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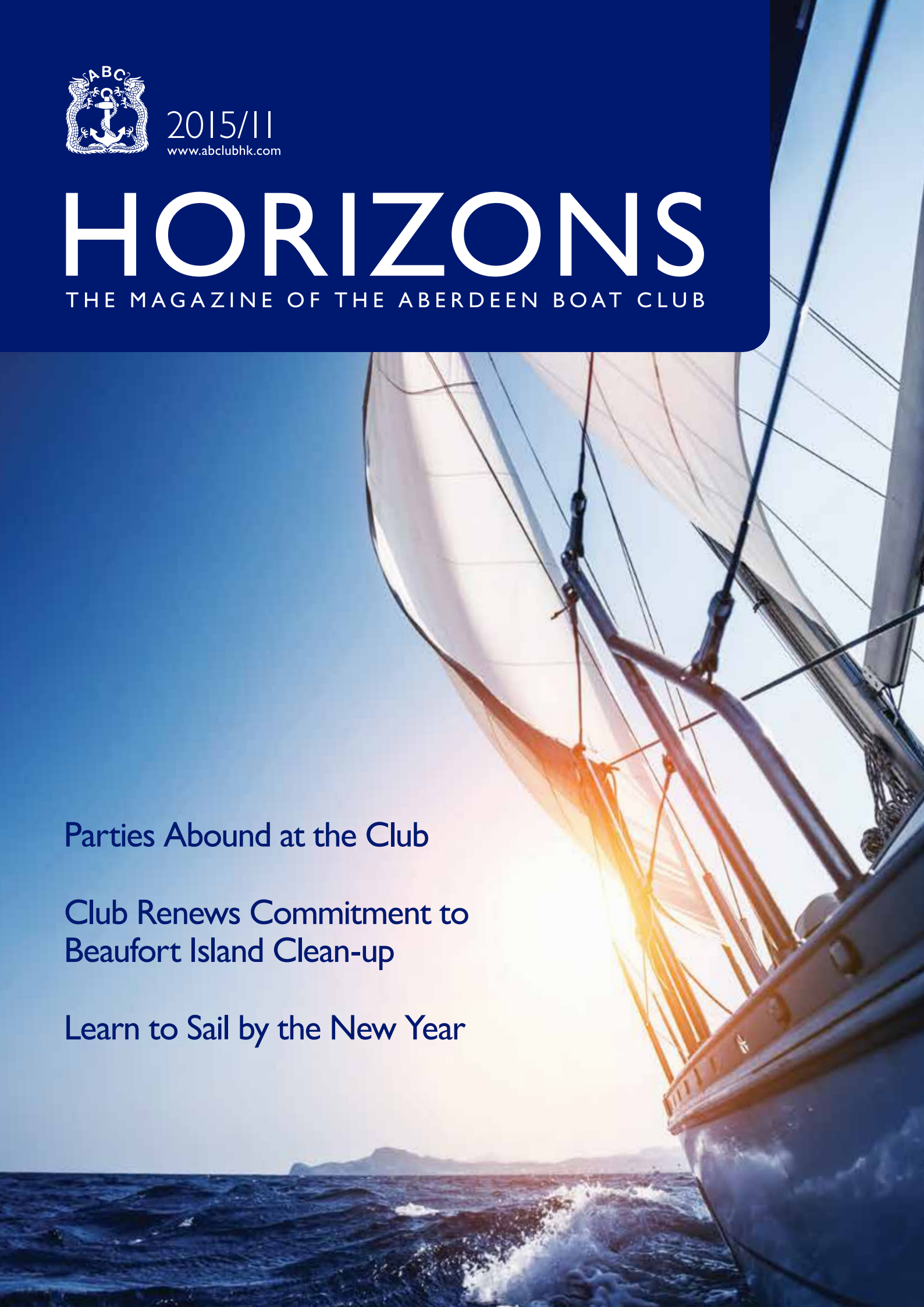
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Commodore's Letter

On 9 October, members wished a fond farewell to Lau Wai Kee (Ah Kee) – our longest-serving staff member – after his dedicated service to the Club over 42 years, as barman, coxswain, driver, instructor and finally ABC marine manager. Ah Kee's friendly and efficient manner was welcomed by all members, young and older, over decades, and we wish him a long and happy retirement. We will, however, continue to see him around the Club, as he was earlier made an honorary member. Ah Kee also will be available to carry out some training from time to time.

The Membership Committee has been looking at the issue of relatively lower proportions of younger members

out of our overall membership. We already have some provisions to encourage an increase in our younger numbers through classes of sailors, such as cadet, young associate and indeed legacy memberships, and some fine-tuning of these is being considered.

All should have received notice of our AGM on Monday, 30 November, 2015. You are all welcomed and encouraged to attend. Nominations to the General Committee are due to be submitted by Monday, 2 November.

Enjoy this fine sailing weather. See you around the Club or on the water.

John Berry
Commodore



Flag Officer's Report

At this time of the year, the Club's booklet of "Reports and Financial Statements Year Ended 30 June 2015" will be delivered to you. Along with the Flag Officer reports, this booklet includes the most detailed financial statements generally provided to members. Here are some insights into the numbers.

Overall revenue is up by four percent in the year to 30 June 2015 over the prior year to 30 June 2014, due to a rise in monthly subscription income. Revenue from the Club's everyday activities is consistent with prior years – some up a little (restaurant sales and mooring income), and some down a little (bar sales and miscellaneous income).

Total expenses are up by eight percent over the prior year, influenced by salary increases, up by nine percent (staff costs are 70 percent of total expenses). Staff costs are up due to a small rise in staff numbers to serve the increased

number of members and an increase in benefits to retain our staff. Our next largest expense was utilities, at seven percent of total expenses.

After cash expenses and adjusting for changes in working capital, the Club generated an increase in cash between 2014 and 2015 of \$7.6 million. This was spent on Middle Island redevelopment (\$3.5m, including the provision of lease-mandated direct mains electricity), *Shun Fung* (\$3.2m), a new engine for *Sing Fung* (\$375k), two new Ribcraft RIBs (\$334k), repairs to the car park (\$322k), and "back-of-house" renovations to the staff canteen, changing and laundry rooms (\$318k). For a small expense, we also set up our own weather station at Middle Island that can be viewed from the website. At the end of June 2015, there was a net reduction in cash of \$1.9m.

Our aim is to ensure that operating income covers operating costs, leaving new member entrance fees in their



various forms to cover major repairs, depreciation and additional assets. In the financial year to end June 2015, the Club just achieved this with a net operating surplus of \$57,000, and while this was down on the prior year of just over \$1m, the challenge for the current year is to be comfortably above operating income and expenses break-even.

Matthew Johnson
Honorary Treasurer

Waglan

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8 NOVEMBER

22 NOVEMBER

13 DECEMBER

2016

10 JANUARY

21 FEBRUARY

13 MARCH



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General Manager's Letter

Two Captain's table events

After a good start in September with our first guest speaker, diesel duck boat designer and author George Buehler, I am pleased to announce that November evenings will feature more maritime celebrities coming to the Club.

Cameron Dueck, our second speaker, will showcase his book and movie "*The New Northwest Passage*" on 20 November, taking a look at the front line of climate change. This event will be a stand-up cocktail in the Waglan bar followed by a Q&A session. The action: four guys sail a small yacht through the icy Canadian Arctic where they witness the clash between traditional Inuit culture and the reality of modern Arctic life in a time of climate change. The Northwest Passage is going through massive changes – physical, political, economic and social – and much of this upheaval is related to climate change. "*The New Northwest Passage*" documents the adventure of exploring this rarely seen land and follows the crew as they discover the new reality of life in the Arctic. Book now through genman@abclubhk.com

IRC Talk with Mike Urwin

Mike Urwin will soon visit Hong Kong in his role as a technical consultant for IRC. His long history with IRC and intimate knowledge of the rating rule itself means he is well-versed, indeed steeped, in all aspects of it.

On 5 November from 7 pm, the ABC will host a stand-up cocktail and presentation at the Patio, with questioning from the floor that will no doubt make it more interesting for all. Booking with info@abclubhk.com

Separately, the ABC wishes to alert members to a forum that Mike also intends to hold. This event will be open to all with an interest in rating systems (not just boat owners with IRC ratings) but owners in general, crew, race administrators, competitors or organisers. Mike will not proffer a long and droning history of IRC; he will address any

particular questions people may have, positive or negative! Questions might be why does one boat win and not another, should we race more mixed courses or windward/leeward, for example. Whatever you choose to air at this forum, Mike will seek to answer factually. Please register interest to attend this event through irc@sailing.org.hk Please note any specific questions to pass to Mike so he has time to prepare. Of course people may still ask unregistered questions on the night, but Mike may have to limit his answers to fewer details.

Golf activities

The ABC Golf Society is proud to join the WAGS (Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society) charity tournament in favour of our supported association Sailability Hong Kong, which facilitates sailing for handicapped people in Hong Kong. The golf game is planned on 27 November at Kau Sai Chau East as a Texas scramble with a shotgun start. The entry fee includes breakfast and dinner. Registration from 8 am, breakfast buffet at 8:30 am, start of competition 11 am. For further information contact me at genman@abclubhk.com

On 20 November our end-of-season regular golf game at Deep Water Bay Golf Club may be in conjunction with the FCC team. As I write this we are still finalising the possibility of a match play. Otherwise, as usual it would be a stableford on handicap, followed by lunch and prize-giving. Details: first tee-off at 9:30 am, Deep Water Bay Golf Club, \$700 fee for 18 holes and a set lunch. Optional: caddie fee of \$180 for 18 holes. Drinks will be charged on consumption basis. For enquiries, e-mail gmpa@abclubhk.com.

Two new food and beverage concepts

The Galley: Results of the summer survey have indicated there are over 50 dishes that members would like to see on the menu. Obviously, we cannot introduce them all at once but will do so on a regular basis over the coming year.

Also, as demand for variety has



continued to rise over the years, our coffee shop menu has become bigger than the Bible and really stresses our resources and consistency. We must reduce the size of the menu. Reasons for this are plenty but the main ones are efficiency of production, running costs and inventory and fridge space. All three are part of an overall menu engineering project review begun in October.

In order to continue to give our members a wide range of menu options and also reduce production burdens, with the November menu, Alok and I shall introduce a new frequency of menu. Instead of revamping more than 160 items every three months, we will rotate two menus of 110 items, every month, for a period of six months. This will give you more choice, reduce the kitchen's stock and, we believe, improve consistency.

I have analysed bestselling items over a period of four years and identified 80 of the top-selling items. I have added 30 new menu items to that backbone of members' favourites. As our actions are based on analysis of data from members' survey responses we should be moving close to meeting requests.

Middle Island

Middle Island's location means food storage options are limited yet we hear requests for more choice of items for the barbecue grills. At the same time, with improvement to our facilities temporarily on hold (*we await government approvals*

for beautification efforts only, not the large development) we introduce a new meat and fish delivery service from the main Clubhouse to Middle Island.

The next time you wish to have a barbecue on Middle Island and desire more grilling choices, you may order from the coffee shop before you leave on the ferry. Once you place your order we will prepare the delivery pack and send it to Middle Island using our regular ferry service. Please keep in mind that from the time you order and the time the food arrives it could take over 30 minutes, leaving you time to get your fire going and enjoy some beverages, alcoholic or otherwise. Another option is to place your order with our Food and Beverage Manager Alok Kumar the day before, if you can organise your weekend in advance. As ever, you may order items for the grill from the Middle Island counter.

House and building news

Generally, members' response to the Waglan bar refurbishment has been very positive. The bar is already proving a popular success, with only furniture and layout yet to finalise. This will be done next year with a new budget.

Staff response to the new bar is very positive indeed. "The interior is much more spacious than the old bar," said ABC Senior Captain Harry Lee. "There is much more space to serve members, and we do not miss the old overcrowded storeroom, because all the drinks we need are at hand in the bar's two new long fridges."

Lastly, let me direct members to see items for sale in the ABC Club shop, featured on page 23.

Philippe de Manny

General Manager

St Baldrick's Day

On Saturday, 17 October, the ABC hosted a fundraising event on Middle Island to aid the St Baldrick's Foundation, which funds research to combat childhood cancers. Showing solidarity with children under medical treatment, a number of ABC members and staff agreed to have their heads shorn of hair. The ABC raised \$147,000 at the 2015 event.



Welcome new members

June

Hayden Briscoe
Scott Clotworthy
Audrey Chazerand
Stephen Tang
John Kingsbury
Stuart Henwood
Lai Ah Ming, Leon

July

Chu Yuen Ching, Cecelia
Choi Sung Fung, Norman
Ip Wai Ki, Michael
Michael Evans
Zhao Wen Bo
Ian McKerrow

August

Robert Youill
Rob Daniel
Rico King Yin, Liu
Liu Cheuk Yin, Joe
Sharon Lamport
James Rickward
Tang Yu Chi Alfred
Ruben Japp
Molly Highfield
Tony Mitchell
Mak Wing Yin, Tony
Edward Ng

September

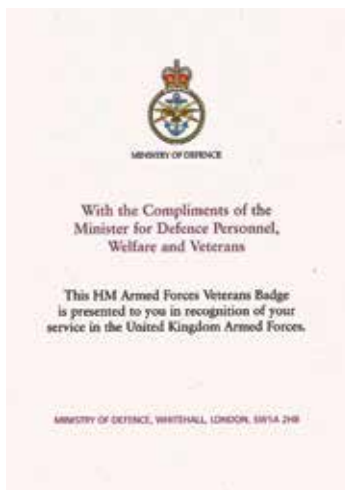
Poon Chun Kei
Bruce Alter
James Fortier
Nicolas Brindjonc
Stephane Bulle
Malcolm Johnston
Sonny Lee
Joanna Plumbly
Justin Yeung
Sean Hahne
Man Chun Sing, Matthew
Chau Henry Gee Hung
Chung Albert Yun Kin
Lo Chak Bong, Alfred



Harry Lee Receives Award for Service in Her Majesty's Armed Forces



R.F.A. Sir Percivale, Harry's first ship, passing under the Tower of London



Harry with Brigadier Nigel Noble, Superintendent of the Hong Kong Sea School, 1982

ABC Food and Beverage Senior Captain Harry Lee Kai Wing, who has been with the ABC nearly 27 years, has been awarded the veteran's badge of the British Ministry of Defense for his service in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The enamelled design, featuring the motifs of an anchor, crossed swords and eagle, respectively signifying the British Navy, Army and Air Force, is intended to encourage a sense of unity and community amongst veterans. The badge also allows the wider public to identify veterans.

The badge Harry earned is engraved with his service number during his service in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service from 1983 to 1987.

Harry was selected into the RFA after extensive background checks and after passing out of the Hong Kong Sea School in July 1982. At the age of 15, Harry began a two-year course at the Sea School in Tai Tam, where, he recalled, training was "very hard, very physical, with very long days."

Once accepted into the RFA in 1983, Harry was assigned to the RFA *Sir Percivale*, a landing craft that carried explosives and also served as a training ship for the British Army. (The *Sir Percivale* had been the first ship to sail into the Falkland Islands' Stanley Harbour after the Argentinean surrender in June 1982.)

During his service as a steward on RFA *Sir Percivale*, Harry travelled with the ship during its exercises at various NATO ports in Belgium and Germany.

In the summer of 1985, Harry was assigned to RFA *Plumleaf*, which accompanied the Queen on her October 1985 visit to Belize. Whilst on the *Plumleaf*, Harry also visited the Bahamas and Barbados and other South American ports, as well as the American states of Florida and Texas, and Puerto Rico, Singapore and Taiwan.

The RFA trained Harry in First Aid, which he later used in Hong Kong whilst working with the St John's Ambulance Service from 1987-1989.

Harry joined the ABC on 18 February, 1989, as a junior waiter. Harry recalls

that whilst the Lunar New Year Festival had just ended, a number of members presented him with lai see. One couple, surnamed Tsang, was especially kind, asking him his name and making him feel very welcome on his first day in a new job and organisation.

Harry Lee is a member of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (the Volunteers) Association as well as the Hong Kong Sea School Old Boys Association. H





November F&B Promotions

Throughout the month, the Galley will offer you Indian delicacies, including Dal Wada, Achari chicken roll, Lamb Rada, Chicken Taka Tak, Prawn Lazeez, Vegetable Thoran, Aloo Naan and Rabri.

In the Four Peaks restaurant, throughout November, the ABC Oyster Fest offers fresh oysters, oyster chowder, baked oysters and oyster and crabmeat risotto.

Looking ahead, a Christmas menu will be on offer in both restaurants throughout the month of December.

Featured wine from France

Louis Michel Petit Chablis
(Chardonnay) 2013

By the glass \$65, by the bottle \$330

Loron Fleurie Château de Fleurie
(Gamay) 2013

By the glass \$60, by the bottle \$290

Featured beer from the United Kingdom

Fuller's Frontier Craft Beer
By the bottle \$35

Featured cocktails

Ginger Herb Tea

Hot lemongrass and ginger tea with a large spoonful of lemon ginger honey, \$45

Winter Punch

Vodka, Orange Muscat, Korean citrus puree, passion fruit and star fruit mix, and fresh lime with a splash of soda, \$58 (alcoholic) and \$40 (non-alcoholic)

Apple and Pear Spritzer

White wine and Calvados, fresh apple and pear juice with a splash of soda water, \$55

November Events

Maison Champy Burgundy Wine Dinner

Four Peaks, Friday, 6 November
7 pm onward

You will be welcomed with a glass of wine and canapés. A four-course meal will follow, paired with exclusive Burgundy wines.
Adults \$399

Diwali Buffet

The Patio Friday, 13 November
6:30-9:30 pm

The ABC will host a celebration for the Indian New Year festival.

Adults \$240 (including a glass of sparkling wine), concessionary price for members over age 65, \$190
Children (aged 3-12) \$140 (including a soft drink)

Japanese Buffet

The Patio, Friday, 20 November
6:30-9:30 pm

Adults \$288 (including fruit beers), concessionary price for members over age 65, \$248 (including a glass of sake)

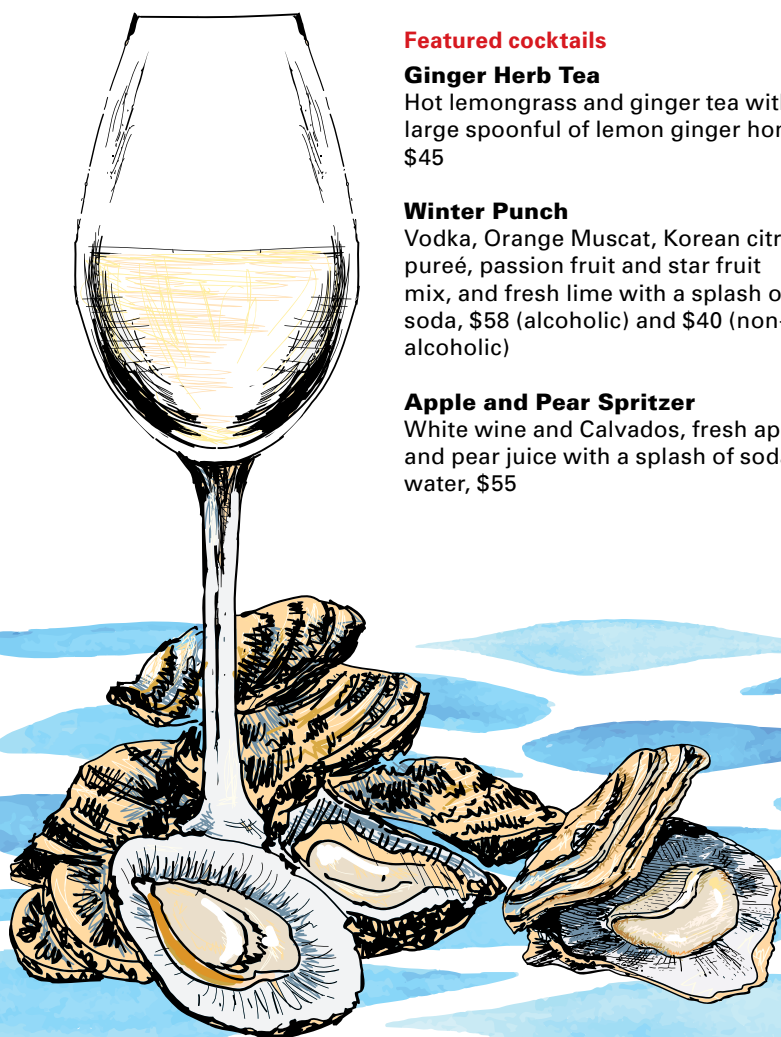
Children (aged 3-12) \$188 (including a soft drink)

Thanksgiving Buffet with free wine tasting

The Galley and Patio
Thursday, 26 November
6:30-9:30 pm

Adults \$248, concessionary price for members over age 65 \$208
Children \$148 (including a soft drink)

To reserve for your family and friends, call Reception at 25528182 or email booking@abclubhk.com





Home Wine Delivery November 2015

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
WHITE			
Champy Chablis 2013, Chablis, France Opening with notes of concentrated milk, acacia flowers and liquorice. In the mouth, sea breeze aromas lead to a warm finish with jam and peach, cooked apples and fruit tart.	\$245		
Champy Bourgogne Chardonnay 2013, Burgundy, France Medium lemon, with a rich character that adds to the fruitiness essences such as lemon and citrus. It has a strongly creamy texture. Medium finish.	\$198		
Champy Pernand-Vergelesses Blanc 2013, Burgundy, France A very pale lemon with fresh grapefruit and lime blossom on the nose. The refreshingly acidity is perfectly complemented by persistent, sweet kiwi fruit and is buttery on the palate. Long finish.	\$350		
Champy Meursault 2005/2013, Burgundy, France Intensely aromatic and complex on the nose, displaying multi-layered characters of citrus, passion fruit and elderflower, with subtle notes of lime. The palate is smooth and intense with a strong textural component.	\$525		
RED			
Champy Beaune Vieilles Vignes 2008, Burgundy, France Medium purple with aromas of ripe fruit and sour cherries. A hint of sweet spice and very smooth, good concentration on the palate.	\$198		
Champy Beaune Premier Cru Aux Cras 2009, Burgundy, France Medium purple. Intense red berry and floral pastille aromas are complicated by smoky minerals and spices. It offers gently sweet raspberry and cherry flavours with a hint of candied rose. It has silky tannins, with a long finish.	\$588		
Champy Volnay Premier Cru Taillepieds 2007, Burgundy, France Medium purple in colour with hints of spice and red fruit on the nose. The palate is succulent with chocolate and mocha and forest red fruits coming through, allowing hints of toasty French oak to shine through. It exhibits lovely silky tannins and an elegant structure, offering the perfect drink for all occasions. (WS93)	\$588		
Champy Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes 2010, Burgundy, France Medium-ruby in colour with aromas of ripe fruit, cherries and blackcurrant. A hint of spice with good structure on the palate.	\$568		
Total			

**Free Wine Tasting at the Galley and Patio, Thursday,
26 November, 6:30-9:30 pm, at the Thanksgiving buffet.**

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

***Minimum order – 12 bottles and mixed cases are allowed.**

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 post, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department on 2555 6216 or fax, 2873 2945. Free delivery for orders of 12 bottles or above. Please allow three working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability.





Maison Champy Burgundy Wine Dinner, Friday, 6 November

The Four Peaks
7 pm onward

Speaker: Howard Palmes of Maison Champy
You will be welcomed with canapés and a glass of wine from Maison Champy. A four-course meal will follow, paired with Maison Champy's exclusive wines from France's Burgundy region: Champy Bourgogne Signature Chardonnay 2014, Champy St-Aubin Premier Cru Murgers 2010, Champy Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru Blanc 2007, Champy Beaune Premier Cru Champs Pimont 2009, and Champy Vosne-Romanée Les Suchots 2009.

Adults \$399



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



Thanksgiving Buffet with free wine tasting, Thursday, 26 November

The Galley and Patio
6:30-9:30 pm

Enjoy a traditional North American harvest festival with roast turkey and all the trimmings. Free tasting of fine wines from Champy, produced in France's Burgundy region.

Adults \$248, concessionary price for members over age 65 \$208
Children \$148 (including a soft drink)



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ABC Hosts Hawaiian Beach Party

By Wayne Robinson, photos by Wayne Robinson and Stephen Hilton

The day's weather and tides were on our side for this new ABC event. Slightly overcast skies meant it wasn't too hot and a low tide neap tide throughout the day meant plenty of exposed sandy beach for the 35 or so people joining in.

Our specialist hangi chef, Win Kaaka, did a great job once again in preparing this Polynesian-style feast. Win took the preparation of a beach hangi to a whole new level with his Hawaiian luau/hangi "patented" sea-protecting cooker that our general manager promises to use at future ABC functions, so keep an eye out for future Club activities incorporating this.


Some beachgoers might well remember the occasion when Win prepared a hangi on a tiny beach in Sai Kung where the calculated end of cooking time happened to coincide with the time of high tide – nobody had thought to check the tide! Fortunately, Win's timing was perfect, as the hangi was dug out of the sand just as the fringes of the sea began lapping at the cooking area! So with disaster averted, a wonderful Polynesian feast was had by all, then and there.

And so it was too on this occasion, after initial mai tais and margaritas were dispensed with and chased by a quick dip in the cool and clean waters of the sea surrounding Round Island.

A fine feast was had by all at the appropriate time when the food was uncovered (read lid lifted off Win's new hangi cooker), unwrapped and served.

Joints of spiced pork, chicken and beef were roasted to perfection as were the vegetables, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin slices and more. After lunch, everyone either returned to the cool waters of the sea with their preferred tippie, or sunbathed or rested on the fine sandy beach.

ABC ferries were on station throughout the day and provided transport back to the ABC after the event. And so a big thank-you goes to Ah Kee and his ABC marine staff for making this beach visit doable, and *very special thanks* go to Win for providing all those who joined in the event with some wonderful food and a very memorable day.

And so, dear members, do keep a look out in the Club notices and website for word of our next beach event, the Kids' Beach Day, possibly this November or December. It will include a hot dog stand, a sandcastle-building competition, and maybe even a Punch and Judy show and beach activities geared for children. 



by Stephen Hilton



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Hangi chef Win Kaaka, by Stephen Hilton



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2015

December

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Venue : Middle Island

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

This is a selection regatta for the HKSF Youth Squads in the Optimist, Laser 4.7, 420 & 29er dinghy classes.
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Thursday 26, November

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SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Notice of Race and Entry Forms
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Race Management Training

By Kevin Lewis and Chris Pooley

As ABC continues to run more regattas, races and events, we rely more and more on Club volunteers. As a service to our members and to encourage them to get involved and learn more about is required to run races, the Club offers a programme of race management training. This training, which is offered at various levels, is done in cooperation with the Hong Kong Sailing Federation, which is also expanding the range of training offered in Hong Kong as a whole.

To this end, in October we completed our second Protest Management Seminar, following the first such seminar in March. Both were run by Hong Kong National Judge Cathy Delaney and provided free of charge to ABC members. The seminars provided a first-class basic introduction to the issue for those sitting on the Protest Committee and also

sailors attending a hearing. Last month's seminar saw 12 Club members, with 28 participants in total.

As reported in the October issue of *Horizons*, we also offered an ABC-subsidised HKSF Level 1 mark-laying course in August and September. Five ABC members and two staff took part, and, apart from valuable theory and practice, the practical element of extra people (and an HKSF RIB!) during our Opening Regatta helped greatly.

HKSF Level 1 Club Race Officer course 21 November

The HKSF is developing a National scheme for race management, and the ABC has offered to host a six-hour club-level course run by Inge Strompf-Jepsen. This will involve a day of basic theoretical learning, with some practical GPS work. With participants having attended the

initial shore-based day, the HKSF will require participants to attend further practical work to gain HKSF certification. Following successful attendance at three events, a certificate of completion will be offered and individuals will be approved as HKSF club-level Race Officers. The aim of the mentoring process is to ensure that participants gain confidence and have both theoretical and practical training and experience. Furthermore, the club-level course is taught at a basic level, so potential candidates need not worry about undue complexity.

The course will take place on Saturday, 21 November, in two three-hour sessions, and is open to all HKSF members. Copies of the syllabus may be obtained from the ABC Marine Office. Further information and the booking form are available on the HKSF website, www.sailing.org.hk



Quiz: Sailing Knowledge for Skippers

See page 15 for answers

Contributed by the ABC Sailing Committee

1. What is a motoring cone, and why is it displayed?
2. What does the code flag V for Victor (a red diagonal cross on a white background) signify?
3. What causes "prop walk"?
4. What is a "Morse control" on a boat?
5. What seven actions should you consider if fog is approaching?
6. What do these flags spell?



7. What is a nautical mile?
8. At sea, at night, you see a red light over a white light. What does it signify?
9. Force 6 on the Beaufort scale is known as the sailor's gale – how would you recognise the condition by looking at sea or land criteria?
10. What are the names of the holes that are cut to let water run off the deck?

“There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

– Kenneth Grahame





ABC golfers: (L-R) Chris Pooley, Ian McKerrow, Sebastian Hughes, Andy Mundy and David Chan

ABC and Cricket Club Hold First Match in Kau Sai Chau

By Philippe de Manny



The Aberdeen Boat Club and Hong Kong Cricket Club inaugural golf match took place on Friday, 18 September, 2015. After a very early start to the day both teams met at the Kau Sai Chau public golf course for head-to-head competition on the south course.

Six teams from each side participated, with a little bit of help from the ABC to complement the 12 players of the HKCC, due to golf's usual last-minute cancellations. The ABC's David Chan and Philippe de Manny had to play for the opposition. We both apologise for this; trust that we tried our best to not be at our best!

The first tee-off was at 8:24 am, with team one composed of Steve Warwick and James Mackie (ABC) against Greg Paull (HKCC) and David Chan (ABC for HKCC). The battle was fierce until the last holes but HKCC won that one by one up.

The second team teed off at 8:33 am with Brendan Ho and Philip Yu (ABC) against Adrian

Waters (HKCC golf pro) and Philippe de Manny (ABC turncoat for the day). HKCC won two up but only on the last hole, as the flight remained even until the 17th hole. It was then that golf pro Adrian Waters had a birdie on a par four and the ABC traitor parred the 18th, giving a two-up victory to HKCC.

The third team with Ian McKerrow and Sebastian Hughes of ABC also just lost their match in the latter part of the game, two down against the HKCC's Tim Chillington and Neil Orway.

Finally, in the men-only teams, the only win of the day for ABC came from the fifth team, composed of our Rear Commodore of Sailing and Marine Chris Pooley and his son-in-law Andy Mundy, magnificently beating – despite some teeth-grinding on handicap adjustment – Chris Williams of the HKCC and HKCC General Manager Rick Coate.


The fourth and sixth team were mixed teams, with two ABC males against two HKCC ladies. The fourth team, with Halijah Brewster and Ann



Steve Warwick (L) and James Mackie

Coughlan, had a nine-hole victory after the 10th hole, resulting in the overthrow of the team of Tristan Stewart and Stephen Hilton, who claimed to have been distracted by the opposition whilst playing! This was largely compensated by Tristan Stewart winning the longest drive and "most golf" at the same time and the legendary courteous attitude of our ABC sailors.

Last but not least, the ABC's Kelvin Mui and Leo Fung again were defeated by the HKCC's Karmei Morin and Mabel Mak, surely again only due to our chivalrous ways at the ABC. In this last group, note that Mabel Mak won the longest drive for the ladies and Leo Fung the second closest to the pin, therefore all groups had a good day.

The overall result was a thrashing victory of the HKCC against the ABC. Revenge may come soon, maybe at our next ABC Golf Society outing on Friday, November 20, at the Hong Kong Golf Club course at Deep Water Bay. To register, contact Selina Mak at gmsec@abclubhk.com 



Answers: Sailing Knowledge for Skippers

See page 13 for questions

1. The motoring cone is a black triangle pointed downwards that is flown on the front of a yacht to show other boats that the yacht is under power. This is to show that the yacht should be considered as a motor vessel underway under collision regulations.
2. Code flag V is not a distress signal but shows that the vessel requires assistance.
3. "Prop walk" is caused by the propeller when initially put into reverse, pushing the rear of the boat sideward. Prop walk is caused by the waterwheel effect of the propeller, which at its top forces water onto the boat's underside and pushes the back of the boat away until such time as the boat gathers stern way.

If the skipper knows which way the prop walk will affect the boat, he can plan and use this to good effect. To ascertain the direction of the prop walk, put the engine into reverse whilst securely tied alongside and look over the side to see which way the water stream is flowing.

4. A Morse control is the lever that controls the amount of forward or reverse drive on a boat. Normally, there is a central control button to disengage the drive and allow the engine to turn without turning the propeller – larger power boats with twin engines have dual Morse controls to allow control over port and stern engines.
5. If fog is approaching you should consider:
 - a. Checking your current location by taking bearings
 - b. Hoisting the radar deflector/switching on AIS
 - c. Putting on life preservers/life jackets
 - d. Trying to keep out of shipping lanes by heading to shallow water
 - e. Using your fog horn every two minutes
 - f. Using every electrical device to maintain your good position on the chart

6. The flags spell ABC

A = Diver Below

B = I am taking on or discharging Dangerous goods. Protest flag when racing distress.

C = "Affirmative." But when flown below the N flag, which spells "No," this indicates a vessel is in distress as it is showing "Yes" and "No" at the same time.



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7. A nautical mile (NM) is equal to 1 minute of longitude at the Equator, so you can calculate that $60' \times 360 \text{ degrees} = 21,600$ "minutes" at the equator, which means that the circumference of the world is 21,600NM. But against other measures,
 - 1 NM is larger than a statute mile by 1.15 and equal to 6,076 feet
 - 1 NM is 1.852 Km
 - Sailors used to measure speed by knots on the rope and a spinning log but the similar sounds of "knot" and "naut" are purely coincidental
8. A fishing boat that is engaged in fishing other than trawling shows a Red over White light, whilst a trawler would display Green over White lights.
9. Force 6 is a strong breeze of between 22 to 27 knots and can be estimated by:
 - a. At sea – large waves begin to foam, the white foam crests are more extensive everywhere, likely hood of spray,
 - b. On land – large branches in motion, whistling heard in telegraph wires and rigging, umbrellas used with difficulty.
10. The holes that are cut to let water run off the deck are called "scuppers".



Steven Ng (L) with party guests and host Wayne Robinson (holding pan)

Never Mind the Weather, Middle Island Proves Ideal Party Setting

By Wayne Robinson, photos courtesy Myrna Hill

Just a quick note to say ... thanks to Steven Ng and Harry Lee and all the Middle Island staff.

Myrna Hill's party last month was a blast, in spite of the late-afternoon rain.

Our outdoor Rio-themed party looked to be a total washout, but when the rain came, it was far too late to relocate to the Clubhouse, as is the usual back up-plan for Middle Island events.

The food was already on the barbecue grill, being cooked to perfection by the ABC chefs. All the tables were set, ready for our eager guests, and the decorator was just putting the finishing touches to all of her Copacabana Beach décor and embellishments.

But then the heavens opened, pouring late-afternoon rain over us.

ABC House Manager Steven Ng immediately sprang into action.

Within 15 minutes, Steve and his ABC colleagues had erected about six or eight marquee-style tents, moved a few tables and stationed a few big umbrellas in key positions.

The threat of a spoilt evening vanished. Our party went ahead despite the rain.

We had not known the ABC had so many marquees. And even though the place resembled a Bedouin camp rather than the Copacabana scene we'd tried to recreate for our Rio party, Steve and team saved the day. Well done Steve, Harry,

the two chefs and all your colleagues. We had a great night after all.

And a special thank-you has to go to Chef Paul who created a fantastic birthday cake for Myrna.

So all you ABC members considering a party at Middle Island, if you are worried about the weather, just go ahead – Steve's got it covered.

Remember Middle Island is one of Hong Kong's best-kept secrets for a great evening party or other event, day, evening or night. At night, the setting creates fantastic views that make for a great atmosphere.

And it is the great ABC staff who make it all happen.

Thanks, guys. H



Paul's cake for Myrna in all its glory



Wayne (R) with party guests

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Dinghy Sailing at ABC: Get involved!

November: Laser 2000 three-day course

An ideal activity for those who may not have sailed a dinghy for a while and are looking for a refresher on basic rigging and sailing. This course is also suitable for those who have recently completed a beginners' dinghy course. Day 2 introduces the third downwind Gennaker sail. The course runs 15, 21 and 22 November, 2015 – with limited places – so apply soon. Application forms are available on our ABC website under "Course" and "Application Forms."

November: Dinghy – Cruiser Challenge

The third edition of our dinghy versus cruiser sailors' event takes place on Saturday, 28 November. Competitors will sail in Laser 2000s. Sign up via SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

November: Dinghy sailing trip

Scheduled for Sunday, 29 November, this is always a great day out, with (hopefully great weather). The dinghies will join up with the Christmas Pursuit Fiesta event and sail away for lunch, likely to Po Toi Island. This provides a great chance for a social sail and an opportunity for a long sail outside our normal sailing area. The trip is open to adults and teenagers who have existing experience in dinghies. We will use Laser 2000s and RS Fevas. Application forms are available on our website under "Course" and "Application Forms."

Club dinghy racing

The autumn club dinghy racing continues on Saturday, 14 November and Saturday, 19 December. Full details are on our website. www.abclubhk.com/club_dinghy_racing

Remember start time on the water is 1:30 pm, so please be on time!

December: ABC Southside Regatta 2015

The Southside Regatta, the ABC's premier dinghy event, now in its sixth year, takes place on 5 and 6 December. Usually attracting well over 100 entries, this is the one ABC dinghy event not to miss! The Notice of Race and Entry forms are now available on our club website. Hiring of club dinghies is possible, available on a first-come first-served basis, so book your dinghy when you submit your entry.

December: ABC Laser class championships

The annual Laser championships take place on 12 and 13 December. ABC Laser dinghies are available on a first-come first served basis. Please book with Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Event details are available at www.laser.org.hk



Notice of Intent to Treat as Abandoned

Abandoned Property at Middle Island

Words and photo by Kevin Lewis

As part of our continuing clear-up and efforts to maximise available space at Middle Island, we have found a number of windsurfing items at Middle Island. We posted notices on these items last month seeking information to identify the owners.

These items include:


- Bic Windsurf "Jungle" Stand-up Paddle Board
- "Race Bullit" white/pink/orange windsurf board
- "Lightning" windsurf board
- "Spirit 372" windsurf board
- Neil Pryde V8 windsurf sail
- 5.1m pink and yellow windsurf sail

- Tiga yellow and blue windsurf sail
- 7.5m raceboard sail with number HKG 2086
- Neil Pryde 5.7m red and orange windsurf sail

Members may, of course, pay for storage of their equipment at Middle Island, but none of these items are being paid for and no record of the owner is to be found. These boards and the equipment do not appear to have been used in over five years.

Owners are requested to identify themselves to Dinghy Sailing Manager Kevin Lewis without further delay and advise their intent to remove these articles from Club premises by no later than 30 November 2015.



If owners are not identified by that date, the articles will be treated as if they have been abandoned and the Club will dispose of them at its sole discretion, in accord with article 2B of the Club bye-laws. 



Youth Sailing Programme Christmas 2015

Application Deadline Friday, 11 December

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, its 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 now are offered once a year – so don't miss this timely 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 Angela Ho at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com

Please note the application deadline of Friday, 11 December. Early bookings before 1 December will receive a 10-percent discount.

Date and Time	Course	Age	Details/entry requirements	Discounted cost if booked before 1 December (Member / non-member)\$	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
Junior Optimist Courses					
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 1	7 – 11	Entry-level fun sailing for our youngest sailors!	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 3	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 2	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 1	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 3	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 2	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sat 26 – Weds 30 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 1	7 – 11	Entry-level fun sailing for our youngest sailors!	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sat 26 – Weds 30 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 2	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 1	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Sat 26 – Weds 30 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 3	7 – 12	For those who have passed Optimist stage 2	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Youth Courses					
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec	Beginners HKSF Level 1 and 2	12 – 18	Basic entry-level sailing for teenagers	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Tues 22 – Thurs 24 Dec	Three-day Topper Pico Feva Supervised Practice	12 – 18	HSKF L2 or equivalent experience	1,431/2,150	1,590/2,388
Sun 20 – Weds 23 Dec	ABC Introduction to High-Performance Sailing	13 – 18	A four-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	1,908/2,866	2,120/3,184
Sun 20 – Thurs 24 Dec	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 have one season of sailing since.)	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Sun 20 – Mon 21 Dec	RS Feva Gennaker Course	12 – 18	Must have already passed RS Feva Introductory course	954/1,433	1,060/1,592
Sat 26 – Weds 30 Dec	Improver HKSF Level 3	12 – 18	Applicants need to have passed HKSF Level 2 and have a season of sailing since	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Sat 26 – Mon 28 Dec	RS Feva Introductory Course	12 – 18	Hold HKSF level 2	1,431/2,150	1,590/2,388
Tues 29 – Thurs 31 Dec	Laser 1 Introductory Course	12 – Adult	Hold HKSF level 2 or similar experience	1,431/2,150	1,590/2,388

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)

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



The ABC and WWF Coastal Watch

ABC Plans 8 November Clean-up of Beaufort Island



By Wayne Robinson

After repeated enthusiastic turnouts from volunteer ABC members for the WWF Coastal Watch Hong Kong beach 2014-2015 clean-up campaign, the Club has agreed to continue our good work by signing on for a follow-on year for the 2015-2016 campaign.

And so Sunday, 8 November, has been named as the date for the next visit to Beaufort Island beach (now unofficially renamed the ABC's beach).

As it has done before, the ABC will provide a boat, most likely a large junk, to transport the team of volunteers to the beach. The Club also will provide refreshments in the form of light food and drink to the volunteers on board. Gloves will also be provided for the beach waste collection.

For our new members who may not have seen the April and June 2015 *Horizons* articles on this worthwhile cause, or indeed joined in, the Coastal Watch beach clean-up campaign aims to:

- remove marine litter from Hong Kong's various coastal environments,
- survey marine litter to determine its composition and contribute to efforts to trace its sources,
- fill in gaps in existing ecological information by constructing species checklists, and
- engage local fishing communities as well as other marine groups, such as sailing and rowing clubs in locating and removing marine litter in Hong Kong waters.

Each of the WWF's groups of volunteers selects a particular beach for which to be responsible, or a group may be assigned one by WWF. In the ABC's case, we were given Beaufort Island.

The WWF's Coastal Watch project spans a two-year period and requires the volunteer team to make one visit to the beach per year during the "dry" season and one visit per year during the "wet" season.

The day's timing

Please watch for email blasts from the Club with exact details. For now, plan on being at the Main Clubhouse on Sunday, 8 November, before the ABC boat departs for Middle Island around 10-10:30 am.


At Middle Island, volunteers will be given a short introduction to the project by a WWF-appointed team scientist who will use slides to talk about the project and provide simple training on methods of data collection. After that, we all board the boat and set off for Beaufort Island. There, we will be divided into small groups, with each group given a particular task – ecological study or general clean-up. The scientific officer will guide all clean-up volunteers in the methods required for the project.

It's a great day out for the family as everyone gets involved. On our 8 November visit, we hope to complete all aspects of the beach clean-up and the ecological study, so that we have the option of moving over to Po Toi for a seafood lunch, depending on the wishes of the volunteers. The ABC boat will return everyone back to the Main Clubhouse around 5:30 – again, to be confirmed in emails from the Club.

The last two trips by ABC members have been very popular and very well-received – ABC members have been enthusiastic about both the clean-up and the ecological study that is part of the WWF Coastal Watch programme.



If you would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile and fun event, please reserve a space (or spaces) on the boat in advance. To register, please email the GM's personal assistant Selina Mak at gmpa@abclubhk.com

For more information on this campaign, its supporters and major sponsors see the WWF project website: <http://coastalwatch.hk/home-en/> 



Race Preview

Saturday, 28 November The ABC's Third Annual Dinghy-Cruiser Challenge

By Diana Bruce

Once again the ABC dinghy section is throwing down the gauntlet to challenge the ABC cruiser section to a sailing "duel" on the high seas. The "rules" have yet to be confirmed, but I'm sure rule number one will be "no rules will apply."

This challenge has been running for the past two years, and so far the score is 2-0 to the dinghies. Maybe for the cruiser guys, the 2015 competition will be "third time lucky" but no doubt the dinghy sailors will be doing their best to defend their title.


We will sail in Laser 2000s, so it will be a helm-and-crew event, and three races will be sailed in the Repulse Bay area starting at 1:30 pm.

In the first year of "the Challenge," the dinghy section won convincingly, but in the second year the cruiser section fielded a better (more wily?) team and only narrowly lost to the dinghy section.

Both dinghies and cruisers will be looking for team members, and anybody who would just like to come along and watch this extraordinary sight is more than welcome. The club will look to

provide a boat for spectators to watch the exciting racing so even if you do not want to sail a dinghy you can take part and spur on your team or sailors. Cheering and jeering will be encouraged, and coaching suggestions or racing tips will be much appreciated.

Following the racing all can retire to Middle Island for refreshments, food and prize-giving whilst reliving the event and action.

Email us through Angela at sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com and sign up for your team! 



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