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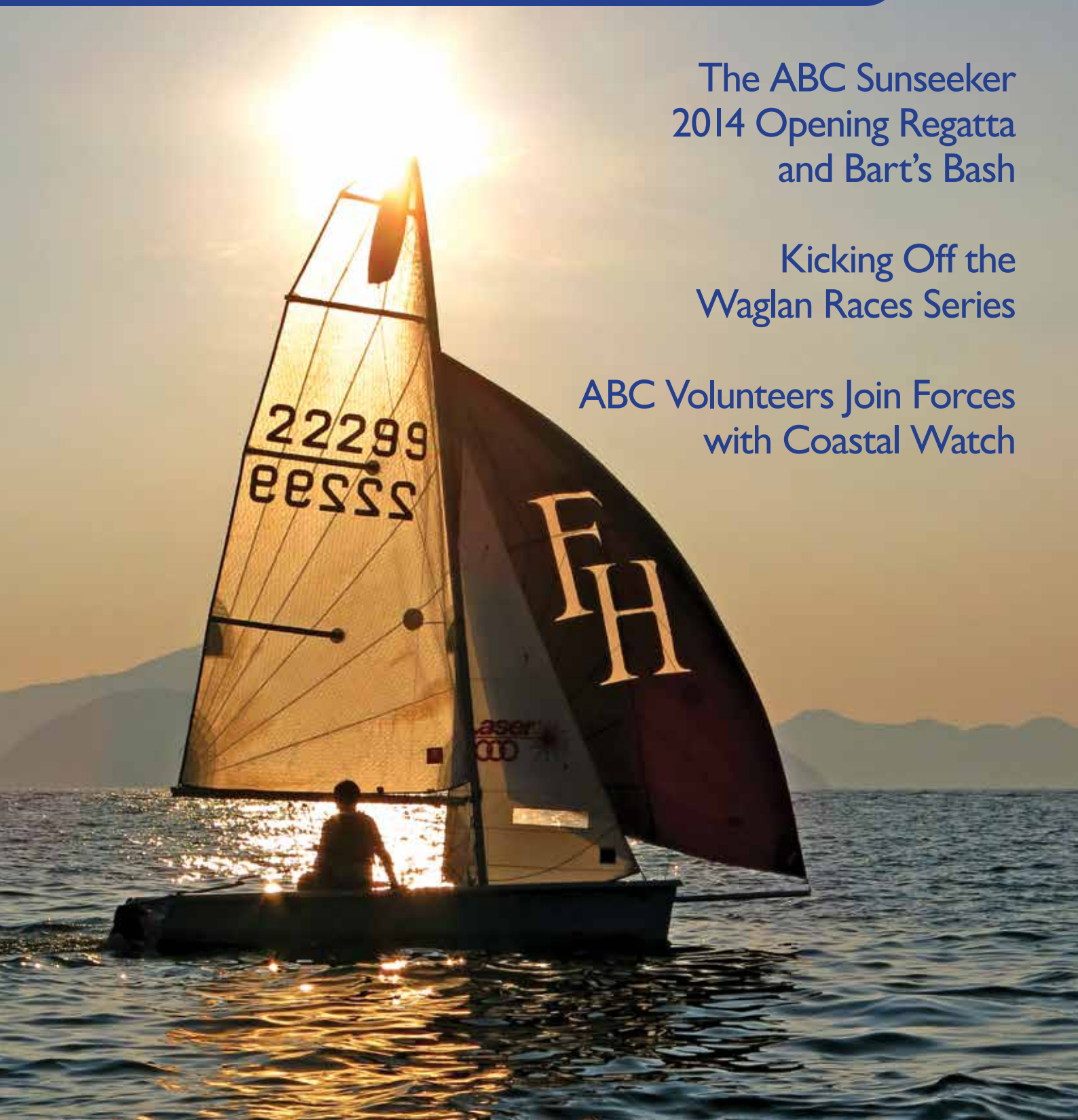
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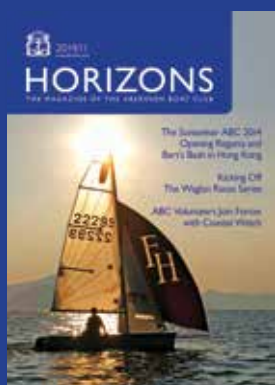
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Commodore's Letter

I trust all have enjoyed the beginning of the 2014-15 sailing season, starting with the Sunseeker Opening Regatta. The OR was again successful with over 160 entries in courses laid over three areas – SE Lamma, Stanley Bay and Po Toi. This year we welcomed a contingent from Sailability, many of whom were in final practice for the Asian Para Games held in Korea in mid-October.

Congratulations to Dinghy Sailing Manager Kevin Lewis and Sailing Secretary Angela Ho Lewis on the birth of their daughter Charlotte – all well!

I note that the dinghy racing format

has been changed to permit us to better serve newer and faster classes. For details please see page 22.

ABC will again give coaching and logistical support to our keen 29er dinghy sailors who will head to Australia for the Australian Youth Championships 2015, at the Fremantle Sailing Club. They will sail in late December together with others from HKSF, for championship lead-up races 6-10 January.

I hope to see you at the Southside Regatta on 6 and 7 December.

For your diary, our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, 25 November.



John Berry
Commodore

Flag Officer's Report

As a Treasurer's report will be included in the Club's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2014, which you soon will receive, I would like to share the experience of a sail to Macau.

The Cruise Owner's Association, Hong Kong (COA), usually run three races to Macau and back each year – CNY, mid-summer and mid-autumn. These races, typically over three days with a rest day in between, are keenly anticipated as a rare chance to sail and explore (look at, really) the islands of the Pearl River Delta that are out of reach for a day sail, or overnight trip, due to being outside HK. This year, the timing of holidays meant the mid-autumn race was sailed on 1 to 2 October with no rest day, with 21 yachts starting.

Trying something new is always a risk so the first leg pursuit-style start based on HKPN handicap wrinkled a few brows but gave us a welcome hour-later start off the pontoon. We also relished a rare course 2 selection, taking the fleet further south than the usual, more direct course. In an enticing 10-15 knot easterly breeze most of the fleet had asymmetrical foresails up and with race cut-off points within one nautical mile of prominent features on islands along the course we all got plenty of practice at gybing. The highlight was

seeing maybe four pink dolphins (now mostly called Chinese white dolphins) off an island close to Macau.

It was a rewarding day all around, covering 51 nm (the English Channel being 18.2 nm at its closest land points) with a maximum speed of 9 knots and we headed to dinner at the very reasonable time of 6:30 pm. Immigration into and out of Macau was refreshingly smooth and prompt with the officers clearing crews from one of the larger yachts – with air con. Nine yachts, including ours, were directed to the government basin for mooring. The tenders helping with lines and the ferries for the short ride to the Macau Yacht Club all worked a treat.

Unfortunately, Thursday's forecast of 2 to 3 knots "gusting" up to 5 was optimistic and a large number of yachts headed straight for home. After much talk, we made off as well, feeling disappointed for the two crew who had joined us that morning.

But dolphin sightings just before Lantau, and then again four more times in HK waters, were a rare treat. Once they were breaching and playing, and twice they porpoised within a few metres of the boat, fleetingly showing us their size and grace – special.



Then before the Soko Islands, schools of small fish started breaking the surface and this went on for about 30 minutes. While I've seen this before in HK, including off Middle Island, I've not seen them in this number and repeatedly breaking the surface in waves. It was almost as if we were being carried along by them. In reality, something was probably having a big long lunch. Mid-afternoon the breeze picked up to around 10 knots and we got a sail from the Sokos home.

A race was started, finishing at the first cut-off (about a third of the way back to the full race finish). Yachts took about five hours to do this leg, and the spirit of the race went to the only HKPN division B boat to start.

Matthew Johnson
Honorary Treasurer



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General Manager's Letter

Autumn has finally come to Hong Kong and cooler weather is on the way. Heaters for the patio have been checked after storage, new ones are in a container between Australia and Hong Kong, and finally the swimming pool is warming up for the winter time.

While I am on the swimming pool matter, we will perform the yearly maintenance sometime around Chinese New Year. We plan a total new look to bring it a Mediterranean feel.

Still on renovation, the gym soon will be refurbished. We await new equipment from the U.S. – by the time you read this, new treadmills and machines will have been delivered. Again, we are looking at Chinese New Year for a full refurbishment of this very well-used facility.

Middle Island's new Food and Beverage concept is progressing. We are now waiting for the licensing authority to approve our change of service and food, as described in the October issue of *Horizons*.

The Waglan bar refurbishment will take place early next year. Drawings and quotations are on the way, and soon I will be in a position to share plans for the extent of the work.

Last month, you may have seen much work being done on our ceilings, corridor and outlets. While it looked like simple painting and plastering work, in fact we were replacing many of our air-conditioning parts hidden in various areas between the false ceilings and the roof. We did most of this work outside opening hours and as discreetly as possible, so I hope it has not inconvenienced you too much. Now that these new units have been replaced we should have a much more efficient exchange of cooler and fresher air, ready for the next hot season.

We are also revisiting our club shop memorabilia with a new Club shirt and tie, with perhaps swimming trunks as well, and, as many members have requested, waterproof sailing bags. New stock should be ready around Christmastime and would make a great present for visiting relatives and friends or as you visit contacts overseas.

Beach-cleaning a success

After the great success of the Club beach-cleaning activity in September, more cleaning has been supported by the Club. We will provide vessels for a "Typhoon Shelter cleaning day" being organized by one of our members. You will soon see an article in *Horizons* on this.

The Sailing and Marine Committee plans a "meet and mingle" end-of-autumn barbecue for Saturday, 29 November. This informal social rendezvous on Round Island is open to all members, whether or not you have a boat or simply wish to be taken to this island in the middle of Deep Water Bay by RIB boat. The aim is to have members from all walks of life meeting for a friendly lunch and afternoon together.

The Club will set up a barbecue on the beach for all to cook around. You will be able to purchase a pre-packed barbecue box ranging from \$80 to \$150 from F&B. You can bring your own drinks on the RIBs or your own boat. The Club will ferry you there and back and of course clean the beach afterwards, but you can help as well. Please book with Cobo to arrange ferry and food.



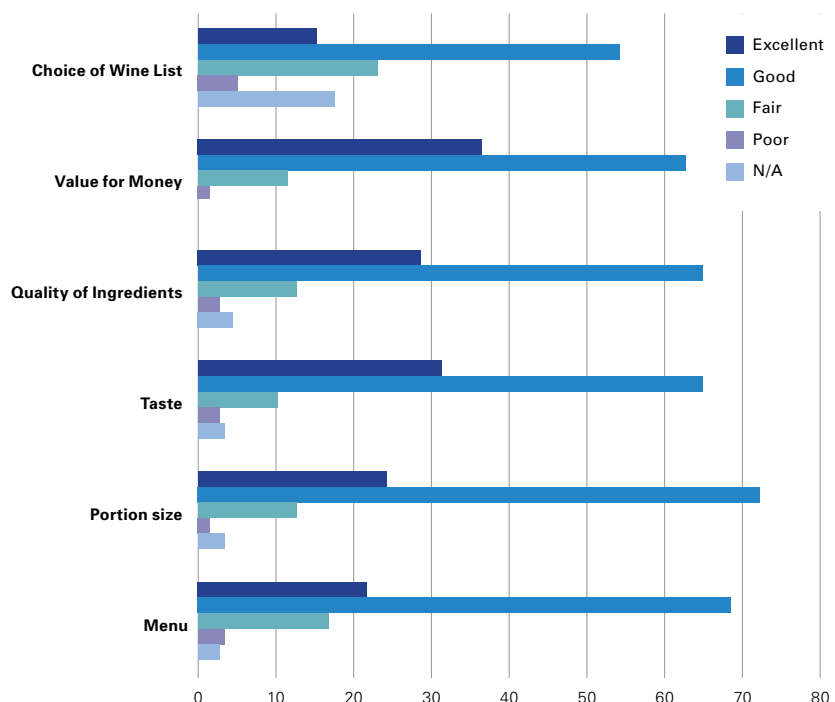
We shall soon have a new menu in the Four Peaks restaurant with many Gueridon services at your table and with all-time favourites, moving away from food trends and getting back to basics. I hope you will enjoy this back-to-the-future idea.

F&B survey findings

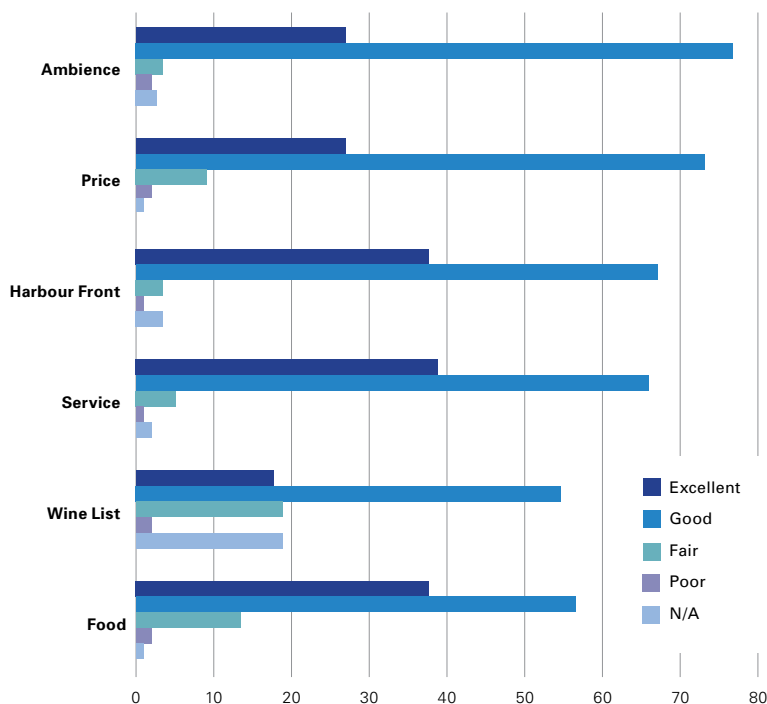
Many thanks go to the 15 percent of members who completed our September F&B survey. Updated results are below.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

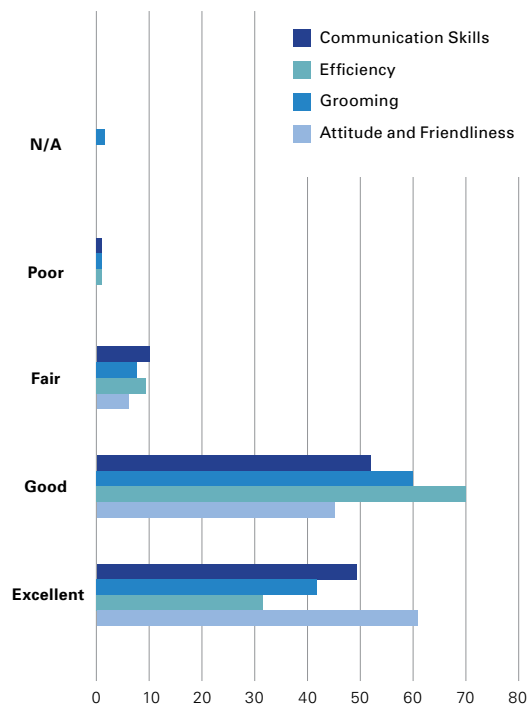
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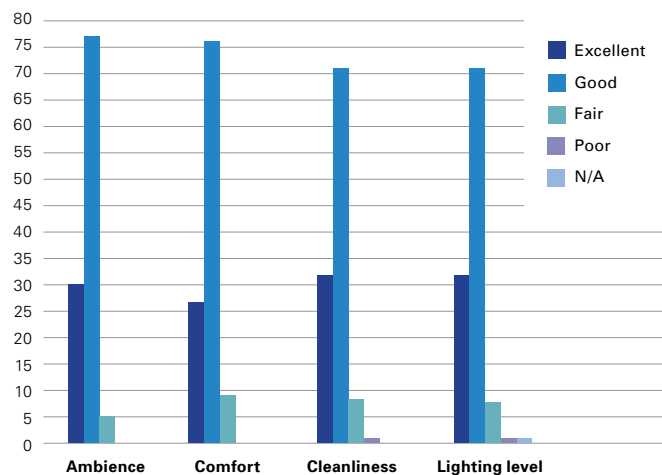
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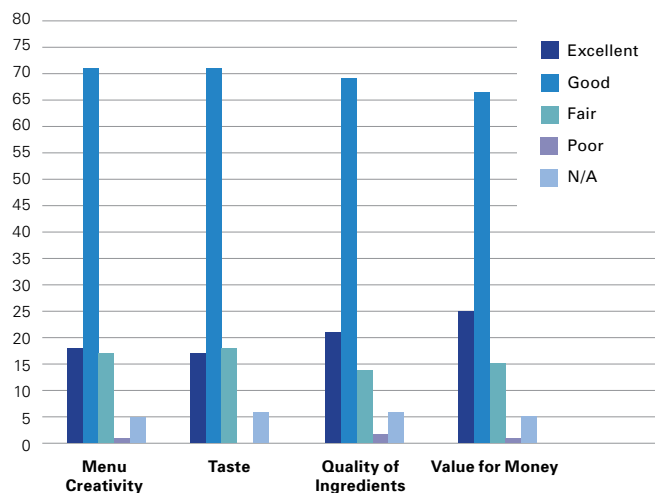
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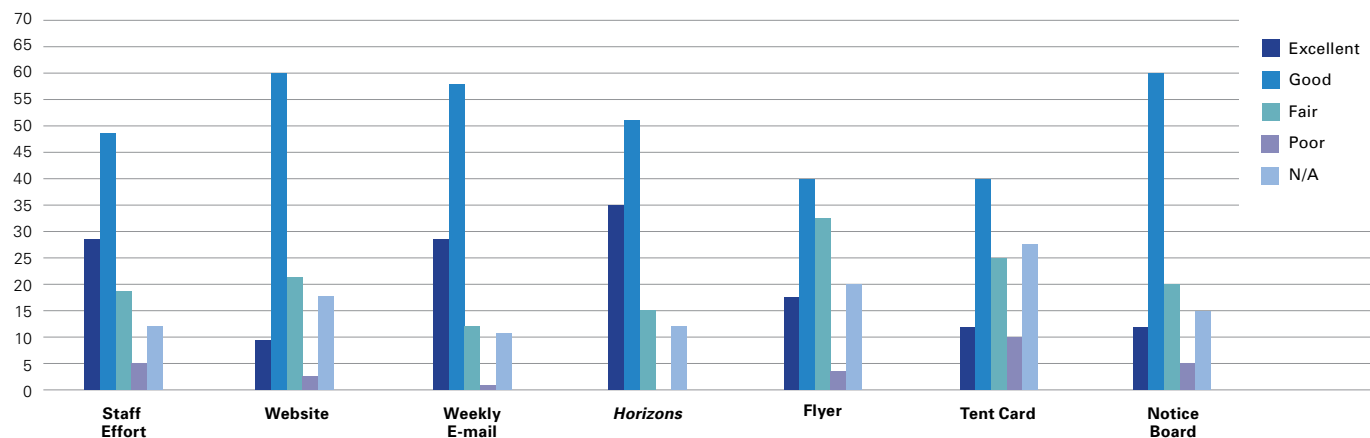
Restaurant's Environment



This Month's Satisfaction Levels



Events and Promotions





November F&B Events and Promotions

German Food Promotion

throughout November in the Galley and Four Peaks

Featured wine from Spain

Bodegas Naia (Verdejo), 2013

Bodegas Cenit Villano (Tempranillo), 2012

By the glass, \$50; by the bottle \$240

Featured cocktail

Pear Spritzer \$45

Fresh pear juice, white wine, peach liqueur and ginger ale

Featured beer from Germany

König Ludwig Weissbier, 500 ml, \$49 per bottle

November Events

German Sausage Night with free wine tasting

Friday, 7 November, 6:30-9 pm, the Patio

Adults \$238, children (3-12 years of age) \$138

Concessionary price for members over 65 of age \$198

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

Pig on-a-Spit Evening

Friday, 14 November, 6:30-9:30 pm

Accompanied by baked potatoes, your choice of vegetables, salads and desserts

Adults \$238, children (3-12 years of age) \$138

Concessionary price for members over age 65, \$198

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

Indian Kebab Night and Chef Yadav's cooking show with unlimited Carlsberg beer

Saturday, 22 November, 6:30-9 pm, Middle Island

Adults \$298, children (3-12 years of age) \$198

with unlimited soft drinks

Concessionary price for members over age 65, \$258

To reserve for your family and friends, call Regienne at 2552 8182 or email booking@abclubhk.com

Thanksgiving Buffet

Thursday, 27 November 6:30-9:30 pm, the Patio

Adults \$280 (including a glass of wine),

children (3-12 years of age) \$220 (including a soft drink)

Concessionary price for members age 65, \$240

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

Round Island BBQ

Saturday, 29 November 11 am-5 pm

BBQ boxes in various portions may be pre-ordered for your grilling.

To reserve and order for your family and friends, please email Cobo at mbs@abclubhk.com

Kublai Khan Seafood Buffet

Saturday, 29 November, 6:30-9:30 pm, the Patio

Adults \$268, children \$208

Concessionary price for members age 65, \$268

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





Home Wine Delivery November 2014

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
Wines			
Valckenberg Madonna Sekt Semi Dry N.V. – Germany A succulent, medium-bodied sparkling wine with fruit aromas reminiscent of honey and mango. Aromatic, round and harmonious with a lush seductive bouquet.	\$155		
Valckenberg Undone Pinot Noir 2013 – Germany This Undone Pinot Noir is very smooth, with berry and plum notes on the palate. Fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks, it has no oak influence – the pure flavors of Pinot Noir show through. A perfect match with salmon, red meat, and pasta.	\$128		
Valckenberg Madonna Liebfraumilch 2012 – Germany Hints of herbal notes add to this harmonious ensemble of rich fruitiness and delicate sweetness, perfectly balanced by a mild acidity and a lush seductive bouquet. Enjoy this wine with meat and tasty salads.	\$128		
Kesselstatt Piesporter Göldtropfchen Riesling Kabinett 2011 – Germany Gooseberries and cranberries dominate the aroma of this wine. It provides a hint of mineral and an incredibly lively sweetness and acidity. Has potential to age! Just wonderful!!	\$195		
Kesselstatt Piesporter Göldtropfchen Riesling Spätlese 2008 – Germany A very filigreed, multilayered bouquet: raisin-like upfront, then hints of rhubarb, blood orange and red vineyard peach. On the palate, pure elegance perfectly balanced by a play of sweetness, mineral tones, fruit and piquant acidity. This Riesling exudes freshness. Very long finish.	\$235		
	Total		

**Free Wine Tasting on the Patio,
Friday, 7 November, 6:30-8:30 pm**

*All of the wines in the November selection will
be available for free tasting at the 7 November
German sausage night on the Patio.*

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.



Round Island BBQ, Saturday, 29 November

11 am to 5 pm

Reservations required

The ABC's Sailing and Marine Committee will host a "meet and mingle" barbecue for all members on Saturday, 29 November, on Round Island, to mark the transition between autumn and winter.

This informal social rendezvous on Round Island is open to all members, allowing sailing and non-sailing members and families to get together for a relaxed barbecue and afternoon outdoors.

F&B will prepare barbecue boxes that you can grill on the barbecue grills the Club will set up. The \$80 box is a selection of meat, bun and corn for one person, while the \$150 box is a larger variety for two people. Bring your own drinks. Please book with Cobo at mbs@abclubhk.com to arrange transport by rib boat and to pre-book a barbecue box, or to let her know you will arrive via your own boat.



Staff News



Angela and Kevin
with baby Charlotte



Kevin with Charlotte, 3 days old

Congratulations to Angela Ho and Kevin Lewis!

ABC Executive Sailing and Marine Secretary Angela and Dinghy Sailing Manager Kevin welcomed baby Charlotte Pamela, born on Saturday, 11 October, weighing 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs). Angela and Kevin (who knew each other before joining ABC) were married in 2012 and have worked together, side by side, in our sailing office since 2009.



POSTPONED:

170th Anniversary Exhibition The Hong Kong Marine Police

The Hong Kong Police's Force's 170th Anniversary Marine Police Exhibition, originally scheduled to be held at Cheung Chau on three consecutive weekends between 11 October and 26 October, has been postponed.

*ABC members will be notified once
new dates and details are set.*



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Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2014: **Cruisers, J/80s and J/70s**

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

For the 11th year in succession Sunseeker, with ABC member Gordon Hui at the helm, sponsored ABC's season-opening event 20-21 September. This merits a huge vote of thanks from the Club and members: without such support it would be very difficult to organize a regatta of this scale over a weekend.

Votes of thanks also go to many other layers of weekend regatta support: Club volunteers, the Hong Kong Sail Training Association, reciprocal clubs Hebe Haven and the RHKYC, J. Asia, the Hong Kong Sea School, and visiting Race Officers Greg Sinclair (dinghies) and Jerry Rollin (cruisers).

And, not least, the competitors themselves, crewing some 165 boats, ranging from small dinghies to large 60-ft cruisers. The cruiser total of 51 included an impressive one-class total of 17 J/80s and for the first time, a new class of three J/70s.

A first for Sailability

Another first for the 2014 Opening Regatta was the inclusion of Sailability Hong Kong, which brought six boats to compete with no little success in the Dinghy section. The dedication, spirit, sheer commitment and happiness evident on the faces and seen in the performances of these youngsters overcoming their disabilities were an inspiration to all of us there. As I write, a team of six sailors from Sailability is set to represent Hong Kong in the Asian Para Games at Incheon, South Korea, 18-24 October 2014.

The Club's dinghy section had a very intense weekend fitting in a multitude of races between the shifting winds ... details and photos are in a separate report this issue.





Boss Hogg



J/80s ghosting downwind in light airs (by Kevin Lewis)

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Race Day 1

Never bet on the weather! The later date this year did not bring the monsoon transition we expected. Saturday's cruiser racing "round the cans" off southeast Lamma saw one race only.

The single Saturday race had to be shortened for some classes, notably some of the faster boats on the longer course. The wind, light and fickle from the outset, finally faded, unlike the strong current, ending the day's racing.



Legs Eleven





The prize-giving at Middle Island (by Selina Mak)



Jostling for position



Chasing



Jelignite



Jack Ng's No One Else downwind chased by Arthur Ho in GA (by Kevin Lewis)

“The dedication, spirit, sheer commitment and happiness evident on the faces of the Sailability squad and seen in their performances were an inspiration.”

Race Day 2

Sunday's weather appeared to be better at the start, with the wind steady from the northeast, giving hope that the monsoon had set in.

So off went 50-odd cruisers in six classes, on courses set variously around the southeastern group of islands.

Some fared better than others as the wind faded, veered, backed, and teased all, affecting different courses and island shadows differently. Most soldiered on, given ample time before the 5 pm cut-off.

But in the end, the RO decided to shorten all courses, at several different island marks, so as to give most a finish.

From the perspective of the Committee boat – a refreshing change for the writer, making up numbers – it was an exciting and fun-filled day, as we chased and checked yachts around the course.

Later we let loose our newly re-engined, now high-speed service boat, with a roving RO on a lead-yacht spotting exercise. This led on to the southwest point of Po Toi to shorten courses for three classes.



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Two marine staff, and one assistant RO, rolled in the swell, aping one-armed paper hangers while trying to catch sail numbers, order of crossing and times. Thanks go to the yachties in the bar who later sportingly helped to sort some of the disorder. ”




'round the can

The race to the finish

As is the way with wind, it picked up from the east shortly after the “S” flag was hoisted, leading to a tremendous race to the finish amongst a large but bunched-up fleet of boats.

Two marine staff, and one assistant RO, were rolling in the swell, aping one-armed paper hangers while trying to catch sail numbers, order of crossing and times! Thanks go to all the

yachties in the bar later who sportingly helped yours truly to correctly sort out some of the disorder.

As ever, despite wind and weather, the Opening Regatta proved to be a fun start to the season. Complete results and more photos of the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2014 can be seen on the ABC website. 



Bart's Bash

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis



The global Bart's Bash race took place on Sunday, 21 September, coinciding with the second day of the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta.

A number of races were held around Hong Kong; the first Sunday race at ABC counting as one of the 786 venues running the event worldwide. Nearly 27,000 sailors took part around the world, collectively setting a new Guinness world record for the largest sailing race in 24 hours. At time of writing, 3,600 boats took part, over

10,000,000nm were sailed and £282,000 was raised in support of the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation Charity.

The ABC Bart's Bash race saw 73 entries across dinghy, cruiser and multihull divisions. RHKYC's Sofia-Marie Mascia came out on top in her Laser Radial in Hong Kong, and 8,451st out of 15,363 sailors across the globe.

Second in Hong Kong was Sailability sailor Derek Ko in the 2.4mR. Derek was also 10th in the class globally.

In total, Hong Kong had 126 entries in various venues. It was perhaps the joint event of Lantau Boat Club and Discovery Bay Yacht Club that saw the best wind. LBC's Jimmy Shum finished as top Hong Kong sailor in his Hobie 16, and 2,641st globally.

Full details on Bart's Bash and the overall results can be found here: <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/club/aberdeen-boat-club>





ABC sailors Yann, Nathan, Matthew and Russell



Optimists race on Sunday by Ocean Park



A rare moment of breeze on day 1

Saving the Regatta

The dinghies had only managed a single race on Saturday and Race Officer Greg Sinclair and organiser Kevin Lewis were under intense pressure to not only run enough races to make a series and get a result, but also to complete a race so we would be part of the global Bart's Bash initiative.

And there was no wind!

As the day dragged on, the course was set and re-set, and moved towards the breeze, only for the wind to give up. The only pressure was back in Deep Water Bay, and it was decided to try a quick windward-leeward Bart's Bash race and then ... basically give up.

As competitors and coach boats drifted homeward, a freshening breeze developed in outer Deep Water Bay, just under the Ocean Park headland. Not ideal – far too shifty – but certainly enough to race. The committee boat had already disappeared towards the ABC and was quickly summoned back while RIB crews worked fast to set a trapezoid course – a total of seven marks – to get a race going. It was touch and go – would the wind hold? Would we run out of time before the time limit for "latest possible start" kicked in?

Race two was started; it was short but the wind held. The Optimist fleet had a shortened course and there was barely enough time for the third race. The race officer was making fast calculations and the third race for all classes was started under a black flag – there would be no time for any general recalls and restarts.

As it turned out the final division of the third race was started just moments before the cut-off time. The regatta was saved!



Start of Division B, Day 1



Sailability Sailors Cho Ping and Puk Chi Yeung (L) and Chan Man Hing and Lam Kin Wah

ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta Hosts Sailability Hong Kong Before Asian Para Games

By Mike A. Rawbone, Chairman, Sailability Hong Kong, photos by Kevin Lewis

Poor weather conditions over the weekend permitted our sailors just three races in the ABC's Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2014, held 20-21 September.

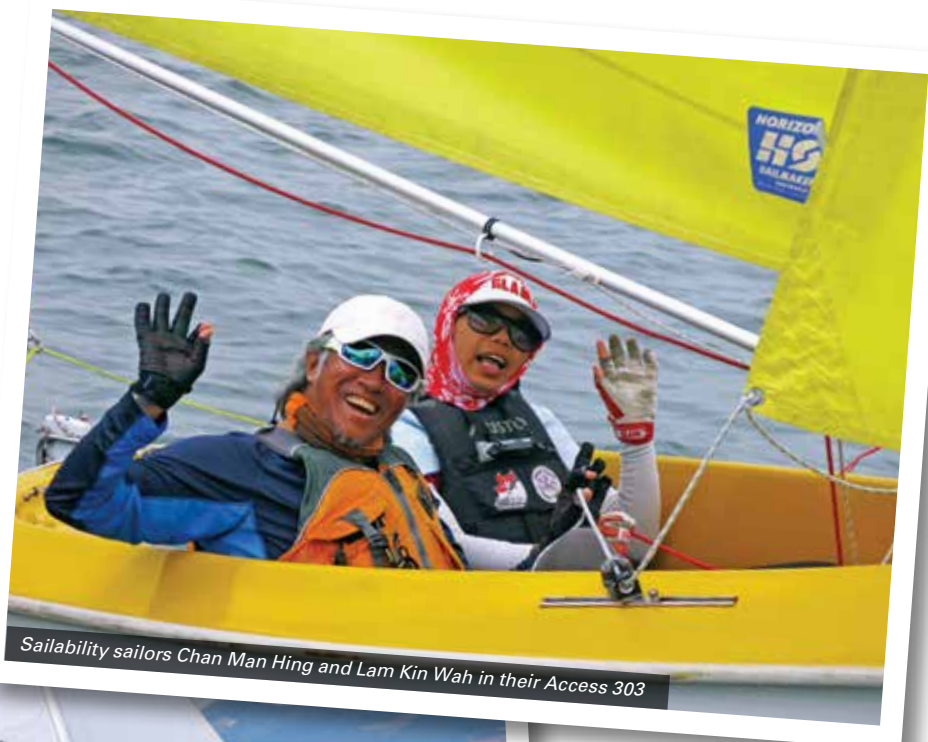
Notwithstanding the weather and the difficulties associated with getting our disabled sailors over to Middle Island, the Opening Regatta proved to be a most enjoyable two-day event for our Asian Para Games Team.

For our six sailors, the Opening Regatta was the last serious competitive race series before they headed for the Asian Para Games in Korea that begin 18 October. As was noted, our Access 303(w) and 2.4mR's fleets were depleted due to two boats in each class being shipped to Korea the previous week.

However, our sailors in the 2.4mR's managed to finish second and fourth in Division B (out of 27 boats). This is a notable achievement for both Foo Yuen Wai and Derek Ko, the only two sailors with a disability. The Access 303(w) class race was won by Cho Ping and Ah Puk with a worthy second place going to Chan Man Hing (Peace) and Albert Lam.

The hospitality and support given to the Sailability Hong Kong team by the ABC's Middle Island staff over the Opening Regatta weekend was exceptional and we were all made to feel very welcome. Yes, we will be back 6-7 December to take part in the ABC Southside Regatta!

Thank you, ABC, for a great weekend. H



Sailability sailors Chan Man Hing and Lam Kin Wah in their Access 303



Sailability Sailor Foo Yuen Wai in his brand-new 2.4mR



Sailing Diary: What's on across Hong Kong

Cruiser and Keelboat events:

ABC Waglan 2: Sunday, 2 November
 ABC Fiesta Day: Sunday, 9 November
 RHKYC Around the Island Race: Sunday, 16 November
 ABC Waglan 3: Sunday, 23 November
 ABC Waglan 4 & 5: Sunday, 14 December
 ABC Christmas Invitation Pursuit Race: Sunday, 21 December

Dinghy Races and Regattas:

HHYC 24-Hour Charity Dinghy Race: 1 and 2 November
 Autumn Dinghy Races 5 & 6 (Open and Optimist):
 Saturday, 8 November
 LBC Asian Open Multihull Regatta: 8 and 9 November
 RHKYC Around Middle Island Dinghy Race: Saturday,
 15 November
 RHKYC Around the Island Race: Sunday, 16 November
 HKODA Optimist National Championships: 22 and 23 November
 HKLCA Laser Class Championships: 29 and 30 November
 ABC Southside Regatta: 6 and 7 December

Adult Beginner Dinghy Courses:

November 8, 9, 15, 22, 23
 December 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

Other Adult Dinghy Courses and activities:

Fiesta Day Dinghy Sailing Trip: Sunday, 9 November
 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:

Gennaker day: Saturday, 29 November
 Sailing Trip: Saturday, 13 December



A very old lady joins the series

Summer Series 2014: Ever More Competitive

Words and photos by Philippe de Manny

Over the summer our traditional restaurant series of races, which usually end up in one of the restaurants on Lamma, Po Toi or Cheung Chau islands, was very successful with the biggest turnout ever and a very competitive attitude from all participants.

On behalf of the Club, let me thank San Miguel PP for their generous sponsorship of beer for the series which really helped most of us on the cruise back to the Club under the scorching summer sun.

A total of 35 yachts took part in the six-race series, with an average turnout of 22 yachts. Under IRC, 11 yachts

were racing, while 28 yachts were eligible for HKPN Division A and seven for Division B.

The series started on 15 June from the usual starting area of Deep Water Bay, taking the fleet to the popular spot of Po Toi Island. The following races respectively went to Yuen Shue Wan, Po Toi again, So Kwu Wan, again to Po Toi, and finally and traditionally, the sixth and last race finished on Middle Island, followed by the end of the series barbecue and prize-giving.

Battling for position

These series used to be more of a cruising

series than outright races, but interest in them has grown greatly over the last two years, to an extent that this year they were nearly as battled over as the Waglan series – sometimes with even more boats participating in a single event.

With such a competitive approach, everything must be checked thoroughly. We identified a technical detail that led to a three-week discussion about certain IRC certificate validity for a particular race. It even required the RORC rating office to indirectly intervene and to provide the right approach for a proper closure of the issue. This intervention is really new

to the summer series, proving that the world is changing fast.

On the positive side, this friendly joust led to potential sponsors showing some interest in supporting the race in 2015. Definitely a great year for the summer series then!

As usual, the summer series was very well supported by the RHKYC and the DBYC sailors, as is usual for all our Club racing. We thank them for that, except that they took first place overall in IRC and HKPN A, something we need to work on next year.

We also saw Wayne Moran's classic replica of a mini Chinese junk joining the series this year for the opening event and two other races. The beautiful *Rona* took part in summer series 5, also adding to the variety of yachts enjoying these events.

Ragamuffin, skippered by Stephen Hilton, not being the fastest boat on the scene, should receive a perseverance cup for spending more than 12 hours at sea in three races. H

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Calamansi, overall IRC winner



Intrigue crew, ready for lunch



Another old lady joins in





FG3, overall J/80 winner

SUMMER SERIES OVERALL RESULTS

IRC WINNERS

- 1 Rob Berkley on *Calamansi*
- 2 John Woo on *Andiamo*
- 3 Paul Leese on *Redeye*

HKPNA WINNERS

- 1 John Woo on *Andiamo*
- 2 Stephen Davis on *FG3*
- 3 Lonny Chen on *May 13th*

HKPN B WINNERS

- 1 Josephine Cheng on *Aquarius*
- 2 Park Ng on *Zephyr*
- 3 Stephen Vine on *Thea*

J/80s WINNERS

- 1 Stephen Davis on *FG3*
- 2 Michael Tsui on *Jailbreaker*
- 3 Lewis Cerne on *Javelin*



Ragamuffin never surrenders



Club news

New Dinghy Racing Format

by John Berry

Our dinghy races continue to be jointly run with RHKYC Middle Island, with each club managing alternate races.

The format this year changed to split the racers into two groups, to ensure that courses and course areas can better serve the types of boats. Thus we have series for each of Open Dinghies and Optimists, and the generally faster double-handers (including 29ers) and Moths.

These race on alternate weekends and there are joint series for each of autumn, winter and spring. ABC continues to run the summer series, open to all. The start time for all has changed to 1:30 pm to get in two good races before the wind abates later in the afternoon. Response to the changes is positive.

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ABC Competition report



Surfdude finishing



2014-15 Waglan series I

Sunday, 5 October

Words and photos by Philippe de Manny

The first race of the Jebsen Marine Waglan 2014-15 series, consisting of 10 races over a period of six months, saw 22 boats take the start on Sunday, 5 October. The weather was forecast to have a 10-knot average northeast wind and a two-metre flowing tide by 1 pm.

The Waglan 1 course, chosen by one of our ex-commodore visiting the Club from his new home in Thailand, took Division A up to Waglan Island and Division B to Fury Rocks and back for a long downwind return to the Club.

This year, the division's split HKPN rating remains unchanged from last year's 1000. As the HKPN

number tends to rise with the efficient management of the rating committee, a much bigger Division B fleet than last year's seven yachts is now competing for the overall Waglan Series cup, the Chinook Trophy II.


The new racing format provides three starts this year, as the J/80s, while competing in HKPN A, have their own start to improve overall competitiveness.

Wicked, flicking wind

While I am on the matter of starts, the Deep Water Bay starting venue gave the RO yet another good trial with its wicked, flicking wind continuously shifting from east to north up until the

last minute, before the start sequence forced the RO to raise the AP flag so as to reset the line with a reasonable upwind start.

At any rate, the entire fleet eventually got on to the business at sea, and despite a small wind entirely around Waglan and wavy conditions, all boats big and small finished the race within three to five hours.

The next Waglan race is on 2 November. If you would like to come to the start and learn how to be a Club race officer, spending the day at sea, please contact me to book your space on the committee boat. 

Results

Waglan 2014-15 Series Race 1

IRC	Elapsed time	Corrected time
1 Red Kite 2	3:28:57	3:35:13

2 Elektra	3:04:17	3:37:05
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3 Calamansi	3:50:43	3:47:02
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HKPN Division A	Elapsed time	Corrected time
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1 Red Kite 2	3:28:57	3:52:41
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2 Surfduke	3:25:47	4:00:41
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3 Wicked	3:51:10	4:03:51
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HKPN Division B	Elapsed time	Corrected time
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1 Thea	3:14:56	3:06:54
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2 Jade Cove	3:29:26	3:10:13
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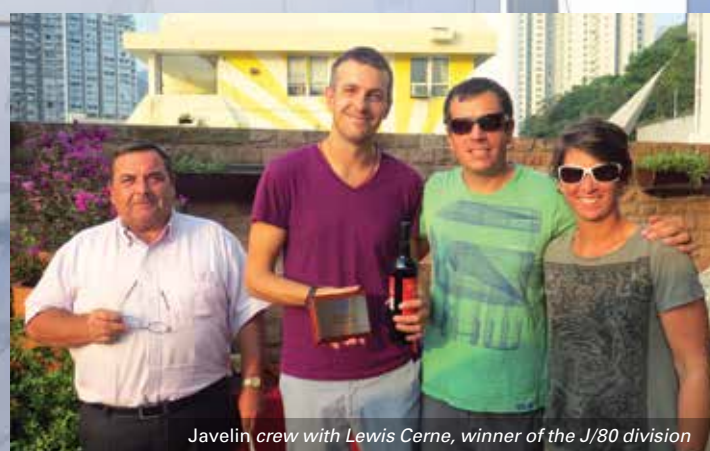
3 Aquarius	3:47:48	3:19:39
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J/80	Elapsed time
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1 Javelin (Lewis Cerne)	4:13:58
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2 FG3 (Stephen Davis)	4:14:30
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3 JeNa PaBe (Ben Chong)	4:16:36
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The ABC clean-up crew (by Wayne Robinson)



Maggie Kwok briefs Club volunteers (by Wayne Robinson)



The dinghy cavalry (by Kevin Lewis)

Coastal Watch Project: ABC Volunteers Turn Out to Clean Up Beaufort Island

By Wayne Robinson, ABC Team Leader, Hong Kong Coastal Watch

I am very pleased to report that the ABC had a tremendous turnout on 28 September, the appointed day for our team of volunteers to clean up our assigned beach, Beaufort Island. The ABC junk quickly filled up – I am really sorry we had to turn away volunteers. I was overwhelmed with volunteers' enthusiasm and camaraderie. I hope those who missed out this time can make the next outing in the New Year – this campaign has plenty more for us to do.

Team ABC, Operation Coastal Watch

As discussed in the September 2014 issue of *Horizons*, the beach clean-up is part of a territory-wide two-year WWF programme that aims to survey Hong Kong's marine litter and collate ecological marine data. This effort of course is combined with a general coastal clean-up. The purposes of this huge data collection exercise is to try to establish the sources of all our marine litter and the impact it has on our marine life, and to help the Government set strategies for a cleaner Hong Kong.

The ABC team is just one of 27 working on a particular beach or coastline site identified throughout Hong Kong. A team scientist leads each team, which

all follow the same survey protocols and information-collection methods.

Our clean-up day began with a briefing on the junk from our team scientist, Maggie Kwok from the WWF, ably assisted by WWF's Patrick Yeung and also two other helpers.

Practice, practice, practice

As planned, the junk departed the main Clubhouse at 10 am, proceeding to Middle Island where we all alighted for a quick and effective briefing from Maggie. She and the WWF team would go ashore first and lay a 100-metre line at the upper tide line, parallel with the shore. From that line they would lay, down to the water's edge, a number of random transects – the team was to study only a number of these areas. Then Maggie had the 30-plus ABC volunteers split into smaller groups of five or six. Each small group was given a specific task ranging from ecological survey to macro debris and macro debris collection and recording. This part of the operation was to last around an hour before the *big* clean up.

Soon we were back on our way to Beaufort, enjoying croissants, coffee and tea supplied by Philippe. After about an hour's pleasant motoring under blue skies

across a flat sea we arrived in the beautiful bay on Beaufort Island's southwestern shore. A common initial thought shared as we ate lunch onboard before setting off was "That's not a very big beach, is it?" However, views can be deceptive from a boat as once we'd landed we found it was quite large with much rubbish to clear.

Maggie marshalled her troops well and all got on with their allotted task. The beach began to look like a cross between a recycling plant and a bric-a-brac stall! Soon it was lined with rows of plastic bottles, bundles of ropes and fishing nets, piles and piles of polystyrene and all manner of miscellaneous "stuff" that included a five-foot long plastic fender, a toilet seat complete with lid, a whale's vertebrae and empty propane gas canisters. All of it had to be sorted, counted, photographed and weighed.


Fresh troops

By 2:30 pm the ABC team had nearly completed collection of the scientific and ecological data, and we all began the clean-up proper. Just as we were beginning to feel a bit weary and tired under the hot sun, the cavalry arrived in the form of our dinghy sailing instructor, Kevin Lewis, with a team of fresh troops.

These much younger volunteers had sailed in the club's dinghies from MI and were now ashore helping out with the rubbish collection. Their presence and contributions were very well-received.

The journey home

In spite of all the rubbish bags supplied by WWF plus about the same number of extras supplied by the ABC's Stephen Ng, we ran out!!! The beach looked much cleaner for our efforts and so we piled all our booty up on one side of the beach high above the high-tide line to await collection the next day by Government services. Then we all returned to the junk for a restful return trip to ABC with a few iced green teas courtesy of Philippe and the Club.

I would like to thank all those who turned out on the day. Many expressed appreciation and gratitude for the chance to become involved in such a worthwhile cause. I believe it was a great core activity for our Club and that we could do more. Major thanks go to Maggie and Patrick and their WWF assistants whose professional organisation of us certainly eased my burden as team leader. I hope we repeat this success in our follow-up clean-up of Beaufort in some six months. To see more photos of the effort, please check out the ABC website's Gallery page. 



Dinghy Sailors Pitch In

By Kevin Lewis

Dinghy sailors were keen to support the beach clean-up, so 12 members met at the ABC at 8 am to rig their boats and sail upwind to Beaufort Island in the expected light airs.

It took the five Laser 2000s and one RS500 around four hours to arrive at the beach, time that included a little towing off Stanley as the breeze faded. We arrived shortly before our target time of 2 pm, to be greeted with good news: a whole lot of food was left over on the club junk for us to eat before the clean-up!

As we did not have the luxury of engines to get home, and I insisted we sail the *whole way* back, time on the beach was limited. After a briefing from Coastal Watch's Maggie Kwok, everyone got to work. Even after the earlier volunteer's efforts, it was amazing how much flotsam and jetsam were still on the beach to be collected. Separate teams collected various categories of rubbish, noting assessments and analyses.

The two-hour sail home was downwind all the way, allowing all to hoist their gennakers, including two new sponsored "FH" Fragrant Harbour sails. We arrived back at Middle Island at 6 pm. It was a long day, but a great sail and a worthwhile trip.

Thanks to Wayne Robinson for getting ABC involved in the Coastal Watch project, thanks to Maggie Kwok at the World Wild Fund's Coastal Watch for organising the day, and thanks to the other members who kindly left us some lunch! And a special thank you to David at Fragrant Harbour for the sponsored sails – I am sure you will be seeing more of them in future.

The Coastal Watch Project

By Maggie Kwok, World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong

Two years have passed since the 2012 plastic pellet spill disaster, yet marine litter remains an ongoing problem for Hong Kong.

While the plastic pellet disaster led thousands of volunteers to take large-scale collaborative action, marine debris of all shapes and sizes continues to cover our shorelines, and the pellets are still easily found on beaches across Hong Kong.

To address the problem, in June WWF-Hong Kong launched a large-scale ecological/marine litter survey and coastal clean-up programme called Coastal Watch. This programme aims to educate, conserve and raise awareness within the general public to cherish our marine ecology and actively keep it clean.

Over 800 volunteers have already taken action at Coastal Watch's sites "adopted" across Hong Kong.

Through ecological and marine litter surveys, the Coastal Watch team hopes to trace back marine litter to its source, in order to assess its true impact on Hong Kong's coastal environment. After the completion of site work, we will then analyse our data and pass the results to the appropriate government sectors, with the aim of establishing long-term marine-conservation strategies.

Ms. Wing Ng, a volunteer for the Coastal Watch project, said, "I never thought that materials as tiny as plastic pellets and metal wires could have such dramatic impacts on our marine ecology. This project made me realise that we only need to think a little more and do a little more to ease the marine pollution problem."

In addition to volunteering for the ABC's clean-up project on Beaufort Island, if you find any coastal areas affected by marine



Cleaning up the 2012 plastic pellet disaster

litter, you can also make photo records and send them to coastalwatch@wwf.org.hk. Make sure to tell us when and where you took the photo, and what you found there. Coastal Watch will use your information to create an online coastal map pinpointing the marine litter black spots in Hong Kong for further actions.



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	HK\$ (Member)	HK\$ (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 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

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)



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

Part A (Master)

Dates: 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: 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
(Please book your exams earlier; the suggested date is 6 – 8 weeks after attending the first part of the course.)
Exam application form: <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf>
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Marine Dept.: 3/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses

Application form

Part A (Master)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s) _____

Account number: _____ Telephone: (Mobile) _____ (Office) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enroll me on the course for Part A (Masters) to be held 7 pm – 10:15 pm

() 3, 6, 7 November 2014 Monday, Thursday & Friday

Please debit my account by \$1,500.

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Mailing address: 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Signature

Date

Part B (Engineer)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s) _____

Account number: _____ Telephone: (Mobile) _____ (Office) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enroll me on the course for Part B (Engineer) to be held at 7 pm to 10:15 pm.

() 10, 11, 12 November 2014 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Please debit my account by \$1,500.

Non-members, please include a cheque with \$1,800, payable to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.

Mailing address: 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Signature

Date

The Optimist “Green Fleet” Hong Kong Race Week 2015

By Peter Davies, Chairman Hong Kong Race Week Committee, photos by Arnaud Gillard



The Hong Kong Sailing Federation (HKSF), together with The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), will host Hong Kong Race Week 2015, to be sailed out of the RHKYC's Middle Island facility from 14-18 February, just before Chinese New Year.

Created in 2014 by the RHKYC as a main youth-sailing fixture featuring the Asian Games, Olympic, Para Olympic and ISAF classes, the 2015 event will be enlarged to add a leg of the Asian Youth Cup, bringing top youth sailors from around the region to Hong Kong. Organisers expect a very competitive event with 250 sailors in the following classes:

- Optimist
- Laser 4.7
- Laser Radial
- 29er
- 420
- Hobie 16
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But it's not just about the Olympic classes! Hong Kong Race Week also features the Optimist Green Fleet, with the motto "where racing starts."

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The Optimist Green Fleet is designed to offer less-experienced sailors real fleet racing in a training-focused environment. Any sailor over the age of nine who has completed a minimum of Optimist Step 4 is eligible to apply to join the Optimist Green Fleet, pending approval and the availability of a boat to use racing.

Please note each younger sailor should have a parent volunteer with them to assist with rigging and de-rigging. Please contact dinghy sailing manager Kevin Lewis at the ABC if you are interested at dinghysailing@abclubhk.com

If you wish to join the HKRW from outside Hong Kong, please contact Eileen Sze below to enquire about eligibility and boat charter.

The official notice of race, entry form and other information are available on www.hongkongraceweek.com. For more information, please contact the RHKYC youth sailing office at sailtrain@rhkyc.org.hk or contact Eileen Sze at info@hongkongraceweek.com



Club news

DISCOVERY BAY YACHT CLUB Discovery Bay Marina Club, Discovery Bay, Lantau Island, Hong Kong.

Philippe De Manny
General Manager
Aberdeen Boat Club
Aberdeen
Hong Kong



29th September 2014

Middle Island Regatta 2014

Dear Philippe,

Our Regatta this year enjoyed fabulous sunny weather with winds varying from 5-10 knots, with a dramatically shortened course from west of Lamma Power Station to South Lamma on both days. So we did manage to get in two fun and competitive races with very pleasant sailing on calm seas and with fairly constant gentle SW breeze.

We had a strong showing of 20 boats for both races which included the DBYC leg of the CDA Championship in Race 1, to ABC Middle Island and a captivating pursuit race back to Discovery Bay in Race 2.

Our participants thoroughly enjoyed the racing and the social events and everyone greatly appreciated being able to share the excellent facilities you have at Middle Island with your members. The "Parisienne Bistro Buffet" party was a huge success and generated considerable praise for the wonderful French Cuisine. There was much debate about the various dishes but a unanimous congratulations to your Chef and staff for the best MiR Buffet we have had.

The DBYC Committee thanks you, Alex and your staff for another excellent visit to Middle Island. The fine level of hospitality that we enjoy when we visit ABC every year makes this one of the most popular events in our sailing calendar.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Discovery Bay Yacht Club.

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St John Cameron

DBYC Rear-Commodore & MiR Race Officer

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