated web page and will work closely with organisers. 

"We firmly hope this event will inspire sailors young and old, beginners to professionals, with clubs getting involved to capture people's imagination and create thousands of Guinness world record holders."
– Sir Ben Ainslie

"I am positive that it will not only receive enormous support from the U.K. but worldwide too; it's going to be a colossal event."
– Iain Percy OBE





Wayne Moran's replica Chinese junk (by Steven Hack)

Iconic Race's 10th Year Classic Yacht Rally 2014

By Philippe de Manny

The 10th anniversary of the Classic Yacht Rally 2014 took place over the weekend of 17 and 18 May – and for the first time since its creation in 2004, the Rally did not clash with either Mother's Day or the Gold Coast boat show.

Before I start the rally report, let me convey the Club's most grateful thanks to all the sponsors who made this event possible again: Fine Vintage, ASC Fine Wines, *Fragrant Harbour*, Good Old Boat, Wooden Boat, United Choice Limited, Hong Kong Engineering Co., Ka Wah Shipyard Limited and Wing Woo Sail Maker.

This anniversary Rally had 26 entries, 15 of which qualified for the Classic division, which requires boats to be over 25 years of age. The oldest boat this year was *Jadalinkir*, a ketch built in 1946, with skipper Nick Colfer aboard.

Other particularly interesting sails at sea included *HKFPK009*, based on drawings of Chinese junks circa 1400.

This beautiful small junk, built only three years ago by Dr. Wayne Moran, gave a special classic touch to the Rally this year.

Also notable this year was our visitor from New Zealand, Mr. Fenton Hamlin, with his old classic-design boat *Pateke*. A 30-ft Lyle Hess design based on the traditional Bristol Channel cutters, she took a decade to build and was launched in 1999.

The Rally's two days of racing were quite similar in conditions: very light wind all the way, except on Sunday, when the wind decided to increase toward the end of the race.

The Farr Side won the Classic racing yacht division, while *Andiamo* won the Non-Classic racing division. *Scumpy* and *No One Else* respectively won the cruising division for Classic and Non-Classic.

Full results and photos of the 10th anniversary of the ABC Classic Yacht Rally can be seen on the race website: <http://www.abclubhk.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=78>



No One Else (by Daniel DeMare)



Pateke and Triton (by Daniel DeMare)



John Berry and The Farr Side crew (by Philippe de Manny)



The Scrumpy crew with Chris Pooley (C) (by Philippe de Manny)

Participating boats

Boat Name	Skipper	Make	Boat Age
<i>Jadalinkir</i>	Nick Colfer	38' Ketch	68
<i>Triton</i>	Lindsey Stewart	Cheoy Lee Offshore 31	47
<i>Bucephalus</i>	Simon Lynch	Yamaha 33	43
<i>Ragamuffin</i>	Stephen Hilton	Taipan 28	40
<i>Taka Ano</i>	Bob Aylsworth	Tayana 37	38
<i>Scrumpy</i>	Simon Smith	Yamaha 33	36
<i>The Farr Side</i>	John Berry	Farr 38	35
<i>Sawadee</i>	Wayne Robinson	Cheoy Lee 35 Offshore	34
<i>Shahna Bacal</i>	Harry Hirst	Colin Archer Steel Ketch	33
<i>Tru Blu</i>	Lewis Cerne	Yamaha 30	33
<i>Scallywag</i>	Oliver Cully	Ruffian 23	32
<i>GA</i>	Arthur Ho	Dehler Optima 101	29
<i>Kina</i>	Kevin Harris-Lowe	Yamaha 36	26
<i>No One Else</i>	Ng Wing Hung	J35	23
<i>Aquarius</i>	Josephine Cheng	J/24	22
<i>Zephyr</i>	Park Ng	Saddler 34	22
<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies	J/80 (design year)	15
<i>Carpe Diem</i>	Andres Hernandez	Catalina 36 MKII	15
<i>Pateke</i>	Fenton Hamlin	Lyle Hess Cutter	15
<i>Redeye</i>	George Taylor	J145C	11
<i>Lady Butterfly</i>	J C Broyelle	Beneteau First 34.7	7
<i>Jarra</i>	Matthew Johnson	Salona 42	6
<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui	J/80 (build year)	5
<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons	Beneteau First 31.7	4
<i>HKFPK009</i>	Wayne Moran	Hoi Kwok Fa Pei Ku	3
<i>Andiamo</i>	John Woo	Archambault A35	2



Ragamuffin and Taka Ano (by Daniel DeMare)



Banter (by Philippe de Manny)



Jadalinkir, oldest boat in the Rally (by Philippe de Manny)

Pateke (by Daniel DeMare)



Taka Ano (by Philippe de Manny)



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2013-2014 Sailing Season:

Sailors Feted at ABC's Prize-winning Party

Words by Ann White



Sailing Committee Chairman Chris Pooley presents flowers to Natalie Berry



Richard van den Berg and Kei Lun crew



Park Ng and Zephyr crew

ABC sailors and guests alike joined together to cap the 2013-2014 sailing season at the ABC on Saturday, 24 May, saluting prize-winning sailors amidst a glittering display of trophies.

Commodore John Berry welcomed ABC members and guests after opening drinks and before a jolly dinner, thanking Jebesen Marine, the Waglan Series title sponsor for the sixth consecutive year, along with fellow Waglan race sponsors *Fragrant Harbour*, Ponti and Laoshan beer, and Philippe Grelon of Veolia Environmental Services Asia for boat cleaning services.

Chris Pooley, ABC Sailing Committee chair, took the floor to thank members of the Sailing Committee for successfully organizing the complicated sailing calendar. Chris also thanked the officer of the day, and the ever-industrious ABC marine staff for laying race buoys and manning the committee boat throughout the year's many sailing race series. Thanks also go to past-Sailing Committee Chairman Bruce Perkins for his hard work that laid the ground for the season.

Natalie Berry, the wife of ABC Commodore John Berry, presented cruiser prizes as follows on next pages.



Stephen Davies and Elaine Morgan of FG3

ABC Summer Series 2013

Six races with 35 boats

Individual Races HKPN

Summer Series Races 2013

Ted Turner Plate	Summer 1	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	Philippe Delorme
Shum Wan Trophy	Summer 2	<i>Wonderwall</i>	David Harari / James Kinloch
Cheung Chau Trophy	Summer 3	<i>Boadicea</i>	Chris Gordon
Chung Hom Kok Cup	Summer 4	<i>Thea</i>	Stephen Vine
Lamma Cup	Summer 5	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
Po Toi Plate	Summer 6	<i>Redeye</i>	Paul Leese

Overall Winner

Summer Series Race 2013

HKPN, Tamarisk Plate	<i>Wonderwall</i>	David Harari / James Kinloch
IRC, The Farr Cup	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies

Jebsen Marine Waglan Series 2013-2014

10 races with 31 boats

Individual Race Prizes for 1st Mini Series (Race 1 – 5)

Individual Races J/80

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

Waglan 1	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
Waglan 3	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
Waglan 4	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
Waglan 5	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies

Individual Races HKPN B

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

Sunshine Trophy	Waglan 1 – HKPN	<i>Zephyr</i>	Park Ng
Tsing Yi Trophy	Waglan 2 – HKPN	<i>Zephyr</i>	Park Ng
Butterfly Trophy	Waglan 3 – HKPN	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons
Koala Cup	Waglan 4 – HKPN	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons
Chinook Trophy	Waglan 5 – HKPN	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons

Individual Races HKPN A

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

Apple Pie Trophy	Waglan 1 – HKPN	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui
Manners Trophy	Waglan 2 – HKPN	<i>Blackjack</i>	Glenn Smith
PYS Cup	Waglan 3 – HKPN	<i>The Farr Side</i>	John Berry
Visitors Bowl	Waglan 4 – HKPN	<i>Andiamo</i>	John Woo
Pathfinder Trophy	Waglan 5 – HKPN	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts

Individual Races IRC

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

Castle Rock Cup	Waglan 1 – IRC	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
CYN Trophy	Waglan 2 – IRC	<i>Intrigue</i>	Ian Nicolson
Pagoda Cup	Waglan 3 – IRC	<i>Kei Lun</i>	Richard van den Berg
Shivra Trophy	Waglan 4 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts
Wanderer Cup	Waglan 5 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts

Overall 1st Mini Series

1st Mini Series Overall

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
HKPN Division B	<i>Banter</i>	Rob Sallons
HKPN Division A	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui
IRC	<i>Intrigue</i>	Ian Nicolson

Individual Race Prizes for 1st Mini Series (Race 6 – 10)

Individual Races J/80

Waglan 6 – J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies / Elaine Morgan
Waglan 7 – J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies / Elaine Morgan
Waglan 8 – J/80	<i>JeNa PaBe</i>	Ben Chong
Waglan 9 – J/80	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	Michael Tsui
Waglan 10 – J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies / Elaine Morgan



Michael Tsui and Jailbreaker crew



Matthew Swainson and Matthew Adams of Banter

Individual Races HKPN B

Waglan Series Race 2013-2014

Shogun Trophy	Waglan 6 – HKPN	<i>Jade Cove</i>	Kenneth Wong
St. Christopher Cup	Waglan 8 – HKPN	<i>Jade Cove</i>	Kenneth Wong
Fury Rock Cup	Waglan 9 – HKPN	<i>Aquarius</i>	Josephine Cheng
Shek O Cup	Waglan 10 – HKPN	<i>Aquarius</i>	Josephine Cheng

Individual Races HKPN DIV A

La Pantera Cup	Waglan 6 – HKPN	<i>Surfdude</i>	Steve Ho
Kismet Hardy Trophy	Waglan 7 – HKPN	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
Ma Hoi Trophy	Waglan 8 – HKPN	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	Philippe Delorme
Barrico Trophy	Waglan 9 – HKPN	<i>Blackjack</i>	Glenn Smith
Perseverance Plate	Waglan 10 – HKPN	<i>Redeye</i>	Paul Leese

Individual Races IRC

Prior Trophy	Waglan 6 – IRC	<i>Kei Lun</i>	Richard van den Berg
International Trophy	Waglan 7 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts
Mystique Mug	Waglan 8 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts
Turner Plate	Waglan 9 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts
Waglan Cup	Waglan 10 – IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts

Overall 2nd Mini Series

2nd Mini Series Overall

J/80	<i>FG3</i>	Stephen Davies
HKPN Division B	<i>Jade Cove</i>	Kenneth Wong
HKPN Division A	<i>Blackjack</i>	Glenn Smith
IRC	<i>Elektra</i>	Marcel Liedts

Waglan Overall

J/80 Division

Waglan Overall Prizes 2013 - 2014

1 st Winner	FG3	Stephen Davies / Elaine Morgan
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HKPN Div B

Waglan Overall Prizes 2013 - 2014

3 rd	Aquarius	Josephine Cheng
2 nd	Zephyr	Park Ng
1 st Winner – Chinook Trophy II	Banter	Rob Sallons

HKPN Div A

Waglan Overall Prizes 2013 - 2014

3 rd	Blackjack	Glenn Smith
2 nd	Kei Lun	Richard van den Berg
1 st Winner – Quaile Trophy	Jailbreaker	Michael Tsui

IRC

Waglan Overall Prizes 2013 - 2014

3 rd	Blackjack	Glenn Smith
2 nd	Kei Lun	Richard van den Berg
1 st Winner – X-Stream Trophy	Intrigue	Ian Nicolson

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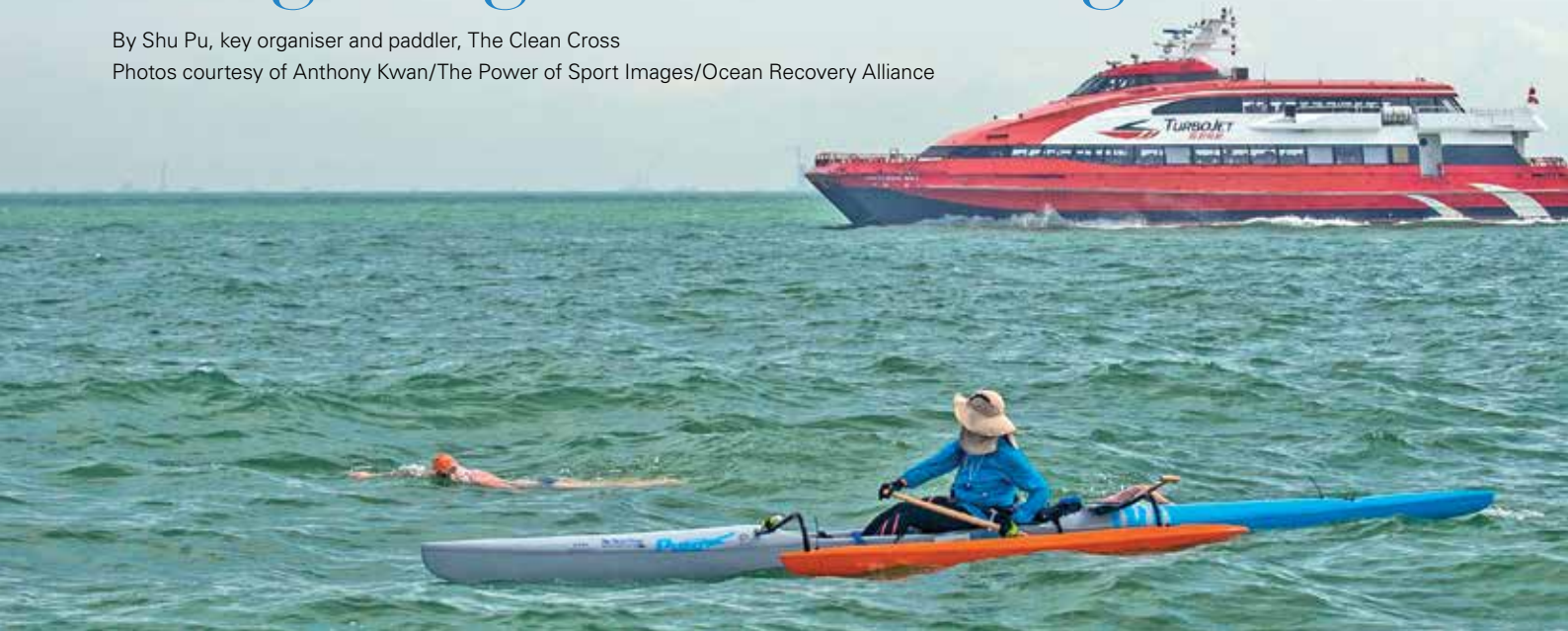
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A Lone Swimmer, an Outrigger, and Pink Dolphins: Local Swimmer Breaks Hong Kong-Macau Crossing Record

By Shu Pu, key organiser and paddler, The Clean Cross

Photos courtesy of Anthony Kwan/The Power of Sport Images/Ocean Recovery Alliance



Today's world prioritises speed. Turbo-jet ferries are the preferred travel choice between Hong Kong and Macau, and until a bridge is built, only helicopters can make the 35km Pearl River Delta crossing faster.

Would you consider swimming or paddling to Macau for hours and hours?

Simon Holliday, one of the very few who might try the legendary solo swim, completed the once-in-a-lifetime crossing on 24 May, with me paddling right next to him to become the first sole female paddler to cross the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong to Macau.

Unexpected pink dolphins

Other escorts were a 12-member support team on a sailing catamaran and – for over an hour – more than 30 pink dolphins (Chinese white dolphins) that seemed to be saying thank you for helping protect our waters.

Simon's swim set a record: 10hrs, 20mins and 30secs. It was like being in a dream, pushing our limits, completely blending in and connecting with the ocean, all to protect the ocean by raising funds for Ocean Recovery Alliance (www.oceanrecov.org).

The swim raised over HK\$230,000 for ORA's Grate Art project (<http://bit.ly/GrateArt>) that has eight Hong Kong and Mainland Chinese artists create artwork on plaques on drains all over Hong Kong. Grate Art's aim is to remind people not to dump waste or litter into drains and thus to decrease dangerous run-off and toxins in the local sea. Special thanks go to the team behind Clean Cross as well as supporters Cotai Water Jet, Lifeproof, Escapade Sports and Fogo Samba.

Simon's frame-by-frame account below of the history-making crossing perfectly describes the effort and mood:

Trying to keep down two bowls of porridge (with Shu's strange sugar) that Michael had kindly made (the first of many meals he would help prepare that day).
Lashings of factor 50+ sunscreen applied over my body by two beautiful girls.
Standing on the 'chosen' rock. Jumping. Narrowly avoiding a large jellyfish – the only one I saw all day.
Swimming a bit.
Seeing a bloody big container ship.
Swimming a bit.
Sick, tired and thoroughly miserable (all self-induced) at the 30 min, 1-hr, 2-hr and 3-hr marks.
Disorientation as the ferries made waves, while enduring Shu quietly guided me around tankers in concert with navigator Arni who kept us on a perfect course.
Screaming "shark!" only for a grinning Sam to emerge in a wetsuit with an underwater camera.
Ollie, Damo and Anthony dexterously steering cameras on deck and Jeffrey, in his flying machine. Image-capturing devices became sources of comfort knowing of the people behind them.
Following the blue tip of Shu's outrigger canoe.
Hearing word of dolphins swimming alongside despite never seeing them.
The sun shining, the sea calm and clean. What a beautiful world. You'll only get one shot at this and someone's being kind, so keep swimming.



Retching after too much chocolate, banana, jellybean and ibuprofen washed down with precisely 400ml of perfect-strength purple stuff.
 Enjoying the company of Kirk and then Doug Woodring in the water once they developed the knack of swimming incredibly slowly.
 Seeing Maggie at every feed, and her wisdom and presence of mind to say "take your time," giving calm and allowing me take on more energy.
 Swimming a bit.
 At the 8-hr mark, hearing Andrew say "a record looks promising," and seeing Arni emerge an hour later to utter: "It's on."
 Seeing the hills of Macau for the first time.
 The thrill of the tide turning and swimming with Kirk and Doug stroke for stroke. For about 20 seconds.
 Wondering why I'm not getting any closer.
 Landmarks eventually getting bigger.
 Fighting in the silt with the lights going out every time I put my head down. Knowing I was nearly there. Unaware I was being dragged closer and closer to the airport.
 Crying in my goggles.
 Pulling myself up the barnacled rock.
 Hugging Doug at the finishing rock as I climbed up in exhaustion. Doug finding me a rock and a shell to take home. A baffled local fisherman giving me the thumbs up, the internationally known sign for well done.
 Swimming to the dark sands of Hac Sa beach with Andrew and Kirk behind.
 Cruz handing me a rich, purple towel.

Speaking to a curiously wary local media.
 Relieved that I hadn't let anyone down.

Towards the last hour of my paddle, knowing Simon was certain to reach shore and smash the record, and seeing the orange cliff moving closer to us near the airport, I started to wonder how one returns to reality after such an episode. The answer became clear the following day, sailing the catamaran back to Hong Kong in perfect wind and sunshine, with a bit of paddling to loosen up.

Simon describes his swimming style as more tortoise than hare. I'm now convinced this analogy applies to other aspects of our lives: to move towards a goal, slowly, with a friend, and with many, many unexpected pink dolphins is simply beautiful.

Simon Holliday, 35, is a British management and leadership trainer at the Hong Kong office of an international law firm. His Hong Kong-Macau swim time of 10hrs, 20mins, 30 secs beat Beijing swimmer Zhang Jian's 2005 record (10hrs, 43mins).

Shu Pu, 34, the founder of AVRA, an ocean-lifestyle brand and the key organizer of the Clean Cross, became the first female solo paddler to cross to Macau from Hong Kong.

- For a beautiful four-minute edited aerial video of the crossing showing many local pink dolphins alongside Simon and Shu, see <http://bit.ly/CleanCrossSwimAerial1>
- To support clean oceans and the Grate Art project you may contribute via www.justgiving.com/Simon-Holliday

Competition Report



Nathan Bradley and Yann D'Argenlieu (right)

Hebe Haven Holds SLAM Open Dinghy Regatta

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis

Competing across four classes, 17 ABC sailors took part in the Hebe Haven Open Dinghy Regatta on 24 and 25 May. The 112 entries included competitors from all the main sailing clubs in Hong Kong, making for one of the largest dinghy events for Hebe Haven, the ABC's reciprocal club.

The ABC Optimist and High Performance sailors were there, and this time we also sent an intermediate team to race in the Pico division. With 21 Picos entered, this was a useful and interesting change for some of our sailors who normally compete in Fevas.



ABC's Russell and Matthew (C) and Nathan and Yann (R)



Day one of the Regatta saw very light winds. The race committee decided to set the course well southeast of Shelter Island to find what little breeze there was, so the tow out took well over an hour!

Still, the committee's decision was wise. They did manage three races, with ABC's 29er sailors Yann D'Argenlieu and Nathan Bradley dominating in the 29er class and ending the day second overall in division A behind the leading Sea School 420 team.

Ryan Wong, in a Pico, finished day one in joint second place in division B. He was up against some older sailors and knew he had a lot to do to retain a top-three position.

Day 2

Day two of the regatta again started with light winds and a long tow out, but with more sunshine. A good breeze did build and eventual racing conditions were good, at times reaching 10-14 knots. The Optimist fleet struggled to assess the tide and contain their enthusiasm, and with several general recalls, they ended up eventually racing their first race after the other fleets had finished their first race.

Windward-leeward courses presented some challenges for the race committee as some divisions started whilst others raced back through the line on their downwind leg. It all made for exciting and challenging races, and good photo opportunities!

Ranking event

The regatta was one of two ranking events for the Sailability Access 303 dinghies to select sailors for the 2014 Korean Para-Asian games. It was great to see all six colourful Access dinghies, one of which is sponsored by the ABC, competing and sailing well.

In the end, it was Cho Ping and Puk Chi Yeung who won the division, with five first places to count out of six races sailed.

The ABC Optimist squad showed huge promise at the Hebe Haven Open Dinghy Regatta, with Anatole Martin finishing 14th overall, out of a fleet of 51, (and fifth in the under-12 age group) and some of our other younger sailors in their first big regatta getting good mid-fleet positions. Freddie Last, aged 10, who has only been training with our squad a few months, managed an 11th place in the final race and deserves big congratulations!

In the Pico B division, Ryan Wong slipped to fourth place overall, but was still very satisfied, and another ABC sailor, Rahel Wijeyekoon, finished fifth, one of his best results so far, in a fleet of 21 boats. The ABC's Yann and Nathan held onto their second overall in division A – and first 29er – and great sailing from Matthew Wright and Russell Aylsworth, also in a 29er, put them fourth overall and second 29er.

Well done to all our sailors and a special word of thanks to Hebe Haven Yacht Club who hosted us and allowed us to keep our dinghies at their club, despite a lack of space. H





Summer Youth Sailing Programme 2014

July Courses: Application Deadline Friday 4 July

As you read this edition of *Horizons*, our summer programme is well underway, but opportunities remain to apply for spaces available the second week in July and the whole of August. Further details are available at www.abclubhk.com and also from Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com. Due to last-minute applications, we now issue application deadlines for all courses.

Please note that if numbers permit we will accept late applications, subject to an added 30-percent late application fee.

Date & Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
Mon 14 – Fri 18 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
Mon 14 – Fri 18 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
Mon 14 – Fri 18 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
Mon 14 – Fri 18 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
Mon 14 – Weds 16 July		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
Thurs 17 – Fri 18 July		RS Feva Gennaker Introduction	Age 12 – 18, passed RS Feva Intro	1,040 / 1,560
Mon 21 – Fri 25 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
Mon 21 – Fri 25 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
Mon 21 – Fri 25 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
Mon 21 – Fri 25 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 11 passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
Mon 21 – Fri 25 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
Weds 23 – Fri 25 July		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
Tue 22 – Thurs 24 July		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 11 – Adult, passed HKSF Level 2	1,560 / 2,340

* Optimist AM (morning) courses start at 9 am and finish at 12:30 pm. Optimist PM (afternoon) courses start at Middle island at 1:30 pm and finish around 4:30 pm.

* Full day courses start at 9 am and finish around 4:30 pm.

August Courses: Application Deadline Friday 25 July

Please apply as early as possible, particularly on summer courses also popular with non-members. Details and all application forms are on our website, www.abclubhk.com or contact Angela Ho at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com. **Please note that if numbers permit we will accept late applications, subject to an added 30-percent late application fee.**

Date & Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	864/1,300
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	864/1,300
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	864/1,300
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	864/1,300
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	864/1,300
Mon 4 – Fri 8 Aug		Improvers HKSF Level 3	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2 for at least 1 year	2,600/3,900
Mon 4 – Weds 6 Aug		RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340
Thurs 7 – Sat 9 Aug	✓	Laser Introductory Course	Youth & Adult, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11	864/1,300
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	864/1,300
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug PM		Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	864/1,300
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug		Watersports Week	Age 8 – 18, hold HKSF L2 or Optimist 3	2,600/3,900
Weds 13 – Thurs 14 Aug		Windsurf Basic & Intermediate	Age 8 – 18, can swim with water confidence	1,040/1,560
Mon 11 – Fri 15 Aug		Beginners HKSF Level 1&2	Age 11 – 18	2,600/3,900
Weds 13 – Fri 15 Aug		3-Day Supervised Practice	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340
Mon 11 – Tue 12 Aug		RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 12 – 18, hold RS Feva Intro or HKSF 3	1,040/1,560
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Aug		ABC High Performance & 29er Introductory Course	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L3	2,080/3,120

Late August Courses: Application Deadline Friday 8 August

Some schools, including French International School, finish the summer holidays later, and so ABC is happy to host an “extended” August programme until the month’s end. Please note the application deadline and apply as early as possible. **Please note that if numbers permit we will accept late applications, subject to an added 30-percent late application fee.**

Date & Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	864/1,300
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	864/1,300
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	864/1,300
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	864/1,300
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Aug		Beginners HKSF Level 1 & 2	Age 11 – 18	2,600/3,900
Mon 18 – Weds 20 Aug		RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340
Thurs 21 – Fri 22 Aug		2 Day Topper / Pico Supervised Practice	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,040/1,560
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	864/1,300
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	864/1,300
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	864/1,300
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction	Age 7 – 14, hold Optimist Stage 3	864/1,300
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Aug		Improvers HKSF Level 3	Age 12 – 18 hold HKSF L2 for at least 1 year	2,600/3,900
Mon 25 – Weds 27 Aug		RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340
Thurs 28 – Sat 30 Aug		Laser Introductory Course	Youth & Adult, hold HKSF L2	1,560/2,340



Sailing Diary

ABC Dinghy Prize-giving: Saturday, 6 September

This year we will host a separate prize-giving for dinghies at Middle Island. All dinghy sailors, youth squad members, parents, supporters and ABC members are invited to attend. A barbecue and buffet will be provided. Advance booking is required with Cobo at mbs@abclubhk.com

Dinghy-Cruiser Challenge: Sunday, 14 September

Following last year’s successful event, this challenge again will take place from Middle Island in Laser 2000 dinghies. Notice of Race and entry forms will be available on the Club website from mid-August.

Sunseeker ABC Opening Regatta: 20 & 21 September

This year the Opening Regatta is a little later, in hopes for better winds. It is also timed to be part of the Bart’s Bash initiative to honour Andrew Simpson, billed as the “largest sailing event ever”. The ABC will run three separate race course areas for cruisers, multi-hulls and 29ers, and dinghies. Details available at www.abclubhk.com

Summer Series race dates:

Cruiser:

July 13: Summer 3
July 27: Summer 4
Aug 10: Summer 5
Aug 24: Summer 6

Dinghy:

July 6: Summer 5 & 6
July 20: Summer 7 & 8
Aug 3: Summer 9 & 10
Aug 17: Summer 11 & 12

Chasing the Blue Line: Fishing Clubs Square Off at Sea

Words and photos by Kim Stuart

At this year's opening tournament on 17 May, ABC anglers and the Mandarin Sport Fishing Club agreed to bring forward the start time, with several of the five competing boats choosing to set out early. *Kidusi* left a bit later than expected at 7:30 am.

If anything, sea conditions were better than the day before, and armed with knowledge of the blue line gained the previous day, we set off on a more southerly direction and found the line again, a full 35 miles out.

Things started off slowly with only a bluefin tuna, and it was some two hours later before *Kidusi* caught our first mahi mahi with a double strike.

Things heated up with an 18-pound mahi mahi and yet another, this time a 13-pounder. Several good-sized fish were released with an eye on points.

An oil tanker had anchored over lunch, so moving to the port side of it, we trolled alongside. As we cleared the stern, the outrigger clip went and a line raced out.

Different mettle of fish

When the fish dived deep we knew we were onto something different. As the double line emerged we saw a wahoo, which turned out to be 23 pounds.

The tournament made for a very pleasant day out and the resulting fish barbecued at Middle Island were great.

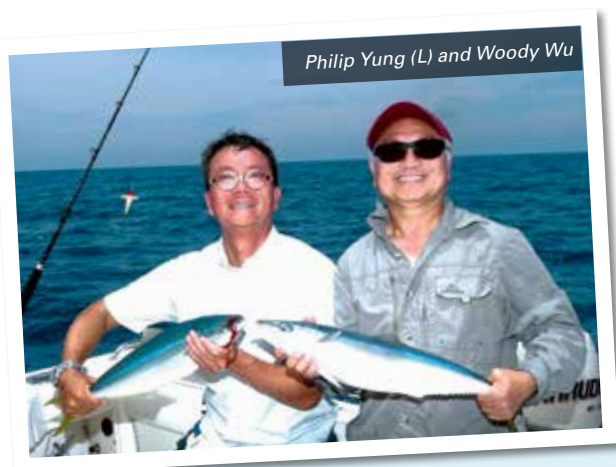


Post-match barbecue at Middle Island

Thanks go to boat owners who made their boats available (*Sea Vixen, Lily, Osprey, Thai Lady* and *Kidusi*). Many thanks are due the ABC for hosting our post-match barbecue.

An ABC-Mandarins rematch is set for 17 August. For details and to register, please contact Mandarin Sport Fishing Club convener Mr Kim Stuart at hongkongfishing@gmail.com

If there is sufficient interest from ABC members, Kim may offer a fishing day out on *Kidusi* exclusively for ABC members. H



Philip Yung (L) and Woody Wu

May tournament results:

Champion angler: Philip Yung

Champion boat: *Lily*

Champion fish: Barracuda (by Matthew Hoyle)



ABC angler Todd Barr with a mahi mahi



Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses (Part A master, Part B engineer)

Part A (Master)

Dates: 4, 7, 8 August 2014 / 3, 6, 7 November 2014

Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

Syllabus: Rules, lights, shapes, buoyage and signals, seamanship,
local knowledge and the laws of Hong Kong fire and gas precautions.

Cost: \$1,500 for member/person/course. \$1,800 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates: 11, 14, 15 August 2014 / 10, 11, 12 November 2014

Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

Syllabus: Engine general construction, diesel and petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, lubrication, cooling
and pumps, transmission systems, operation and maintenance, fire and gas precautions.

Cost: \$1,500 for member/person/course. \$1,800 for non-member/person/course.

Notes:

1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the Hong Kong Marine Department after course completion. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
3. Examinations are normally held on selected Thursdays. You may go to the Marine Department address below to arrange your eyesight exam and register your exam. Please bring examination fee of \$1,255 (candidate must take both Part A (Master) and Part B (Engineer) exams together in the first attempt), one photo, one I/D copy, and a copy of medical certification of the applicant's required eyesight standards. There will be a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 20 students/course. If there is insufficient support for a course, that course will be cancelled and those already enrolled will be informed accordingly. Members who responded to the initial inquiry and whose names are held on file will be given priority.
4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by fax on 2873 2945 or by post or hand to the Club's Administrative Office.
6. See the Marine Dept. website for exam application information and dates:
http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/npvo2.html
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Exam application form: <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf>
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Telephone 2852 4941; Fax 2541 6754.





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Buzz Dragon Boat report



By Mikyung Kim

Buzz Dragon Boat Team Makes History

By Buzz President Erin Ruck

The Buzz dragon boat, based at the ABC, has raced all over Hong Kong throughout the last three months: in Po Toi, Repulse Bay, Lamma, Tai Tam, Chai Wan, Tsing Yi, Discovery Bay, Aberdeen and Victoria Harbour. Here are a few of our memorable moments:

At the Tai Tam race, the Buzz team achieved two firsts in our history; our first-ever champion title in any fishermen race and our first-ever mixed championship in any event.

Another unforgettable day was at Aberdeen's Tuen Ng Festival, steeped in culture and tradition as the oldest dragon boat race in Hong Kong. Our friends from the Shum Woo team showed immense hospitality in inviting us aboard their fishing boat for a day of very competitive races. In return, our men joined with Shum Woo to win the bowl final in the 50-man boat.

Our standard Buzz men's team won second place in the plate final, and for the grand finale, Buzz's mixed team took the Champion title.

We wrapped up the season at the city's iconic Victoria Harbour, where thousands of the world's top athletes competed over three days at the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Carnival. In quite an accomplishment, all our teams qualified for the racing on Sunday, the final and most competitive day. Even though we were not victorious, it was a privilege to race against teams of such high calibre.

Once again, Buzz thanks ABC for their sponsorship. We could not have reached this level of success without the Club's ongoing support.

Buzz supports ABC youth

Buzz once again will offer younger ABC members an introduction to the sport of dragon boating. This is an exciting opportunity to learn how to dragon boat with a professional, international, and sponsored team. Participants will learn history, theory, and techniques to get strong in the boat. The fee for three afternoon sessions is \$500. Dates will be confirmed on the ABC website.

In April, Buzz presented the ABC with a \$10,000 cheque as sponsorship towards youth sailing at the ABC, which assisted with costs associated with the ABC's younger sailors competing in the Optimist Nationals in Thailand.



Kevin Lewis, ABC dinghy sailing manager (3rd right), accepts a \$10,000 cheque for the ABC from Buzz's Erin Ruck (L), Nick Ball and Penny Yip (R).

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