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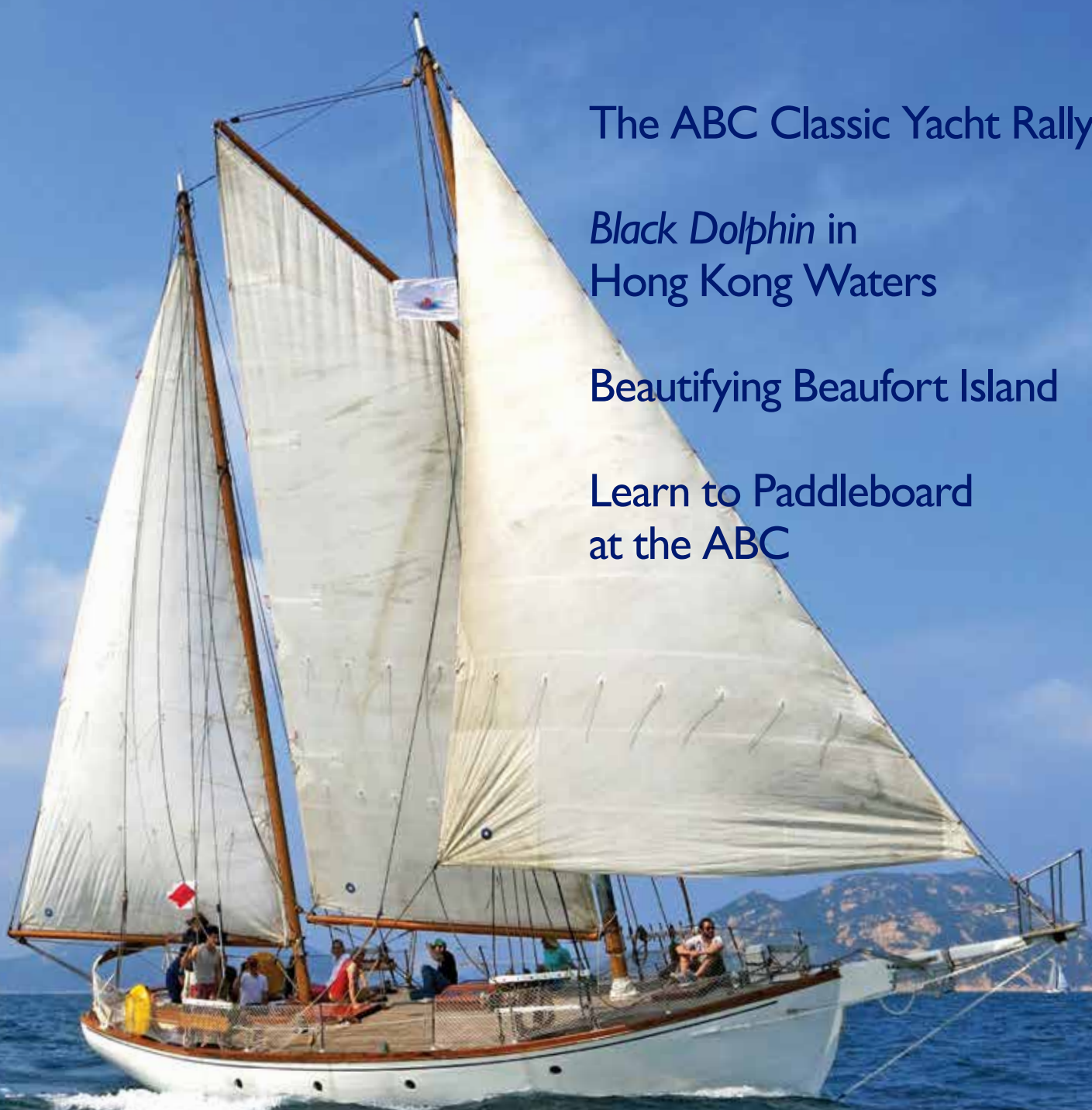
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*Cover photo by Kevin Lewis:*

*Black Dolphin*, winner of the antique boat trophy, sailing in the Classic Yacht Rally, April 2015.

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## Commodore's Letter

By the time you receive this, ABC Summer Series Race 2 will have been sailed. Thanks go to Simpson Marine, which now also supports the Club in this series.

I am pleased to welcome Mr Alex Johnston, who will join the Club as marine services manager from July. Alex will cover the management of races, regattas and related events, training and instruction, moorings, marine services and maintenance.

The ABC sees this appointment as strengthening our Club's sailing and marine services to reflect the needs and potential of our growing cruiser and dinghy racing and training and our increasing Club fleet. With Ah Kee retiring later in the year, Alex will work with our present marine, instruction and coaching teams and support staff to build on the existing level of our services to our members.

The Club has created specific email addresses for Club officers to aid members' direct communication, not



least when office-bearers change. They are: commodore@abclubhk.com (John Berry), vicecommodore@abclubhk.com (Mark Clift), rearcommodore.house@abclubhk.com (Richard Walker), rearcommodore.sailing@abclubhk.com (Chris Pooley), treasurer@abclubhk.com (Matthew Johnson), and honsec@abclubhk.com (Nicholas Horvath).

Looking forward to seeing you on the water in the Summer Series (both cruiser and dinghy series) and around the Club.

**John Berry**  
Commodore

Alex Johnston, new ABC marine services manager, was born and raised in Edinburgh and the Scottish borders. After an O-type engagement in the British Army, Alex studied for a Marine and Business degree in the U.S. A career as a commercial hard hat deep-sea diver followed in both the U.S. and U.K. before he moved into the yachting industry in the mid-'90s.

Over the last 20 years, Alex's many sailing and marine activities have included work on superyachts (power and sail in the Mediterranean and Caribbean), serving as a skipper and trainer for the Challenge Business International Trans-Atlantic Race for Sir Chay Blythe, and taking a boat to Antarctica. For the last 10 years Alex ran sailing and racing for the RHKYC. Alex is very much looking forward to his new role and to meeting all ABC members around the Club.



## Flag Officer's Report

June – possibly stretched by a week ahead and astern – will see two welcome arrivals at the Club: a new marine manager (see notes above) and the new committee boat.

The new ABC committee boat, intended for a versatile role, will be with us sooner than expected, beating ABC's news of the winning name and possibly also this issue! More to follow in e-newsletters and *Horizons*.

Following the Classic Yacht Rally – well-supported and as usual greatly enjoyed in a spirit of fun – Club sailors are poised for summer events (you will see more on the calendar this year than last). The expanded Restaurant Series, now seven races, starts 17 May. We thank series sponsor Simpson Marine for its generous support and recognition of this increasingly popular event.

The dinghy section sees an exciting summer ahead with a round of regattas in Europe. So far, a week in Kiel has been confirmed for the 29ers. Dinghies in particular should benefit from the Hong Kong Sports Institute's recent award of an elite sport accolade to sailing. Instructor John Wood has left for the U.S. with our gratitude for his contributions. We welcome his replacement, Akira Sakai, and wish him every success in fostering talent within this active section.

Dragon boating at the Club has been boosted through the strengthening of the contract with the renamed ABC Buzz Dragons, opening the prospect of a new activity afloat for members. See the ABC website for chances to participate in summer races, building on the group's second place in Po Toi on 10 May.



Looking ahead, Sailcom would be pleased to hear from any powerboat owners interested in organising rallies or support craft for future events.

In the meantime, summer awaits: wishing all afloat sparkling seas with foaming icy cold glasses to follow.

**Chris Pooley**  
Rear Commodore – Sailing

# Get Ready for Summertime Typhoons



**T**yphoon season in Hong Kong is from May to October, with most typhoons arriving between mid-July and late September. The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) provides advance warning and tracking of typhoons over a wide-ranging area. It tracks storms that threaten to approach Hong Kong and those whose passage brings less wind but heavy bands of rain and swells.

As per the ABC bye-laws, members within Club premises will be kept informed of tropical storm signals either by the posting of notices or by announcement.

It is the owner's responsibility to secure a boat's mooring and look after its overall safety. ABC reminds all boat owners that ABC staff members are not supposed to board boats to clear decks, and despite ABC helping to check mooring components for safety, owners must secure their own mooring lines.

Therefore you must come to check your boat before the HKO hoists a typhoon signal 3, as the Club will cease sampan service then. Once signal 3 is hoisted, ABC staff will be very busy completing Club safety procedures to secure the entire Club, moorings and

pontoons, steps that begin when a typhoon 1 signal is hoisted.

## **Ground tackle**

Check the condition of your mooring lines, shackles and swivels. In typhoon shelters, boats should put out breast lines and springs to adjacent boats. Remove the anchor and stow it below. Consider adding a second set of mooring lines and taking them aft to primary (the biggest) winches or a different set of cleats, not the mast or standing rigging (shrouds). Anti-chafe hose or other protective material where rope passes over bow rollers and through fairleads or chocks is also a good idea. In the event of a surge all these measures will reduce or prevent damage.

## **On deck**

Look around for all ways to reduce windage on your boat. Lash the helm amidships. Yacht owners should drop booms and lash them on deck. Check that cockpit drains are clear and that any automatic bilge pump is working. Make sure that all hatches are fully closed. Remove binnies, sails, covers and any safety gear and put them below.


Some boats may need ABC staff to help secure them to one another to avoid them bashing against each other during high winds and seas. The trustworthy ABC team has an excellent record for safety under typhoon conditions, having safeguarded boats for 40 years.

## **At home**

In the event of a typhoon forecast, knowing that you are ready, with a good, strong mooring rig and a well-prepared boat may help you rest more easily ... as does making sure that your pleasure vessel licence and your insurance are up-to-date.

## **Club operations during typhoons**

When Typhoon Signal Number 8 is hoisted, Club operations will cease and all members, guests, and staff, with the exception of caretaker staff, will be required to vacate the Club premises.

In the event of members or guests being unable to leave Club premises due to lack of transport or other circumstances, the Club's public rooms will remain open for use but very limited food, drink or service of any kind will be available. 



## General Manager's Letter



Bar design

**Waglan Bar renovation:** As promised, the Waglan bar finally will be renovated. We expect the bar to close towards the end of June, and reopen towards the end of July.

While the bar renovation takes place, to soften the blow, you may enjoy a French café experience with a special menu and summer décor at a new temporary bar in the Four Peaks restaurant. Drinks and food still will be served in Four Peaks, the balcony and the deck.

We hope the totally revamped menu and special promotions during the renovation period will make you forget the inconvenience of the short-term loss of your bar.

The end result will be better and more efficient service, a slightly bigger bar and brand-new equipment to better cool your drinks. The décor will change little, as the design brief stipulated "changing without changes". So, no flashing bar top at night, no art deco satin glasses or ultra-modern bar. Just a refreshed, newer version of the actual Waglan Bar.

**Marine news:** The Summer Race Series has started but as I write this, the first series has yet to happen. Simpson Marine, already the sponsor of the ABC Four Peaks Race, has kindly agreed to also sponsor the Summer Series. More to come in sailing reports over this summer.

I also am pleased to announce that Peroni has signed another one-year product-sponsor agreement with the Club to support our 2016 Waglan Race Series. Peroni also will extend this same support to the 2016 Four Peaks race.

**Mooring:** This month, we start to renew all mooring agreements. Please reply swiftly to our letter and be kind enough to send us all documents required.

The typhoon season has begun. Please visit [www.abclubhk.com/TyphoonReadiness.aspx](http://www.abclubhk.com/TyphoonReadiness.aspx) for the Club's advice to boaters, and also see the typhoon readiness article in this issue of *Horizons*.

**Staff news:** Martin is returning to the ABC! You all will remember Martin Kwong Yu Chun, our coffee shop waiter, who left a year ago. Martin has now decided to come back to his old club; please greet him at the end of June.

We welcome the arrival of Mr. Kwok Ka Kit, who replaces maintenance technician Leung Kin Chung.



Martin Kwong



Kwok Ka Kit



“Enjoy a special menu in the temporary bar in the Four Peaks.”

**Towards a greener Club:** In 2011, I began to write about management actions to become greener, to reduce our environmental impact and to limit our carbon footprint. Since then, while seeking to limit negative effects on members' experiences at the Club, we have begun to curb our impact on Hong Kong's overloaded landfills and polluted waters simply by taking small steps. For example, now all our plastic bags are recycled and biodegradable, and your takeaway paper bags and pizza boxes are made of recycled products.

I encourage you to recycle at the Club using the eco-friendly recycling containers we placed in the lower car park four years ago. Here, you can dispose of aluminum cans, heavy metal, papers, carton boxes, and plastic and glass bottles. More than 80 percent of what is collected is reused in pavement, new boxes or cookery equipment. Whatever does not go to the landfills is a blessing for your children's future.

Lastly, our two working boats, soon to be renamed once the new committee boat arrives, are operating with ZB5 biodiesel fuel that derives from waste oil from our deep fat fryers. As of the end



of April 2015, these two working boats' fuelling has directly benefitted from 76 kg of biodiesel derived from 88 kgs of oil collected from the Club's kitchens. This translates to a net CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of 200 kg, equivalent to the planting of nine trees.

One of our boats now is also using the very new technology of hybrid-hydrogen combustion control.

As much as we are able, we now use eco-friendly products to clean our boats and slipways. Soon we will start to completely change over all of our water taps to the latest generation of water-saving systems, discovered at a recent F&B tradeshow.

All these efforts have reduced our carbon foot print by 30 percent. Trust that the Club will make even greater efforts to be even better in the coming years.

**Rules and regulations:** Recently, I have had reports that some members and guests have brought dogs to Middle Island. Let me remind you all of the ABC's no-animals policy on Middle Island. If Harry approaches you on this

matter, please be cooperative, and take appropriate action.

Also, please be reminded that the Club precludes outside food from being brought onto our premises. This policy will be strictly enforced on Middle Island. I must remind you that violation of this rule is subject to disciplinary action if repeated.

**Bombast and squeal:** No, I did not misspell bubble and squeak. I must ask members not to be irritated at ABC staff who remind members of Club rules. There is no need to get angry at anyone reminding of rules. We seek to approach members and guests with deference and we expect the same in return.

Separately, we see far fewer breaches of rules barring the use of phones, and members' domestic helpers are not to be seen. Many more members now sign in their guests. Thank you for your great support in these areas.

**Philippe de Manny**  
General Manager



### ABC Golf Society Match

19 June, Sky City Golf Club.

Gross score on handicap format.

Please book now with Selina Mak  
at [gmpa@abclubhk.com](mailto:gmpa@abclubhk.com)



## Taittinger Champagne Dinner, Friday, 19 June

The Four Peaks, 7 pm onwards

Enjoy a four-course dinner with a select variety of exclusive Taittinger Champagnes. Speaker: Bonnie Tso of Fine Vintage (Far East) Ltd.



#### Canapés

Taittinger Brut Reserve N.V.  
Crab soufflé with truffle paste  
Taittinger Prestige Rose

\* \* \*

Tomato consommé topped with cheese ravioli  
Taittinger Nocturne (Sec)

\* \* \*

#### Salmon pancetta rolls

On a bed of brown lentils  
Taittinger Brut Vintage 2005

\* \* \*

Pears in Taittinger sauce  
served with clotted cream  
Taittinger Nocturne Rosé (Sec)

\* \* \*



Adults \$499; concessionary price for members over 65, \$459

To reserve for your family and friends, call the Four Peaks on 2553 3422



## June F&B Promotions

Throughout the month, the ABC F&B team will prepare and present Caribbean specialties in the Galley coffee shop and the Waglan Bar.

Also throughout June, the Four Peaks restaurant will offer a variety of dishes featuring fresh lobster from Boston.

### Featured wine from Spain

Marques de Riscal Rueda Verdejo 2104  
Marques de Riscal 1860 Tempranillo 2012  
By the glass, \$48, by the bottle, \$235

### Somersby Cider

By the bottle, \$30

### Featured flavoured iced coffees

(Caramel/ Hazelnut/ Mocha/ Tiramisu)  
\$45 large or \$38 regular

### Featured cocktails

Cucumber Mint Gin Cooler  
Cucumber, fresh mint, Jodhpur gin, soda water  
\$50, \$35 non-alcoholic

### Grapefruit Cooler

Fresh grapefruit, Jodhpur gin, tonic water  
\$50, \$38 non-alcoholic

### Raspberry Peach Gin Fizz

Peach and raspberry purée, peach liqueur,  
Jodhpur gin, soda water  
\$50, \$35 non-alcoholic

## June Events

### Mediterranean Lamb-on-a-Spit evening with free whiskey tasting

The Patio, Friday, 6 June  
6:30-9:30 pm  
With your choice of vegetables, couscous, Greek and garden salads, and a variety of desserts.  
Adults: \$230, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$190  
Children (3-12) \$130  
*To reserve for your family and friends, call the Galley on 2554 9494*

### Ceilidh Evening

Middle Island, Saturday, 13 June  
Experience Scottish dancing and buffet with whiskies  
6:30 pm onwards  
Adults \$329, concessionary price for members over 65 \$289  
children (3-12 year of age) \$189 (including a soft drink)  
*To reserve for your family and friends, call Reception on 2552 8182 or email [info@abclubhk.com](mailto:info@abclubhk.com)*

### Taittinger Champagne Dinner

The Four Peaks, Friday, 19 June  
7 pm onwards  
Enjoy a four-course dinner with variety of exclusive Taittinger Champagnes  
Adults \$499; concessionary price for members over 65 \$459  
*To reserve for your family and friends, call the Four Peaks on 2553 3422*

### Cajun Barbecue Buffet and free wine tasting

The Patio, Saturday, 27 June  
6:30-9:30 pm  
Adults \$230, concessionary price for members over 65 \$190  
Children (3-12) \$119  
*To reserve for your family and friends, call the Galley on 2554 9494*







## Father's Day Buffet, Sunday, 21 June

# Happy FATHER'S Day

The Galley and Patio, 12 noon-3 pm

Includes a gift for all fathers and a glass of wine for all adults.

Salads and starters: spicy seafood salad, Waldorf salad, Thai beef salad, Vietnamese chicken and cabbage salad, Thai vermicelli salad, potato salad, mozzarella and tomato salad, cucumber salad, garden and lettuce salads, pita and dips, cold seafood platter (yabbies, mussels, shrimp, whelk, clams) rock oysters, sashimi, sushi and lobster bisque.

Main courses: baked honey-glazed ham, grilled seafood (squid, prawns, fish), beef ragout, chicken with corn and pepper sauce, crusted lamb chops, salmon with dill cream sauce, sautéed vegetables and lo hon vegetables.

Desserts: fresh fruit, crème caramel, chocolate pudding, cakes, fruit tarts, cheesecake and apple crumble.

Adults \$279 (including a glass of wine), concessionary price for members over 65, \$239, children (3-12) \$179 (including a soft drink).

To reserve for your family and friends, call the Four Peaks on 2553 3422



## Squid Fishing on the ABC Junk, 18 & 30 June

Time: 7 pm sharp to 10 pm

Squid fishing in the evening is fun and entertaining. Bring along the children or a group of friends or make some new friends.

These excursions are run in May and June only. Book quickly as they are very popular. Minimum 20 people; maximum 35 people.

Adults and children \$134.

Order dinner at the Galley coffee shop to bring aboard and enjoy on the junk. Drinks on board billed to account.



To book your place aboard, please call Regienne on 2552 8182 or email [booking@abclubhk.com](mailto:booking@abclubhk.com)





# Home Wine Delivery June 2015

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
<b>Bodega Norton Cosecha Especial NV, Mendoza Valley, Argentina</b> Golden-yellow in colour with subtle greenish notes. Magnificently balanced, with rich ripe fruit aromas mingled with a round body, delicate texture and characteristic hints of yeast and vanilla. Refined and long finish.	\$110		
<b>Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc 2013, Loire Valley, France</b> Very aromatic with pleasant flower and fruit fragrances recalling the flower of the vine and the fruit of the Sauvignon. The palate reveals a freshness and vivacity characteristic of grapes harvested at good maturity.	\$135		
<b>Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling, 2013, Washington State, USA</b> The wine offers crisp apple aromas and flavours with subtle mineral notes. This, our "everyday Riesling," is a pleasure to drink and easy to match with a variety of foods. <i>*90 Points Wine Enthusiast</i>	\$135		
<b>Santa Rita Medalla Real Chardonnay 2013, Chile</b> Bright, greenish-yellow in colour. Its intense and complex bouquet combines mineral and light citrus notes with nectarines and flowers. The palate stands out for its refreshing acidity that balances nicely with the wine's fruitiness, good weight, silky texture, and depth.	\$165		
<b>Nativa Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, Chile</b> Black fruit, cassis, black chocolate and cherries stand out in the nose with a backdrop of balsamic, mint and eucalyptus, typical from Maipo Valley, and delicate mineral and graphite tones. Spiced notes, a solid structure and ripe cherry aromas overlay a tight, firm acidity to give this wine its fine balance. The palate has soft tannins, creating an extraordinary balance that is long and persistent. <i>*Organic Winery</i>	\$145		
<b>Blason d'Aussières Rouge 2012, Domaines de Rothschild, Corbières France</b> Blason d'Aussières is characterised by ripe fruit, fresh flavours and a supple, full-bodied structure that is an excellent representation of the property's terroir. Its aromas evoke the richness of the garrigue. The flavours are often spicy.	\$165		
<b>Michele Chiarlo Barbera D'Asti Superiore Le Orme 2012, Italy</b> Ruby-red colour with violet reflections. The aroma is elegant with fine intensity and hints of red-berried fruit and cherry. On the palate we find a fruity and well-structured, tasty and inviting finish. <i>*90 Points Wine Spectator</i>	\$180		
<b>Kim Crawford Marlborough Pinot Noir 2013, New Zealand</b> Bright fruit aromas of fresh crushed berries, hints of spicy oak, and some forest floor notes. The palate is rich, with red berry flavours providing some nice fruit sweetness.	\$215		
Total			

**Free Wine Tasting at the Galley and Patio, Saturday, 27 June,  
6:30-8:30 pm, at the Cajun barbecue event.**

**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.







## Competition and Celebration: the ABC Classic Yacht Rally 2015

by Stephen Vines and Stephen Davies, photos by Kevin Lewis

The 11th running of the ABC Classic Yacht Rally took place over the weekend of 25-26 April 2015, in very good weather (in fact, far better than predicted by the Observatory) and with widely shared competitive but celebratory spirits.

The ABC would like to thank Jenfaith Group, *Fragrant Harbour*, Wine'n'Things, Edrington, Good Old Boat, Wooden Boat, United Choice Ltd., Bretter

Engineering Co. Ltd., Hong Kong Engineering Co., Ka Wah Shipyards Ltd., Wan Marine Ltd. and Wing Woo Sailmakers. Without the support of these sponsors, it would not be possible to host this showcase race.

The race's Classic division requires boats to be 25 years old or over. In 2015, the two oldest boats were about 70 years old:

<i>Jadalinkir</i>	Nick Colfer	Sloop	1946	69
<i>Black Dolphin</i>	Michael Tepper-Rasmussen	Hugh Angelman A40	1944	71

Other notable Classic sails were as follows:

<i>Xiao Rui</i>	Robert Henry de Haer	Cheoy Lee 33 Ketch	1986	29
<i>Bucephalus</i>	Simon Lynch	Yamaha 33	1980	35
<i>The Farr Side</i>	John Berry	Farr 38	1979	36
<i>Sawadee</i>	Wayne Robinson	Cheoy Lee 35	1978	37
<i>Taka Ano</i>	Bob Aylsworth	Tayana 37	1975	40
<i>Panacea</i>	Douglas Waterston	Pandora International	1974	41
<i>Ragamuffin</i>	Stephen Hilton	Taipan 28	1971	44
<i>Snowgoose II</i>	Michael Lunn	Sparkman & Stephens	1965	50





## Saturday, 25 April

By Stephen Vines

It was a great pleasure to act as race officer for the first day of the 2015 Classic Yacht Regatta on Saturday, 25 April, a beautiful sunny afternoon with about 12 knots of wind blowing from the southeast, forecast to continue.

It looked as though even the heavier classic yachts would enjoy the challenge of a reasonably long course with a short windward mark into Stanley Bay, followed by a broad reach to Chesterman Buoy and a long fetch or beat past Castle Rock and between Beaufort and Po Toi Islands out to the Fury Rocks, followed by a run under spinnaker back into Tai Tam Bay.

Indeed, all but *Xiao Rui* (no doubt due to excessive partying on board) made the cut-off despite the wind dying near Fury Rocks and having the finishing line set in a hole. Only one of the heavier classics retired, the enormous Turkish boat that had the loudest sound system and the largest contingent of dancing girls on board.

Despite starting late due to catching debris around its propeller on the way to the start, *Snowgoose II* managed to overtake many of the others in its division.

In retrospect, it would have been better to set the finish further out of Tai Tam Bay, but at least all the boats finished close to the Hobie beach, where an excellent post-race party was held.

I and my assistant race officer, Ian Dubin, would be happy to do the same next year if asked.

Many thanks to Philippe and his team for all their contributions to ensuring a spectacular Classic Yacht Regatta!







## Sunday, 26 April

By Stephen Davies

Sunday's race conditions were promising but also worrying.

With performance envelopes from *Red Eye*'s slippery sled to the stately classics at the back, race officers Stephen Davies and Elaine Morgan had a problem. The shortest course was too short. The longest too long. But there was no Goldilocks solution with the middle course. A galloping flood to the first, windward mark at Fury Rocks in a gentle force 3 with occasional bursts of 4 didn't look good. But middle course it had to be.

Fingers were crossed and everyone got away cleanly, though Diana and Patrick Bruce, sportingly, delayed getting *Pizzazz* round the windward mark by heading for Fury Rocks and then coming back, just to give the opposition a chance.

The finish was placed out in the wind clear south of Round Island ... but with even *Red Eye* taking nearly an hour to get 'round Fury after the start, would the back-enders manage the loop from Castle Rock around Chesterman and back by the cut-off at 1600 hrs?

*Bucephalus*, leading the classics by a long way, made a shorten-course call almost impossible. General Manager Philippe de Manny, long used to dealing with this problem, was sanguine. "No problem, there's three hours to go ..." And he was right. All but *Xiao Rui* made the cut-off after a day of steady, gentle breezes and glorious sunshine. Even the little Cheoy Lee 29' ketch, just 28 minutes off the pace, made it to Middle Island to join the party. Classic!







## Prizewinners

### Oldest yachts racing:

*Jadalinkir*, skippered by Nick Colfer, with an average crew age of 69. *Black Dolphin*, age 71, but with a much younger crew.

### Spirit of the race:

*Andiamo*, for dressing the boat in all the colours of the rainbow.

### Most colourful crew:

*Taka Ano*, the only real Greek on Tai Tam Bay.

### Best-performing Classic yacht:

*Ragamuffin*, skippered by Stephen Hilton, with an average crew age of 47 and with only five hours, 11 minutes on combined corrected time.

### Concours d'élégance winners

1: Classy Class: *Lady Lorraine*

2: Classic Class: *Sawadee*

Antique Class: *Snowgoose II*

Vintage Class: *Black Dolphin*

### The overall winners

Overall Classic Yacht Rally Trophy: *Bucephalus*

Overall Classic Racers: *The Farr Side*

Overall Classic Cruisers: *Bucephalus*

Overall Non-Classic Racers: *Andiamo*

Non-Classic Cruisers: *No One Else*

Full results and photos of the 2015 Classic Yacht Rally may be found on the race page of the ABC website [http://www.abclubhk.com/upload/Sailing/Classic\\_Yacht\\_Rally/2015/CYR2015\\_Results.pdf](http://www.abclubhk.com/upload/Sailing/Classic_Yacht_Rally/2015/CYR2015_Results.pdf)





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# Mother's Day 2015 at the Aberdeen Boat Club

Every year, on Mother's Day, the ABC Food-and-Beverage team outdoes itself with a magnificent buffet spread, lovely décor and flowers, and a gift to make every mother feel even more special and cherished amidst her family.

Please enjoy the memories of Mother's Day 2015 in this photomontage. 







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# The ABC and WWF's Coastal Watch: ABC Members Revisit Beaufort Island

By Wayne Robinson

On Sunday, 19 April, Team ABC revisited our adopted beach on Beaufort Island for our second clean-up and marine survey. The ABC has committed two years to this project, just one of over two dozen territory-wide sites in the World Wide Fund for Nature's Coastal Watch programme in Hong Kong.

The WWF has selected 27 sites located all around Hong Kong. Each site, ranging from beaches and estuary environments to mangrove and rocky shorelines, was assigned to a particular group of volunteers responsible for cleaning up the area of rubbish and waste, conducting a brief ecological survey and monitoring their allocated site during both wet and dry seasons.

While ABC volunteers did their first survey and clean-up in October 2014, Hong Kong beaches do not stay clean for long and again there was a huge amount of accumulated flotsam and jetsam, pictured, for us to remove.



The ABC junk departed for Middle Island mid-morning on a lovely spring day. Patrick Yeung, WWF project manager for Coastal Watch, Maggie Kwok, WWF Coastal Watch project officer and WWF team scientist Peggy, first briefed volunteers who formed teams with assigned roles. The junk proceeded to Beaufort Island where the teams collected rubbish and conducted their marine-survey tasks.

The WWF-Hong Kong's Coastal Watch project seeks to develop a long-term solution to Hong Kong's marine litter problem and educate and inspire the public to take positive action to shape our marine environment. For more information, see <http://coastalwatch.hk/about-coastal-watch/>

The enthusiasm of ABC member-volunteers, seen in this photomontage, was outstanding. ➡





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# Macau Regatta 2015

By Kevin Lewis

The Macau International Dinghy Regatta takes place every year off Macau's Hac Sa beach. The ABC has been involved in organising and supporting the Macau regatta since its inception in 2010. This regatta is not only an opportunity for our sailors to take part in a competitive event, it also serves as a positive way that our Club can help stimulate and support sailing in Macau.

The Macau regatta, this year 20 and 21 June, is a unique event, easy to reach and relatively inexpensive, providing a great opportunity to have a sailing-based weekend away.

Racing takes place directly off Hac Sa beach, with boats based out of the Associação de Vela de Macau Sailing Centre.

The Macau Regatta is a family-focused event, with each sailor and his or her family staying together at the nearby Grand Coloane Beach Resort Hotel (formerly the Westin). The hotel offers a special rate for the regatta and superb facilities within walking distance to the beach. Guest rooms

overlook the racing area, and the swimming pool is a key attraction for sailors and parents alike.

It's quite a different and more laid-back regatta to some that we are used to in Hong Kong – while races are short and competition is sharp, there is a great deal of camaraderie amongst sailors and families.

Over the past five years, the ABC team attending the event has grown. Last year, counting family and friends, there were around 40 Club members at the regatta – we occupied 20 out of the 53 rooms booked at the event hotel.

The deadline to receive entries is Friday, 5 June. Full details are available on our Club website (look under "Dinghy"). Expressions of interest and entries should be made to the ABC's Kevin Lewis, who will coordinate the team and attend as team leader and coach. Youth sailors will take part in Optimist, Topper, Feva and Laser 1 dinghies, whilst adults can race in Laser 1 and Laser Stratos classes. H











# *Black Dolphin* in Hong Kong

by Kevin Lewis and Craig Blurton, photos by Edward Tanner and Kevin Lewis

**B**lack *Dolphin* is a diesel-auxiliary gaff-rigged sailing ketch built in the United States. She is 50 feet overall, including her bowsprit. She is white oak-framed and mahogany-planked with teak decks and gum interior trim.

While we cannot be certain of her exact age, we do know she was designed by southern California yachtsman and shipwright Hugh Angelman.

*Black Dolphin* has a nearly identical sister ship, *Resolute*, designed and built in 1936. Documents of the U.S. Coast Guard indicate that *Black Dolphin* was built and launched in 1944 in Inglewood, California, but the present owners have not been able to find any information at all about the Inglewood shipyard, or who owned the boat between its 1944 launch and 1950.

What is known is that *Black Dolphin* is iron-fastened, probably due to the lack of available bronze fastenings for private yachts during WWII. We also know that the entire production at the shipyard where she may have been built was taken over during the war, when Hugh Angelman designed and built ships for the U.S. Navy. We suspect that *Black Dolphin's* construction began before the war, but was perhaps halted and moved to a smaller shipyard in 1942 to make room for the war effort.

After her launch, *Black Dolphin* disappears from records between 1944 and 1950, when she was purchased by Bill

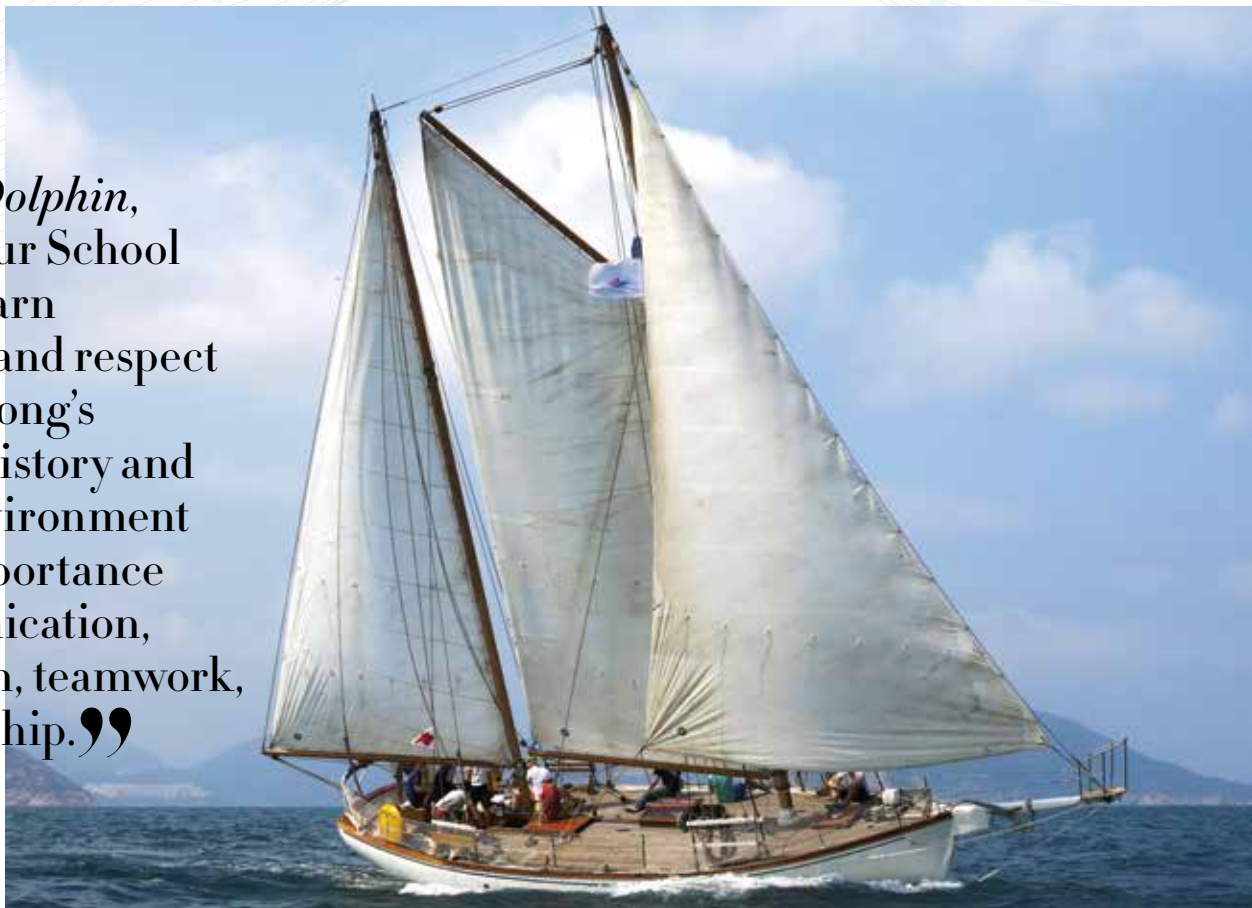
and Marian Rumsey. After buying her, Bill and Marian lived aboard *Black Dolphin*, most of the time in the San Diego area. Among other things, Bill was a lifeguard, while Marian was a teacher and author of children's books. Among their many achievements, Bill and Marian, with five other couples, started the Seven Seas Cruising Association, now the oldest and largest worldwide organization supporting the liveaboard cruising lifestyle.

The Rumseys sold *Black Dolphin* around 1962 to an Oliver Peak, who moved her from San Diego to Oceanside, California. Charlie Black joined Oliver Peak in Costa Rica to help bring the boat back to San Diego. Charlie remembers that in about 1967 or 1968, Oliver sailed *Black Dolphin* to New Zealand, where she was dismasted in a storm. "After the dismasting off New Zealand a friend of mine visited him in Auckland," Charlie reported. *Black Dolphin* then was repaired and deck-freighted back to San Diego.

In the early 1970s, *Black Dolphin* was sold again, this time to a Tom Mason, an insurance salesman and member of San Diego's Silvergate Yacht Club. He in turn sold her on to David Easley, who renamed her *Island Girl*. She was then passed to a Larry Wave who, for a brief period of time, renamed the boat *Bettina* after his mother. In 2007, Larry sold the boat to a New Zealand sculptor, Brett Goldstone.



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*Black Dolphin* was finally acquired by her present owners, Jadis and Craig Blurton, in 2013.

*Black Dolphin* has now found a new home and a new purpose: sailing in Hong Kong as the “tall ship” of The Harbour School. Aboard *Black Dolphin*, students learn awareness and respect for Hong Kong’s seafaring history and marine environment and the importance of communication, cooperation, teamwork, and leadership to achieve personal and group goals. Students develop personal resilience in sometimes physically challenging environments as well as problem-solving and decision-making skills in planning for and conducting activities on board.

Craig Blurton, who contributed invaluable information to prepare this article, writes that he is “very proud to become part of *Black Dolphin*’s history and excited by the possibilities she offers for educational programs at The Harbour School”.

Together, the ABC and Craig are working to give Club members the chance to see more of this beautiful boat, and perhaps even have a sail in her in the future.

*Black Dolphin* joined the ABC Classic Yacht Rally in 2015 and features on this month’s cover of *Horizons*. No doubt we will see much more of her in the waters south of Hong Kong Island. H



# ABC Summer Youth Programme: New Activities Launched

By Kevin Lewis

Our popular Youth Programme runs from 29 June all the way through to 28 August. Look for details in the following pages of this issue of *Horizons*.

Back again is our ever-popular (and always sold out!) Watersports Week, this time taking place during two different weeks, one in July and one in August.

We are also pleased to highlight some new activities for this summer:

### Wakeboarding sessions

Wakeboarding is part of our Watersports Week programme, but by popular demand we have organised some additional "Wakeboard Days".

Members sign up through ABC for a half-day. We will strictly limit these groups to four persons. The ABC works with the well-regarded "Island Wake" team that provides qualified instructors and proper equipment and offers ABC a special rate!

Wakeboard days will take place on:

Friday, 3 July

Friday, 14 August

Friday, 28 August

A half-day session costs \$608 (ABC member rate). Find application forms on the ABC website.

### Stand-up paddle boarding

The ABC will have stand-up paddle boards available for members' use by July. These will be available to hire in much the same way as Club dinghies. We will also use them as part of our Watersports Weeks in July and August.

### Windsurfing

As part of our Watersports multi-activity week, we also will offer Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong entry-level windsurf courses in July and August. We hope to further develop the windsurf programme over the next 12 months.





### **Parents: learn to sail with your children!**

The ABC launches a new initiative this summer – the chance for adults to attend a basic HKSF Level 1 course at the same time as their young children!

Whilst we cannot run a single course, we have scheduled adult courses during two weeks during the summer to correspond with Junior Optimist courses. Parents may sail on their Level 1 course while their children attend an Optimist course. Details are shown as part of the summer programme. Each course runs for five half-days. The activity is available morning or afternoon, to match the chosen course for children.

Courses are available as follows:

Mon 20 – Friday, 24 July

Mon 3 – Friday, 7 August

Mon 24 – Friday, 28 August

Courses cost \$1,520 (member rate) and \$2,280 (non-member rate) and lead to a formal HKSF Level 1 certificate. H





# Summer Youth Sailing Programme July 2015

*Application Deadline Friday, 19 June*

The ABC Summer Sailing Programme offers a wide variety of courses and activities for sailors aged seven to 18. Full details are available at [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com) and also from Angela at [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com). We also are running some Adult learn-to-sail courses at the same time as the Junior sailing – so parents can take part too! This month, the adult courses start on Monday, 20 July, with morning and afternoon options.

Please note the application deadlines – it is *vital* to apply before this date to be sure of a space on our most popular courses.

	Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
July (weeks 1 & 2)	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Mon 29 June – Fri 3 July		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2 with 1 year's sailing experience since	2,600 / 3,900
	Mon 29 June – Weds 1 July		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Thurs 2 July – Sat 4 July		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 11 – Adult, passed HKSF Level 2	1,560 / 2,340
	Fri 3 July AM		Wakeboard Morning <b>NEW</b>	Age 12 – Adult, can swim with water confidence	608 / 912
	Fri 3 July PM		Wakeboard Afternoon <b>NEW</b>	Age 12 – Adult, can swim with water confidence	608 / 912
	Mon 6 – Fri 10 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 6 – Fri 10 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 6 – Fri 10 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 6 – Fri 10 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Weds 8 – Fri 10 July		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Mon 6 – Fri 10 July		Watersports Week	Age 8 – 18, holds Optimist 2 or 3, or HKSF L2	2,600 / 3,900
	Weds 8 – Thurs 9 July		Windsurf Basic & Intermediate	Age 8 – 18, can swim with water confidence	1,040 / 1,560

*Application Deadline Friday, 3 July*

	Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
July (weeks 3 & 4)	Mon 13 – Fri 17 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 13 – Fri 17 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 13 – Fri 17 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 13 – Fri 17 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Introduction	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 13 – Fri 17 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Weds 15 – Fri 17 July		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Mon 13 – Weds 15 July		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Thurs 16 – Fri 17 July		RS Feva Gennaker Introduction	Age 12 – 18, passed RS Feva Intro	1,040 / 1,560
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July AM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July PM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 20 – Fri 24 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Weds 22 – Fri 24 July		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Tues 21 – Thurs 23 July		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 11 – Adult, passed HKSF Level 2	1,560 / 2,340





# Summer Youth Sailing Programme August 2015

**Application Deadline Friday, 24 July**

Our Summer Sailing Programme for sailors aged seven to 18 years old continues until the end of August. Full details are available at [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com) and also from Angela at [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com). We also will run an Adult learn-to-sail course at the same time as the Junior sailing – so parents can take part too! The Adult course starts Monday, 3 August. Please note the application deadlines – it is *vital* to apply before this date to be sure of a space on our most popular courses.

	Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
August (weeks 1&2)	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug AM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course <b>NEW</b>	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug PM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course <b>NEW</b>	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug		HSKF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Mon 3 – Wed 5 Aug		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug		Watersports Week	Age 8 – 18, holds Optimist 2 or 3, or HKSF L2	2,600 / 3,900
	Thurs 6 – Fri 7 Aug		Windsurf Basic & Intermediate	Age 8 – 18, can swim with water confidence	1,040 / 1,560
	Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug		HSKF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Mon 10 – Fri 14 Aug		HSKF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2 with 1 year's sailing experience since	2,600 / 3,900
	Mon 10 – Wed 12 Aug		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Fri 14 Aug AM		Wakeboard Morning <b>NEW</b>	Age 12 – Adult, can swim with water confidence	608 / 912
	Fri 14 Aug PM		Wakeboard Afternoon <b>NEW</b>	Age 12 – Adult, can swim with water confidence	608 / 912

**Application Deadline Friday, 7 August**

	Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
August (weeks 3 & 4)	Mon 17 – Fri 21 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 17 – Fri 21 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 17 – Fri 21 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 17 – Fri 21 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Intro	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 17 – Fri 21 Aug		HSKF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Wed 19 – Fri 21 Aug		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18 Passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Mon 17 – Wed 19 Aug		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18 Passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Thurs 20 – Fri 21 Aug		RS Feva Gennaker Introduction	Age 12 – 18 Passed RS Feva Intro	1,040 / 1,560
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	864 / 1,300
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug AM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 1	864 / 1,300
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 2	864 / 1,300
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Supervised Practice	Age 7 – 11 Passed Optimist Stage 3	864 / 1,300
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug AM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug PM		ADULT HKSF Level 1 Course	Adult, can swim with water confidence	1,520 / 2,280
	Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug		HSKF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 can swim with water confidence	2,600 / 3,900
	Wed 26 – Fri 28 Aug		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18 Passed HKSF L2	1,560 / 2,340
	Fri 28 Aug AM		Wakeboard Morning <b>NEW</b>	Age 12 – Adult, can swim with water confidence	608 / 912
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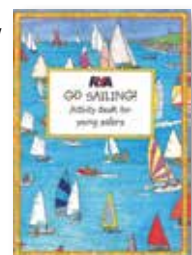


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