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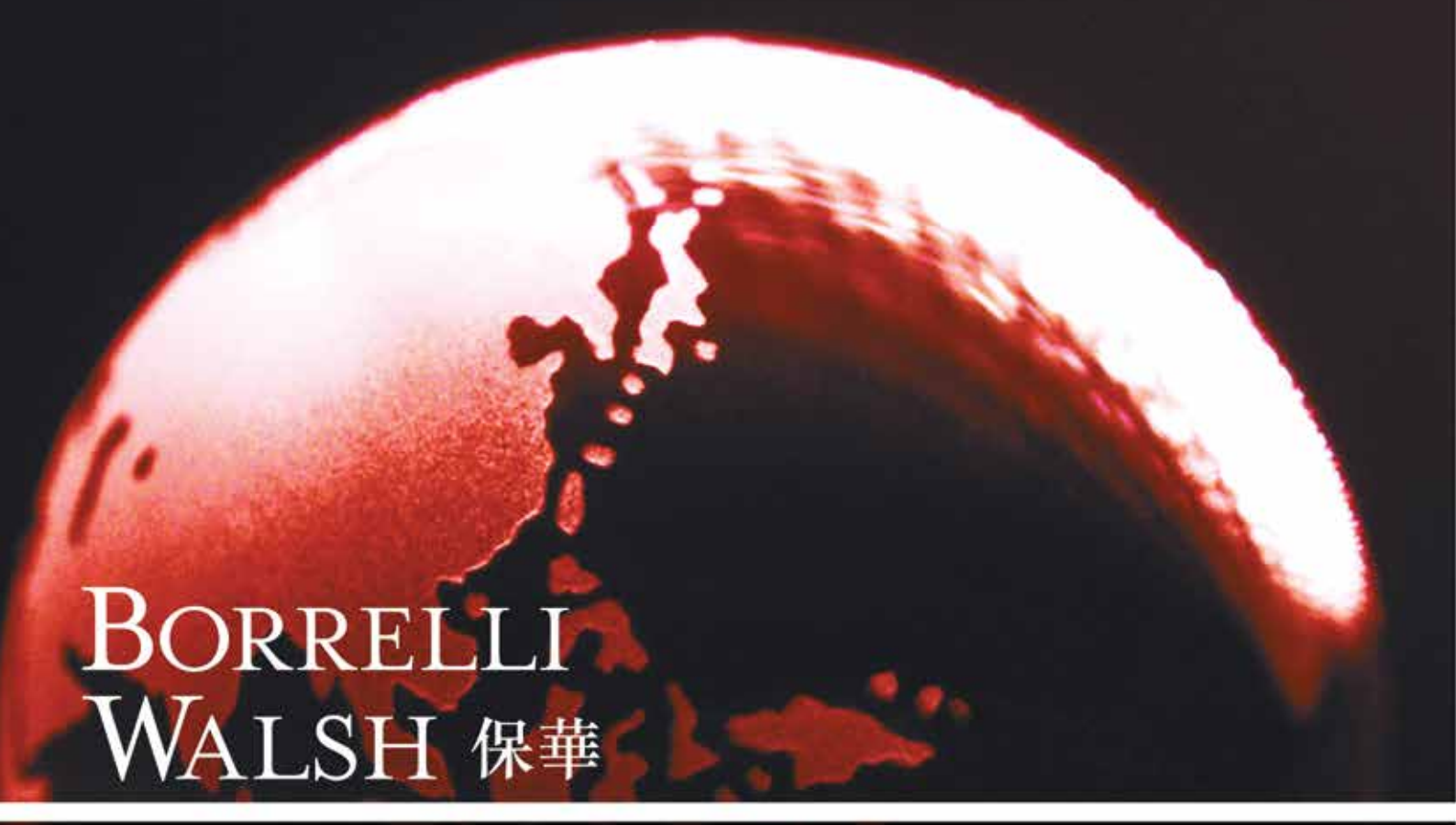
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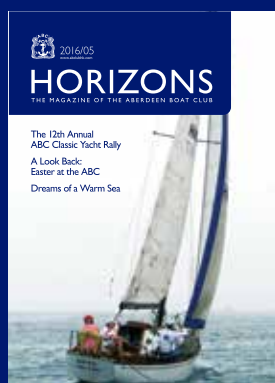
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Commodore's Letter

Summer is icumen in (anonymous, 13th century), being medieval English for it's arrived ... and about time, too. Surely one of the longest, coolest winter spells on record in Hong Kong. Disruptive too, as amply recorded in previous issues of *Horizons*. The harbinger of our summer sailing calendar, the Classic Yacht Rally, will have taken place by the time this issue goes to press. Early indications are of a good entry list and the revival of a competitive spirit amongst the veteran Taipan Class owners.

Thereafter, May sees the start of the popular Summer Series of seven races; as always, one-way courses to various island restaurants, and free sailing home.

One major change this year affects courses and will be promulgated in detail and circulated to all sailors. In brief, the sailing committee has decided to start all westbound courses from a point off Wong Chuk Kok headland on northeast Lamma in order to preclude the racing fleet crossing the busy traffic separation zone *en masse* under sail after the normal Round Island start. The winter Waglan

course arrangements will follow suit this year. A safety consideration, yes, but more than that we are concerned to comply with Mardep guidelines lest we become an actual, or perceived, hindrance to commercial vessels constrained to the channel, Sunday being particularly busy for the container trades.

A new committee led by Vice Commodore Mark Clift is now fully engaged in planning for the Club's 50th anniversary series of events and celebrations in 2017. The winner of our tender to produce the anniversary book has been selected: a company well-known in yachting circles, not least for its photographic skills. As a first move the authors will be put in touch with long-serving members with requests for interviews to share their memories, old photos and memorabilia for inclusion in the book. In the event that the Club's unrivalled administrative system somehow fails to contact any readers who feel they have something to contribute, would they please make themselves known to the committee or the GM.



With summer, and the increased use of Middle Island, would users of paddle boards, kayaks and dinghies kindly remember to sign *in* and *out*, the latter being essential to release the craft for the next user.

Finally please note the weekend ferry schedule, every half-hour in both directions, and make the most of all that's on offer at Middle Island, ashore and afloat.

Chris Pooley
Commodore



Flag Officer's Report

It is a financial objective of the General Committee to ensure that the Club's operating income covers operating costs, leaving one-off sources of income – predominantly new member entrance fees – to cover major repairs, depreciation and build up funds for additional assets. We managed to achieve a small positive net-operating income in the year to 30 June 2015 and are comfortably in line to achieve the objective in the year to 30 June 2016.

The General Committee monitors the ongoing results of the Club through monthly management accounts – usually a 10-page document. Central to this is the Income and Expenditure account that splits income into Operating Income: subscriptions, food GP, beverage GP and Other Club Services, and Other Income – mostly new member entrance

fees. Income and expenses related to Boat Services are grouped together for consideration as a major objective of the Club and within this section, the Dinghy School and Racing Academy income and expenses are separately identified. Staff costs, the costs of other services and then other expenses are also separately identified for comparison to budget and the prior year.

The line items in the balance sheet are generally consistent month-to-month so that the regular average small net-operating income and Other Income add to cash balances. At the end of February, accumulated funds (members' funds) were \$51.7 million, with depreciated fixed assets of \$16.6 million, current assets \$39.2 million and current liabilities of \$4.1 million. The Club has no bank facilities or long-term



liabilities. The excess of members' funds over cash and fixed deposits is used to finance fixed assets and net working capital, for example, inventory of food and beverages \$680,000, and deposits and pre-payments of \$1.7 million against third-party creditors of \$1.1 million at the end of February 2016.

Matthew Johnson
Honorary Treasurer



Mother's Day Buffet, Sunday, 8 May

The Patio and Galley, 12 noon-3 pm

Includes a free gift for all mothers and a glass of sparkling wine for adults.

Salads and starters: your choice of lettuce salads, selections from the cold seafood platter (yabbies, mussels, shrimp, whelk, oysters and crab legs), smoked salmon, assorted sushi and sashimi, roasted Mediterranean vegetables, crudités and dips, tomato and mozzarella salad, beetroot salad, chicken salad, California Cobb salad, coleslaw, Japanese snacks and lobster soup.

Carving stations: roast prime ribs, honey-glazed boned ham.

Main courses: home-made dim sum, teriyaki beef, grilled salmon with tomato salsa, lamb stew, braised seafood in Champagne sauce, boiled new potatoes, soya chicken, sautéed broccoli with squid and prawns, deep-fried oysters, steamed trout, lobster e-fu noodles and Thai yellow curry.

Desserts: New York cheesecake, bread and butter pudding, profiteroles, lemon lava cake, green tea mousse, mango Napoléon, coconut tart, bird's nest coconut-sweetened soup and cupcakes.

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

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



Squid Fishing on the ABC Junk, 13 & 24 May and 17 & 30 June

Time: 7 pm – sharp – to 10 pm

Going squid-fishing on the ABC junk is entertaining. Bring along the children or a group of friends or make some new friends on the junk.

These evening excursions are run only in May and June.

Book quickly as they are very popular.

Minimum 20 people; maximum 35 people.

Adults and children \$170.

Order dinner at the Galley coffee shop and bring it aboard to enjoy on the junk.

Drinks are available on board and billed to your account.

To book your place, please email booking@abclubhk.com



General Manager's Letter

Donation to charity: The SCMP's Operation Santa Claus, which we supported through sales of Christmas trees, has sent us a thank-you letter. I am glad to report that we managed to raise \$15,485, which supports charitable projects that bring positive change to the lives of disadvantaged people in Hong Kong and mainland China. Over the past 27 years, donors helped fund 214 projects in areas benefitting children and youth, the elderly, those with medical, physical and mental disabilities, the environment, and social enterprises. We can be proud to be part of Operation Santa Claus.

Reminder of reciprocal club

agreements: The ABC has reciprocal agreements with over 40 clubs around the world. Please ask Cobo for a letter of introduction to any club(s) whose facilities you wish to enjoy whilst on holidays. To broaden your horizons locally, you may want to go hiking or sailing around Sai Kung. You may use the facilities of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club, if you present your ABC card, under our reciprocal agreement with HHYC. Some restrictions apply so please check details on this link: http://www.abclubhk.com/upload/About/Club_Downloads/HHYC---ABC-Reciprocal-agreement.pdf

The sampan between the ABC and

RHKYC: This spring we have had some issues with one RHKYC sampan driver in particular refusing to take our members from its Middle Island facilities to ours. I have spoken with my RHKYC counterpart to resolve this. Should you encounter such a problem, do not hesitate to contact me immediately so that I may act quickly. As a reminder, and to avoid misuse of the reciprocal arrangement, please see our website and Aberdeen Boat Club ferry service details here: "Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Members can use our scheduled ferry service from main Clubhouse to Middle Island and have parking facilities

on weekdays if requested. Parking facilities do not apply for any other reason than going to Middle Island. Middle Island Ferry Service: The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will pick up Aberdeen Boat Club Members from the promenade steps and take them to the ABC MI facilities. *Please note that this arrangement does not apply to private parties or unaccompanied guests.*"

Trampoline usage: I remind Members of the importance of supervising their children, particularly in the playground. Children must follow the trampoline's clear "one at a time" rule to avoid repeats of this spring's several chipped teeth and cut lips. Parents must be sensible; some children are yet to read and children will be children. Please remind your children of the playground rules, especially for the trampoline, or it might just have to disappear.

New Middle Island, ready for summer:

Have you been to the newly renovated Middle Island? Members who braved this year's cool early spring praised the Clubhouse's enhanced look and feel as we endeavour to make it the new weekend destination for Members. Other steps include an upgraded menu deliverable on demand to supplement the regular, though fairly limited barbecue items. Latest is a healthy menu of potato fries cooked in hot air. Soon to follow will be individual mini-table barbecues, to make your cooking more convivial, easier and faster. From this June onward, you will see a dedicated wine list.

Chabot Armagnac and a Napoléonic Feast:

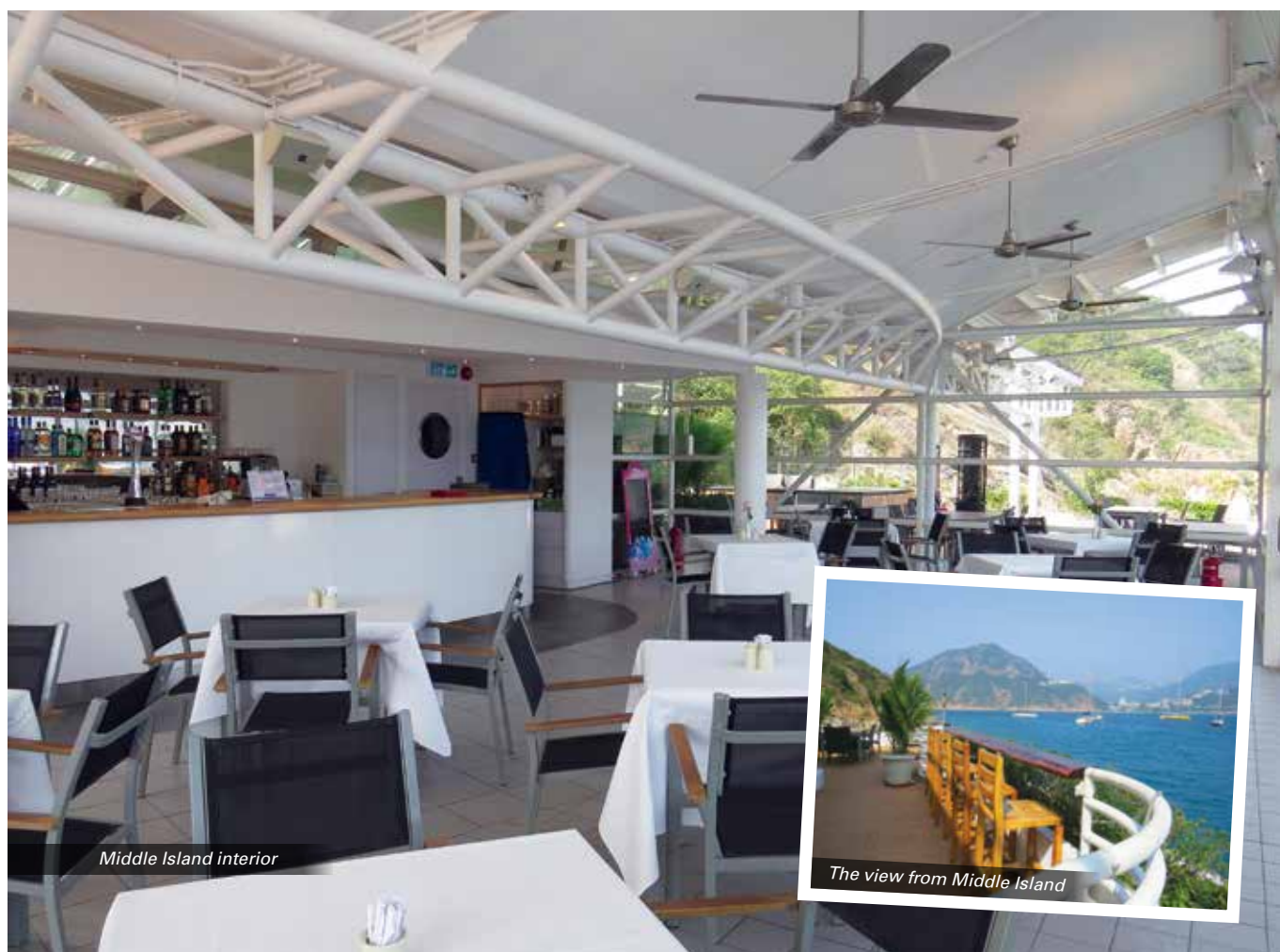
On Friday 20 May, Alex Combescot, brand ambassador for the Armagnac House of Chabot, will take us on a journey of flavour and colour so specific to this golden amber liqueur. Chabot owns and manages 100 percent of its operations, from the vineyards to the vinification plant to the distiller



and bottling plant, ensuring attention to detail at every stage of the process. The Armagnac's undisputed quality has carried the brand from humble beginnings through challenging times to its current success. Chabot now distributes its Armagnac in 96 countries across the globe.

On that evening, I will cook for you a menu inspired from Napoléon's great victories and favourite foods, designed to perfectly complement the evening's Armagnac. The cost is \$488 per person. The first star of the evening, Chabot Armagnac VSOP Gold, will be served pre-dinner in the Waglan bar. Next, in the Four Peaks, you will be served Petit Homard Thermidor with Chabot Armagnac XO Superior (baby lobster in white wine sauce). The word "thermidor" comes from the Greek "thermon", or summer heat. Homard Thermidor was created around 1810 by Marie's, a small but very well-known restaurant in Paris near the Comédie Française. Napoléon used to have this dish made and delivered to his palace, as he believed it was the only way lobster should be served to an emperor. The recipe was revisited and revived in the early 1900s by the great August Escoffier, who added a few more flavours.

You will also enjoy Veau Marengo with Gratin Dauphinois and Salade Vert with Chabot Armagnac Extra (veal cheek stew with potato gratin and green salad). Napoléon's personal chef Dunand created this dish to celebrate the French victory



Middle Island interior

The view from Middle Island

over the Austrians in 1800 at the battle of Marengo in northern Italy. The potato dish was first mentioned in 1803 in culinary treatises by Anthony Carême. It was served once at a dinner given by Charles-Henri, duke of Clermont-Tonnerre and lieutenant-general of the Dauphiné, to the first consul of France and soon-to-be the self-proclaimed emperor of France. It is believed that thereafter Napoléon never had potatoes served in a different way.

As the feast finishes, you will be served Croque en Bouche Trois Saveurs accompanied by 20 year-old Chabot Armagnac. The name of these miniature choux pastries with three different flavours comes from the French phrase “croque en bouche”, or something that crunches in the mouth. The croque en

bouche’s invention is often attributed to Antonin Carême, who was Napoléon’s favourite cook after Dunand. Carême was one of the first celebrity chefs in the world – he invented croissants, Madeleines, éclairs and macaroons. The evening will be capped with coffee and mignardise with 30 year-old Chabot Armagnac.

Never-ending locker saga: It has been over a year now since we were told to move the lockers in the car park, as we were apparently infringing a Lands Department regulation. We complied with the Department’s request to move the lockers, then applied for their consideration to change the drawings and allow us to put the lockers back. As

asked, we have employed a recognized architect and structural engineer, the Fire Department came to inspect the location, the Lands Department came as well, and now 10 months later, we still await relocation approval. The Building Department and the HAB are now arguing on the number of parking spaces, as we declared 70 spaces whilst the new arrangement provides 71. I apologise for the inconvenience and for such a delay to restore the parking spaces and the lockers to best operation. On the other hand, the new 7-11 up the road is very pleased with my recurring order of Panadol, proving that one man’s suffering is another’s joy.

Philippe de Manny
General Manager

Rugs to Help Refugees

Shambala, the furniture and rug store in nearby Ap Lei Chau’s Horizon Plaza, is raising funds for relief for Syrian refugees. Until 15 May, Shambala will donate \$200 for each rug it sells to benefit UNICEF and UNHCR operations in support of the Syrian refugees. There is no limit to the total amount Shambala will donate for Syrian refugees. Unable to sustain its business amidst rising rents, Shambala is going out of business after 24 years in Hong Kong.



May F&B Events at the Club

Throughout the month of May, the Four Peaks Restaurant will promote escargot. In the Galley and Patio, you may enjoy a variety of French food.

April's featured wine from Italy

Château de Caraguilhes Classique Blanc 2015

By the glass, \$54, by the bottle, \$260

Château de Caraguilhes Classique Rouge 2013

By the glass, \$47, by the bottle, \$260

Featured beer from France

Kronenbourg 1664

By the bottle \$33

May's featured cocktails

Coconut Mojito

White rum, fresh lime, fresh mint and syrup, coconut water, and fresh milk

\$50/\$38 non-alcoholic

May Events

Shawarma and Skewers Night

Middle Island, Sunday, 1 May

6:30-9:30 pm

Includes unlimited beers.

Adults \$258, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$218, children \$148 (aged 3-12)

Mother's Day Buffet

The Galley and Patio, Sunday 8 May

12 noon-3 pm

Includes a free gift for all mothers and a glass of sparkling wine for adults.

Adults \$279, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$239, and children aged 3-12, \$179 (including a soft drink)

A Feast for Napoléon and Chabot Armagnac Tasting

The Four Peaks, Friday, 20 May

6:30 pm onwards

Speaker: Alex Combescot

Adults \$488, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$448, children \$388 (aged 3-12)

Thai Buffet with free wine tasting

The Patio, Saturday, 28 May

6:30-9:30 pm

Adults \$220, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$180, children \$120 (aged 3-12)



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



Home Wine Delivery May 2016

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
SPARKLING			
Taittinger Nocturne Sec, France Pale-yellow in colour, with a subtle and delicate bouquet of aromas of yellow peaches and dried apricots. Smooth bubbles on the mouth, yeasty and full of honey, and floral on the palate. A mature and round finish.	\$550		
WHITES			
Dopff Au Moulin Gewurztraminer 2014, France Lemony, off-dry and lively with a bouquet of white flowers (apple blossom) and fruitiness (vineyard peaches, pear and lychee) with good acidity. Medium finish.	\$188		
Dopff Au Moulin Riesling 2014, France Pale-lemon in colour. The nose offers fruity aromas of citrus and peaches. Intense, elegant and well-balanced on the palate.	\$140		
Quincy J.C. LeRoux Sauvignon Blanc 2014, France Aromas of guava, dry, citrus and lemon on a well-balanced palate with a delicate hint of minerals. The finish is very fresh, with a light-to medium-body.	\$150		
Louis Michel Petit Chablis 2014, France It opens with notes of concentrated fruits, citrus and green apples. Very clean with good mineral on the palate. Very pleasant finish.	\$220		
REDS			
Domaine Lafond Roc-Epine Côtes Du Rhône 2014, France Medium ruby with aromas of ripe fruit, cherries and blackcurrant. Very smooth with a hint of sweet spice and good concentration on the palate. Typically southern Rhône style.	\$150		
Loron Fleurie Château de Fleurie 2014, France Medium ruby with aromas of ripe fruit, cherries and blackcurrant. Very smooth with a hint of sweet spice and good concentration on the palate.	\$180		
Château de Caraguilhes Solus Rouge 2013, France Deep-ruby in colour, wonderful aromas of licorice and violets from the nose, stronger blackberry on the palate rather than nose. Good balance of lively acidity and smooth texture.	\$350		
Château Baron Haut-Médoc 2012, France Deep-ruby in colour, with soft fruitiness. It offers red fruit character (red currant and cherry) with a rich and fleshy mouth and a hint of vanilla.	\$188		
Total			

**Free Wine Tasting at the Galley and Patio,
Saturday, 28 May, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Thai Buffet**

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

***Minimum order – 12 bottles and mixed case available.**

Member Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

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

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Orders accepted by 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.





The 12th ABC Classic Yacht Rally

By Alan Child, race photos by Jennifer Li, prize-giving photos by Steven Ng

The promised wind failed to materialise on Saturday, 16 April, for the start of the 12th annual ABC Classic Yacht Rally. With 19 boats assembled in Deepwater Bay, the ABC committee boat decided to move the start to Stanley Bay in the hope of finding wind. Unfortunately, the wind was not there either, and in the end the race was abandoned.

All yachts were encouraged to pass the committee boat for a photo call, and then the fine collection of yachts (age 25 years or over in the race's Classic division) then paraded back to Middle Island for an excellent dinner.

Sunday was much more promising, and all boats started on schedule in 8-10 knots of wind on course 5 towards Castle Rock. The wind, however, died off, leaving many yachts becalmed off Stanley Bay.

Courses were shortened at Chesterman for Divisions 1A and 2A and at Castle Rock for the other divisions. Those that escaped the Stanley Bay hole were afforded a finish. Congratulations go to *FfreeFire*, *Bucephalus*, *Wicked*, *Andiamo* and *Pizzazz*. All boats and crews who returned to Middle Island were rewarded with a fine barbecue and a constant supply of wine and beer.



Jadalinkir (foreground) and Andiamo



Prizes were awarded to those who completed their divisions and to others for taking part:

Boat name	Prize	Category
FfreeFire	First	Division 1A
Bucephalus	First	Division 1B
Wicked	First	Division 2A
Andiamo	Second	Division 2A
Pizzazz	First	Division 2B
Jadalinkir	Oldest yacht	
Ragamuffin	Spirit of the event	
Andiamo	Most colourful crew and best bikini display	
Bucephalus	Best performing Classic	
Concours d'Elegance:	Classy - Taka Ano	
	Classic - FfreeFire	
	Antique - The Farr Side	
	Vintage - Black Dolphin	
Bucephalus	Overall Event Winner, Classic Yacht Rally	

The 12th running of the ABC Classic Yacht Rally provided an excellent weekend to all who took part, notwithstanding the lack of wind. The format of having the Rally at Middle Island was applauded by many, but there was a general view that next year's event should revert to a Tai Tam Bay raft-up, on a date in May.

Thanks go to supporting sponsor Jenfaith and sponsors Edrington's whisky, Carlsberg and Detech Marine. Frankie Lai and Bob Sears sponsored prizes, which included two subscriptions to *Good Old Boat* magazine.





FfreeFire



Black Dolphin



Notes on Boats in the ABC Classic Yacht Rally 2016

- *FfreeFire*, 70-foot, a sled that formerly raced trans-Pacific (Los Angeles to Hawaii) as *Pyewacket* under Roy Disney. Subsequently modified at RHKYC; winner of many Hong Kong and offshore races. Owner Sam Chan plus around 20 crew – too numerous to count!
- *Ragamuffin*, Taipan 28, Stephen Hilton. Traditional in all ways, with safety foremost. Very well-kept. Needs wind that was not in abundance for the 2016 Classic Rally. High handicap marker. First to have spinnaker up but seemed to be heading towards Lemas.
- *Bucephalus*, a Yamaha 33, Simon Lynch. This 1980's Yamaha 33-feet tall rig has been a great supporter, and performer, over the years, winning many races.
- *Modesty Blaise*, #7425, Cheoy Lee Pedrick design, 36 footer, skippered by hardened veteran Rob Winter.
- *The Farr Side*, 254, Farr 38, classic Bruce Farr-design of 1977 designed for speed rather than handicap. Its design is a classic, and significant in new non-IOR-conforming designs that helped see the end of IOR and reform the way racing yachts were handicapped. Built in Auckland for former commodore Ashley Wagg and sailed by him and wife Maureen for the second half of the delivery to Hong Kong in 1979. Classic crew included famed lookout Albert Hausmann. Its veteran crew had ages going back to the earlier part of last century. First over the start line in the second start but found itself overtaken by lighter (and some heavier) boats in the light conditions.
- *Black Dolphin*, Angelman A-40, ketch, skipper Craig Blurton. Pretty flat-decked gaff ketch run as a training boat for youth from the Harbour School.
- *Naiad*, C507, Taipan 28, skipper Jon Zinke. A classic 1970s 28-foot cruiser skippered by classic former commodore Jon Zinke. Highlight of its day on Sunday was getting ahead of *The Farr Side* (who responded by sending down a diver to check the hull)!
- *Zephyr*, C1839, Sadler 34, skipper Agnes Chong. Fine seaworthy boat characterised by its dogged persistence in conditions tough for a traditional displacement boat.
- *Ecume de Mer*, skipper Tillman Vidal. Classic-style boat with 1970's typical overhangs; sailed well two-up for as long as it could until the wind ran out.

- *Taka Ano*, HKG 276, Tayana 37. Beautifully kept Robert Perry-style double-ender sailed by experienced sailor Bob Aylsworth.


- *Xiao Rui*, C224, Cheoy Lee, skipper Robert de Haer.

- *Wicked*, Mumm 36 (modified), skipper D.S. Cheung. After winning the first start, a solid performance to be second over the line after *FfreeFire*.

- *Pizzazz*, HKG 289, Elan Impression 394, skipper Patrick Bruce. Modern classic Rob Humphrey-designed yacht crewed by

classic sailors. Famous for its pink spinnaker, which helped pull it through the fleet to be one of the early finishers.

- *Andiamo*, Archambault 35, skipper John Woo/Cynthia Wong. Won the first start.

- *Generations*, HKG 2370, Beneteau Sense 46, skipper Eddy Lee. Fine light modern boat that was runner-up in Waglan Div. B 2015-2016 and is expected to graduate to Div. A. 

Wicked



Pizzazz



Ragamuffin



Jenfaith Group Ltd.

Bucephalus



Andiamo



Craig and Jadis Blurton of Black Dolphin

Gorgeous Garden Hse \$70K

- * 4 Beds (2 En-suites)
- * Large Lawn Garden
- * Modern Spacious Décor
- * Walk to Hang Hau MTR, Shops & Silverstrand Beach



Sea View Duplex \$36K

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- * Newly Renovated
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- * Close to Yacht Clubs
- * Sought After Location

Hebe Haven \$52~65K

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Winter Racing and 2015/2016 Waglan Prize-giving at the ABC

By Alan Child, photos by Michael Ching

The impact of the most active El Nino since 1997 was certainly felt in our racing this winter, with contrasting conditions throughout.

The first Waglan race had to be postponed due to the hoisting of a typhoon signal 3, whilst the resail on 20 March took place in almost similar conditions, with the J/80s and some of the similar boats retiring.

Equally, the Four Peaks sailing and running race was cancelled for the first time in its 30-year history due to extreme weather conditions; the resail on 20 February was a complete contrast of fine warm weather but little wind, resulting in a shortened course at Violet Hill.


Waglan Races 8 and 9 were held in very lively conditions. Race 10 on 13 March started on a foggy day with poor visibility, but a northeast wind ensured very competitive conditions and enjoyable sailing.

The Club's special thanks go to our sponsors and to all who helped to ensure an excellently attended winter series of racing.

By the time you read this, the Club will have hosted the Classic Yacht Rally on the weekend of 16-17 April. This popular event grows each year and is the leading event for classic yachts in the region. The Waglan summer series, of course, will follow.

The well-attended prize giving at Middle Island for the Waglan Series 2015/2016 was held on 20 March, the last day of the Waglan series. The prize-giving covered the following events:

1. Summer Series 2015
2. Ladies Helm (including mentions of 2014 winners and awards to 2016 winners)
3. Waglan Series 2015 -2016

All results are set out on the next page. 



Waglan Series 2015–2016

Race	IRC		Div A		Div B	
Waglan 1	Castle Rock Cup	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Apple Pie Trophy	<i>Ding Dong</i>	Sunshine Trophy	<i>Jade Cove</i>
Waglan 2	CYN Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Manners Trophy	<i>FG3</i>	Tsing Yi Trophy	<i>Thea</i>
Waglan 3	Pagoda Cup	<i>Red Kite II</i>	PYS Cup	<i>Javelin</i>	Butterfly Trophy	<i>Jade Cove</i>
Waglan 4	Shivra Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Visitors Bowl	<i>Andiamo</i>	Koala Cup	<i>Glory Sportfun</i>
Waglan 5	Wanderer Cup	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Pathfinder Trophy	<i>Lisa Elaine</i>	Chinook Trophy	<i>Jade Cove</i>
Waglan 6	Prior Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	La Pantera Cup	<i>Ding Dong</i>	Shogun Trophy	<i>Generations</i>
Waglan 7	International Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Kismet Hardy Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Fairweather Coaster	<i>Jade Cove</i>
Waglan 8	Mystique Mug	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Ma Hoi Trophy	<i>Ding Dong</i>	St. Christopher Cup	<i>Jade Cove</i>
Waglan 9	Turner Plate	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Barrico Trophy	<i>Redeye</i>	Fury Rock Cup	<i>Generations</i>
Waglan 10	Waglan Cup	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Perserverance Plate	<i>Ding Dong</i>	Shek O Cup	<i>Generations</i>

Waglan Mini-series 1	IRC - First	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Div A - First	<i>Andiamo</i>	Div B - First	<i>Jade Cove</i>
	IRC - Second	<i>Andiamo</i>	Div A - Second	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Div B - Second	<i>Glory Sportfun</i>
	IRC- Third	<i>Kei Lun</i>	Div A - Third	<i>Javelin</i>	Div B - Third	<i>Thea</i>

Waglan Mini-series 2	IRC - First	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Div A - First	<i>Ding Dong</i>	Div B - First	<i>Generations</i>
	IRC - Second	<i>Ding Dong</i>	Div A - Second	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Div B - Second	<i>Jade Cove</i>
	IRC- Third	<i>Andiamo</i>	Div A - Third	<i>Andiamo</i>	Div B - Third	<i>The Farr Side</i>

Waglan Series Overall	X-Stream Trophy	<i>Red Kite II</i>	Quaile Trophy	<i>Andiamo</i>	Chinook Trophy II	<i>Jade Cove</i>
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Summer Series

Summer 1			Ted Turner Plate	<i>Redeye</i>	
Summer 2			Shum Wan Trophy	<i>Wicked</i>	
Summer 3			Cheung Chau Trophy	<i>Ahyoka</i>	
Summer 4			Chung Hom Kok Cup	<i>Jailbreaker</i>	
Summer 5			Lamma Cup	<i>Calamansi</i>	
Summer 6			Po Toi Plate	<i>Javelin</i>	
Summer Series Overall	The Farr Cup	<i>Redeye</i>	Tamarisk Plate	<i>Redeye</i>	

Ladies Helm	Phoenix Trophy	2016 - <i>Tolo</i>	Boadicea Trophy	2016 <i>FG3</i>	
		2014 - <i>FG3</i>		2014 - <i>The Farr Side</i>	



FG3, Ladies Helm 2016 HKPN Division and Ladies Helm 2015



Jade Cove, Waglan HKPN B overall winner (skipper Ken Wong)



Andiamo, overall winner Waglan HKPN A (skipper John Woo)



The Farr Side, Ladies Helm 2015



Tolo, Ladies Helm 2016 IRC Division



Waglan IRC overall winner Red Kite II (skipper Philippe Delorme)




Red Kite II with all its Waglan individual race trophies

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Rags crew

Philippines' *Puerto Galera Yacht Club* Easter Regatta 2016

By Chris Pooley, photos by Terry Duckham

The Puerto Galera Yacht Club is not quite the closest of ABC's reciprocal clubs, but as John Berry described in his article after last year's regatta, it is well-worth the journey whether by sea or air and road. Situated in the Verde Island passage on Mindoro Island's north shore, nestled in a small bay within a lagoon, PGYC is a simple, tropical gem known as a staging port for cruising and for its cheerful hospitality and lively regattas.

This year, as in many previous years, an unofficial ABC crew comprising the writer (with some 20-odd visits), Natalie and John Berry, Paul Barton, Steve Perret and Ian Skeggs, again chartered *Rags*, a 40-ft Farr of an age approaching half that of the crew average. In no way should the name be construed as any reference to the spinnakers ... well, not at the beginning, anyway.

Arriving by separate routes but all including the pleasant 80-minute daytime crossing of the Verde Island Passage by banca, we made the Club's welcoming party in our honour on committee member Alan Solley's beachfront lawn. All, that is, apart from Perret, who coming in overnight from Bangkok made a pier-head jump the next day. Later he more than made up for the party he missed!

Sensibly, races in PG do not start until 10:30 am and then in a pursuit format with the faster boats (*Rags* being one) an hour or more later.

PG during the northeast monsoon (in Tagalong, amihan) is justly renowned for Champagne sailing: blue skies, a sparkling sea and guaranteed winds blowing a steady force 5-6 from the NE-E vector; making for exciting, fast racing with some demanding spinnaker legs. Well, that's how it always had been! But climate change seemingly has made its unwelcome presence felt.

Races start inside the lagoon with the course first leading out through the narrow western Manila Channel, under spinnakers for those game enough. Day one saw the fleet of 20-odd boats ghosting out in the mere breath of wind with the hour or so start time differential down to zero in the parking lot at the channel exit.

As a light boat we got clear, and teased by the fickle wind with encouragement from an early call for refreshments, made our way slowly towards the distant mark of Chicken Feathers Island halfway back to the port of Batangas on Luzon, anxious to catch our rivals, the Cloggies, on their 45-foot Beneteau



Cocobolo. Shortening course in the passage is never easy because of the very deep water but one island was skipped to some effect: sadly not enough as the wind faded completely, and for the first time in anyone's memory, the race was abandoned. Just as well, as the Cloggies would have beaten us.

Bird droppings

Solace was found in the icebox and in some fine cheeses as we headed in to the post-race party. That aside, the only excitement was the two fledging birds that hatched from their eggs inside the boom and dropped out on deck. So Auntie Natalie nursed them on water, milk and bread crumbs, all the way home to be looked after by the Commodore's wife.

Day two had to be better, and so it was ... in an unexpected way. Climate change again, in a complete reversal of the monsoon; the wind was blowing strongly from the west. Unknown in this season and right on the beam heading north. A cracking sail, all taking turns on the helm; then as the wind backed slightly, up with the kite, tearing along, passing boat after boat. Exhilarating. A tack round the windward mark, kite down and up, as we hailed a Cat in irons blocking us, no time to think or drink. Kite down again, up with its replacement, tape gang to the fore. At last, a free hand to clasp welcome refreshment. Wind backed some more down, with the kite, jib up. And so tacking to the finish off Haligi Beach passing all but the Cloggies, G&Ts on the mooring then the après party at the Club, live band, all hands at the bar with "who did or did not do what, when," and so forth.

No handicap changes, so once again the Cloggies set off ahead of us for race three, out of sight before *Rags* came through the channel with kite set as monsoonal equilibrium had been restored. The course was set to the east, so a long series of tacks as the wind freshened from the E-NE.

Good progress, steady hands on the tiller and icebox, picking off boats one by one, but not yet the Cloggies. Round the windward mark off Cape Escarceo, kite up, Cloggies ahead; no kite, ah! Ah! Our chance. Even so it was a long haul but with beam wind on the kite rounding North Point, *Rags* took them on the inside. The final leg to the finish as *Rags* took off. Then the wind dropped, Cloggies gaining, then we were off again; the noise! But *Rags* held them to cross first in a classic pursuit finish.

Repeat of days one and two thereafter, drenched with Club hospitality plus the prize-giving, and then the team dinner by the beach in El Galleon. Once again, as with last year, it was a glorious away trip, with some fine sailing and nearly non-stop laughter.

We will be back once more for the PGYC All Soul's regatta on 28 October, a special event this year to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Anyone keen to make up a second ABC competing crew?

Oh, by the way, *Rags* won the regatta! That was a *bisque*; the real value was simply in being there. H



The lagoon, looking across the Verde Island Passage



Easter Youth Sailing Programme 2016

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis

The ABC Easter youth sailing programme took place during the Easter school holidays and, as ever, saw a large number of children and teenagers at Middle Island on a variety of courses and activities.

Our most popular offering continues to be our Junior Optimist courses, with four stages leading from first steps through to racing, for those aged seven to 11 years old.


Over the Easter school holidays, the ABC also organised HKSF Level 2 and Level 3 courses, Feva and Laser introductions and a sailing trip.

The first week of the programme started on 21 March and was aimed for students of French International School and

others who had earlier holiday dates. The weather was cold and windy, and our bright red Optimist training sails were well-used as everyone wrapped up against the weather.

Our second block of courses started on 26 March and saw ever-improving weather with sunshine and great wind. Our HKSF Level 3 sailors had an almost perfect week, sailing in Fevas, Laser 2000s and Laser 1s.

The third and final week was completed on 4 April, and included a sailing trip, jointly organised with adult sailors.

Our next youth sailing programme takes place throughout the summer holidays and runs from 27 June through until the end of August – details on pages 26 and 27 of this issue. 





Macau Regatta 2016

By Kevin Lewis

The annual Macau International Dinghy Regatta, now in its seventh year, will take place on 18 and 19 June. The ABC traditionally sends a large team to this family sailing event, staying in the luxury Grand Coloane hotel right on the beach and overlooking the sailing area off Hac Sa beach.

Parents may choose to compete in Stratos or Laser 1 dinghies or simply take a weekend away relaxing at the hotel, playing golf, shopping or sightseeing in Macau.

The notice of race and entry form are now available on the ABC club website. Interested parties should contact Kevin Lewis as early entry and hotel booking are vital: DinghySailing@abclubhk.com. H






Easter 2016 at the Aberdeen Boat Club

The ABC saw a record attendance on Easter 2016 for our popular Easter celebration day.

The Club hosted 40 children for the famous ABC egg hunt and our egg-painting with the Easter Bunny. Over 150 members and guests joined us for Easter lunch. Some 54 runners competed in the Easter egg race, featuring the first prize award of an enormous eight-kilo chocolate egg.

The winner of the race was the family of member Alex Yue. First runner-up was Anthony Woo's family and second runner-up was George Choy's family.

Thank you for supporting the Club so well. Enjoy the memories in this Easter 2016 photomontage. 







Summer Youth Sailing Programme

June – July 2016

The ABC 2016 Youth Summer Sailing Programme runs from June until the end of August, and offers a wide variety of courses and activities for sailors aged seven to 18. Full details are available at www.abclubhk.com and also from Angela Ho at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com. Please note the application deadlines – it is vital to apply before this date to be sure of a space on our most popular courses. Early applications qualify for a discounted rate.

Date and Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	Discounted cost if booked on or before 27 May \$ cost: (Member/Non-member)	\$ Cost (Member/Non-member)
Application Deadline 17 June 2016					
Mon 27 June – Fri 1 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 27 June – Fri 1 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 27 June – Fri 1 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 27 June – Fri 1 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 27 June – Fri 1 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18, can swim with water confidence	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Weds 29 June – Fri 1 July		Three-day Pico/Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11– 18, can swim with water confidence	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2, with one year of subsequent sailing	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 4 – Weds 6 July		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF L2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Thurs 7 – Sat 9 July		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 11– adult, passed HKSF Level 2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July AM		Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim with water confidence	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July PM		Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July PM		Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July AM		Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July		Watersports Week	Age 8 – 18, holds Optimist 2 or 3, or HKSF L2	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 11 – Fri 15 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11– 18, can swim with water confidence	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Wed 11 – Fri 15 July		3 day Pico/Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11– 18, passed HKSF L2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388

Application Deadline 8 July 2016 (Discounted cost if booked on or before 17 June)

Mon 18 – Fri 22 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 3	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 12 – 18 Pass HKSF L2, with one year of sailing since	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 18 – Weds 20 July		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12 – 18 Pass HKSF L2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Thurs 21 – Fri 22 July		RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 12 – 18, Pass RS Feva Intro	954 / 1,433	1,060 / 1,592
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July AM		Adult HKSF Level 1	Adult (18 or over), can swim with water confidence	1,395 / 2,093	1,550 / 2,325
Mon 18 – Fri 22 July PM		Adult HKSF Level 2	Adult (18 or over), can swim with water confidence	1,395 / 2,093	1,550 / 2,325
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11 can swim with water confidence	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 1	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11 Pass Optimist Stage 2	972 / 1,791	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 can swim with water confidence	2,385 / 3,582	2,650 / 3,980
Weds 27 – Fri 29 July		3 day Pico / Feva Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18 Pass HKSF L2	1,431 / 2,150	1,590 / 2,388
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July AM		Adult HKSF Level 1	Adult (18 or over), can swim with water confidence	1,395 / 2,093	1,550 / 2,325
Mon 25 – Fri 29 July PM		Adult HKSF Level 2	Adult (18 or over), can swim with water confidence	1,395 / 2,093	1,550 / 2,325



9-13 May Sailing Programme for the French International School

The ABC offers a sailing programme that takes place in May, especially for students of the French International School, which has a holiday then. Courses are taught in English, with a French-speaking assistant helping out. Of course, any and all children are welcome on these courses!

An “early-bird” discount applies as detailed below. Further details and application forms are available on our website.

Date and Time	Junior Course	Activity	Details/entry requirements	S cost: (Member/ Non-member)
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11, can swim	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May AM	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Introduction to Racing	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 3	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 1	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11, passed Optimist Stage 2	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May		HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 12 – 18, basic entry level for teenagers, can swim	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 9 – Weds 11 May		3-day Pico/Feva Supervised Practice	Age 12 – 18, passed HKSF Level 2	1,590 / 2,388
Mon 9 – Fri 13 May		Improver HKSF Level 3	Age 12 – 18, applicants need to have passed HKSF L2 one year ago or more	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 9 – Weds 11 May		RS Feva Introduction	Age 12 – 18, hold HKSF L2	1,590 / 2,388

Sailing Dreams

By Ben Ho

This is the first in a series of excerpts from A Warm Sea, by Hong Kong-Canadian author Ben Ho.

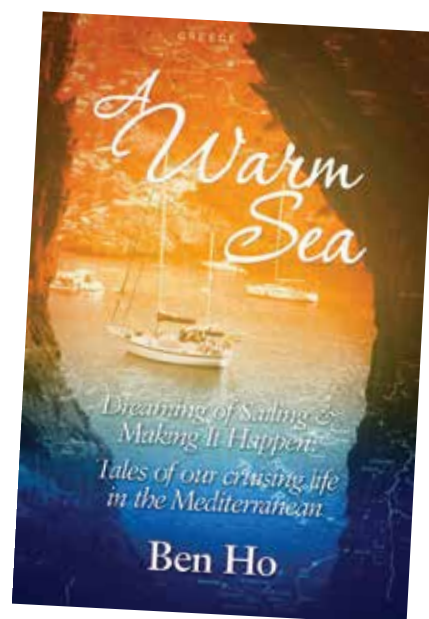
Sailors are an interesting breed. We often use the slowest mode of transportation with no specific destination in mind, take to the open water when others take shelter, get drenched by rain and spray and call it refreshing, and rely on something as temperamental and unpredictable as the weather to get to where we need to go.

But there is nothing as rewarding as arriving at a distant port or a secluded beach after a hard day of sailing; the exhilaration that comes with the boat slicing through green waves and hearing the rigging moaning from the wind, and then anchoring at a sheltered cove, relaxing on the deck with a glass of wine, and watching the sun disappear behind the distant horizon.

Enticed by adventure

The idea of living on a boat and sailing to distant shores began to gradually grow in the minds of my wife and I, and slowly we started to acquire the knowledge and certifications needed for off-shore sailing. We were not looking to cross any new frontiers, or even to sail around the world necessarily, but taking a few years off to sail around the Pacific, or Caribbean, or Mediterranean, seemed enticing. Living in a warmer climate and escaping Canada's freezing winter season sounded ideal. Life is one big adventure, with many lessons to learn along the way, and cruising seemed to be a perfect way of living life to the fullest. I was fascinated with the prospect of learning to operate and maintain a larger boat, dealing with the elements, navigating unknown waters, and immersing ourselves in foreign cultures.

As it happens, most of the prevailing winds around the world blow from an easterly direction near the tropics, and by picking the right times of the year, you could ride the trade winds starting from the Americas, through the Panama Canal, into the vast voids of the Pacific Ocean, to such exotic-sounding places such as the Galapagos Islands, Tahiti, and Tonga. You could carry on with stops in New Zealand and Australia, and then across the Indian Ocean; then go up the



Suez Canal (if not for pirates) into the Mediterranean Sea, and out into the Atlantic, stopping by the Canaries, finally arriving back in the Caribbean. This could be done in, say, three years, through mostly moderate climates and warm seas.

I soon found myself spending evenings browsing Jimmy Cornell's book *World Cruising Routes*, reading about the winds and currents of the world: the trade wind zone with its steady winds, the doldrums where winds are non-existent and the weather is sultry and hot, monsoons and tropical squalls, and the much-feared tropical storms.

We took advantage of the many courses offered by our local chapter of Canada's Power and Sail Squadrons. We learnt how to tie sailing knots and basic navigation concepts in the Seamanship course. The Advanced Coastal Navigation course taught us how to plan and plot coastal cruising out of sight of land and how to navigate in tidal waters.

We took courses in weather and forecasting, hoping that we would be able to forecast the weather beyond the common saying, "red sky at night, sailors' delight." The Maritime Radio course prepared me to obtain the radio operator certificate.

I skipped the Boat and Engine Maintenance course, reasoning that I already knew most of it except for the engine, and that I would rather learn that hands-on when I had the real thing to work with. Then came an Advanced Cruising Course offered by the Canadian Yachting Association, a one-week course of all-weather, non-stop sailing that takes students and an instructor sailing through three of the five great lakes in North America's Midwest. We were almost ready to take the next major step ...

To be continued ...

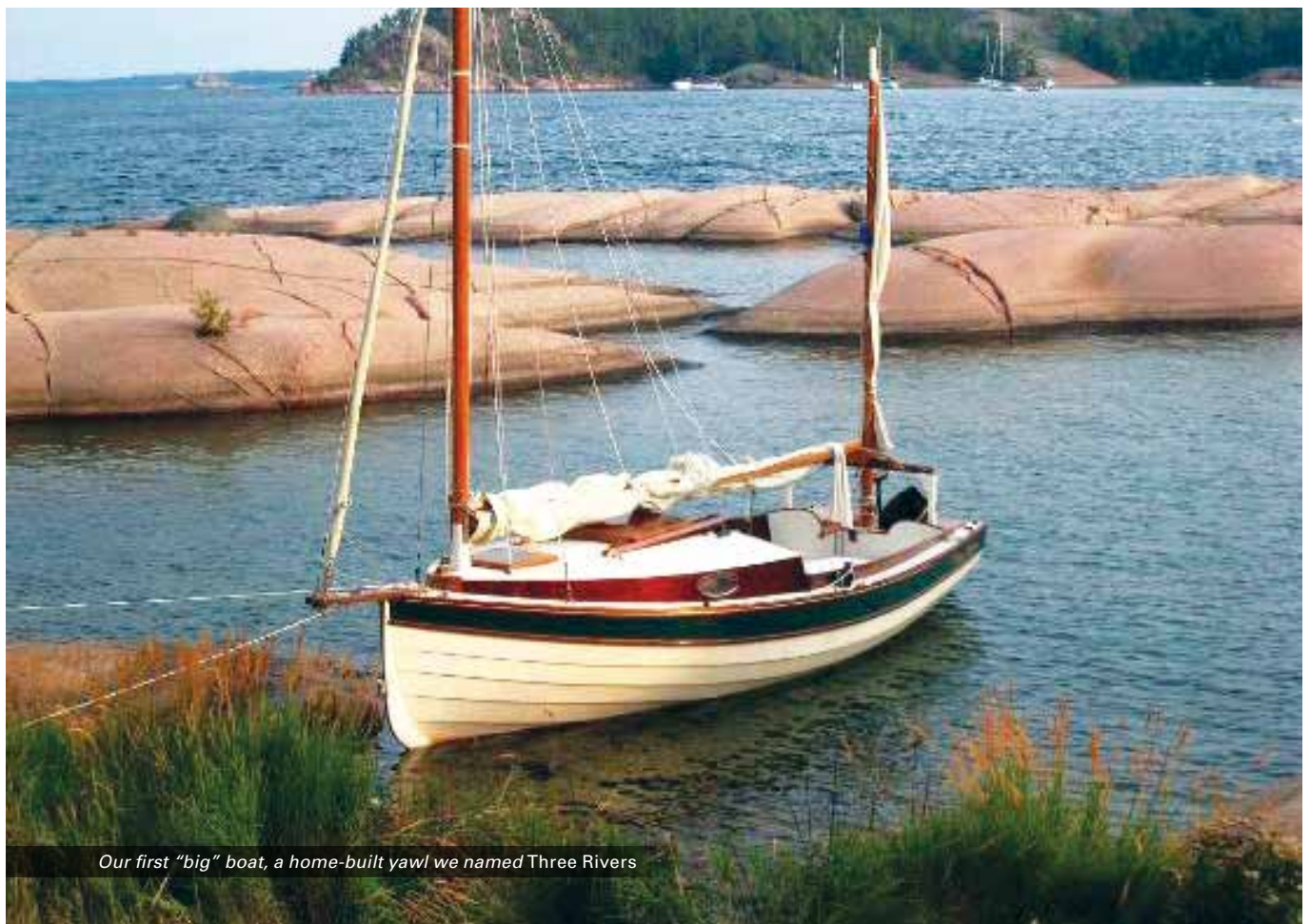
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Sailing Diary

Races and Regattas:

8 May: Cruiser Summer Series 1
15 May: Dinghy Spring Race Day 5
22 May: ABC Picnic Day
29 May: Cruiser Summer Series 2
15 May: Dinghy Spring Race Day 5
28 and 29 May: HHYC SLAM Open Dinghy Regatta

J/80 Courses and Races:

7 May: Fools Series 2 (RHKYC Middle Island)
21 May: Fools Series 3 (RHKYC Lamma)
21 May: J/80 Gennaker Day
22 May: J/80 Sailing Trip
28 May: Fools Series 4 (RHKYC Middle Island)

Adult Dinghy Courses:

15, 21, 22, 28, 29 May: Adult Beginner Course (weekends – five full days)
4, 5, 9, 11, 12 May: Adult Beginner Course (weekends – five full days)
15 May: Adult Dinghy Racing Introductory Session
22 May: Dinghy Sailing Trip
5 June: Adult Dinghy Racing Introductory Session

Stand-Up Paddle Board Introductory Sessions:

7 May, 3:15 pm: (two-hour session leading to board-hire approval for members)

14 May 3:15 pm: (two-hour session leading to board-hire approval for members)

Adult Dinghy Race Introductory Sessions

The ABC is running three dinghy race introductory sessions, subsidised by the Club and set to correspond with Club dinghy racing. The first such session was scheduled in March, and two more dates are available on 15 May and 5 June.

The days comprise a morning of training, with an introduction to courses and a reminder of basic rules. In the afternoon, participants join in with scheduled ABC dinghy races. Open only to members, the cost is a mere \$100. Advance sign-up is required. Please find details on our website under “Course” and then “Adult Intermediate Sailing Courses”.

Adult Supervised Sailing Sessions

Supervised sailing sessions continue on Wednesday and Saturday mornings as an ideal refresher or next step from a beginner course.

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