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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

2023

YEAR OF THE RABBIT





November 2022 – February 2023

Dates	Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others
November 2022				
Sat 5				COA Double Handed Challenge
Sun 6			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 3	
Sat 12				HHYC Monsoon Series D2
Sun 13		ABC Waglan Series 3 & 4		
Sat 19				RHKYC Around the Island Race
Sun 20				
Sat 26				RHKYC Lipton Trophy / HHYC Winter Monsoon Series D3
Sun 27		ABC Waglan Series 5		
December 2022				
Sat 3			ABC Southside Regatta	HHYC Winter Monsoon Series D4
Sun 4			ABC Southside Regatta	
Fri 9				RHKYC CR2 - Coastal Race
Sat 10				RHKYC CR2 - Coastal Race / HHYC Winter Monsoon Series Final / COA Christmas Cup
Sun 11		ABC Waglan Series 6		
Sat 17				HHYC Christmas Rally
Sun 18			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 4	RHKYC YMC Alma Mater Race
Sun 25	Christmas Day			
Mon 26	Boxing Day			
Tue 27	Second Day following Christmas Day			
January 2023				
Sun 1	New Year's Day			
Mon 2				RHKYC 69F Foiling Week (2 to 12 Jan)
Sat 7				RHKYC HKRNV / COA New Year Speed Cruise
Sat 14				HHYC Kowloon Cup
Sun 15		ABC Waglan Series 7		RHKYC Kowloon Cup
Sat 21	Chinese New Year			
Sun 22				COA CNY Macau Race
Mon 23	Chinese New Year Second Day			COA CNY Macau Race
Tue 24	Chinese New Year Third Day			COA CNY Macau Race
February 2023				
Sat 4		ABC Four Peaks Race		RHKYC CR3 - Coastal Race (short)
Sun 5		ABC Four Peaks Race		
Sun 12		ABC Valentines Race & Ladies Helm		
Sat 18			RHKYC Hong Kong Race Week - 14 to 19 Feb	
Sat 25				HHYC Monsoon Spring D1
Sun 26		ABC Waglan Series 8 & 9		



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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore



This famous quote from the opening chapter of Alice in Wonderland occurred to me while on an overseas trip as I set out to write this letter covering CNY and the new Rabbit Year watching the publisher's deadline receding in the rear view mirror!

After three years coping with all the frustrations of Covid restrictions would that the coming Rabbit could usher in all the fun and joy of the Wonderland that Alice found.

The year should start auspiciously enough, given the Festivities lined up by the Club to see out the Tiger and welcome in the softer tone of the Rabbit. See the GM's letter for some tempting descriptions of what lies in store with details of the Club closure during CNY-----aside from the informal opening of the Waglan Bar on a DIY basis. Volunteers encouraged to help out.

The old calendar year was seen out in style during December with the usual events well supported by members and guests. The Southside Regatta attracted a large fleet of 103 dinghies competing in tricky conditions with light winds vying with strong tides as many young sailors found to their cost. Ah, the learning experience.....

The Year of the Rabbit

*Oh Dear! Oh Dear! I shall be late.
[muttered the White Rabbit as Alice
followed him down the rabbit hole.....]*

[Lewis Carroll ---1865]

All well handled by the regular experienced RO's. Closely followed after Waglan 6 by Commodore's Drinks on Middle Island, while the second half of the month was filled by a cornucopia of F&B events culminating in the Boogie Woogie NYE Party.

One much anticipated event missing from those celebrations was the entry into service of the two new ferries. Nothing tangibly amiss, I'm glad to say, only a continuing number of new administrative hoops set by officialdom through which our Marine staff had to jump-----with uncomplaining perseverance. All being well the entry into service will be a fitting New Year's gift to members.

Following the CNY celebrations sailors, runners and volunteers will have the chance to enjoy what appears will be the return to normal of the Cub's famed Four Peaks Race over the coldest weekend of the season on 4th and 5th of February. Having said that, we may have to face the imposition of some Covid-related requirements prior to entry. Competitors will be well briefed beforehand.

My last letter referred to the "beginnings of the pinch of inflationary pressures". That has proven to be the case but so far the impact remains largely under control. It has however been necessary to increase the subscription [after several static years] by a modest 4.7%, a cost borne evenly by all members. I trust all members will understand the need-----that the Club must operate on a financially sound basis is fundamental. The GM has explained in detail how the impact is being handled, and constrained in general, in his Article this month, q.v.

This edition should reach members during the first week of 2023 an appropriate time to wish all members a Happy, much improved, New Year and Kung Hei Fat Choi to follow.

ABC Junk for Hire

Available for Parties, Day Trips and Water Sports



Picture by Fragrant Harbour

Pick-up at ABC, Central pier, Causeway Bay or TST public pier. The ABC can provide food and beverages including a range of hot and cold dishes, desserts and drinks.

Email fnb@abclubhk.com

Rental of speedboats, banana boats and water ski can be arranged via Freely Marine Services at 9276 2932.

Daytime: 9am – 5pm

Night-time: 6pm – 11pm

Monday – Friday: \$5,800

Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays: \$6,800

BOOKINGS - For junk booking please contact the Receptionist on 2552 8182 via booking@abclubhk.com

THE CLUB WILL CLOSE HALF DAY ON 21st, AND ALL DAY ON 22nd AND 23rd ... BUT!!!

During that time, the Club will have a limited service on offer by opening the “Waglan Pub” (ask me if you do not know why I call it “Pub”), from 10:00am to 18:00; this could be extended if we have more help than usual. Music, Good spirit, Fun, Drinks and DIY BBQ will be available, either from our selection or bring your own food and cook it on our BBQ, which will be acceptable only on this occasion.

There will be a few Members of the Committee helping the GM on these two days, to attend to your wishes and pleasure (the latter also limited, please). On that note, should you suddenly develop an irresistible urge to practice your bartending, cooking or dishwashing skills while being abused by customers, do contact me directly, and I will assign you a time and a duty for Sunday and Monday.

As stated above, the more the merrier and the longer we can keep the party going the better – so volunteers please sign up at genman@abclubhk.com



GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager



CHINESE
NEW YEAR
year of the rabbit

FESTIVITIES

CHINESE NEW YEAR

“THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT”

21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th JANUARY 2023

Checking online information on the Chinese Zodiac, I find: “Rabbit is a tame and tender animal, and swift in move. People born in the Year of the Rabbit usually have soft and tender personality traits. They keep a modest attitude and maintain a pleasant relationship to people around. They will not be irritated easily, and they also avoid quarrels as much as possible.” **This sounds like me in all aspects.**

The 2023 Chinese New Year's celebrations will start on Saturday 21 January in the evening, and last until Wednesday 25. The Club will continue its tradition of letting the Staff (Ooops!!! – to be politically correct these days, I should say our colleagues) go after lunch on Saturday 21 to enjoy two and half days of family celebrations for the new year. Our business will resume on Tuesday 23, with the normal service of breakfast at 8:30am.

NEW CNY CELEBRATION IN THE CLUB: THE “LANTERN FESTIVAL”

Sunday 5 February, 2023 is the 15th day of Chinese New Year and official end of the festivities. A lion dance, lantern parade and traditional food festival will make this cold Sunday evening warmer.

The Club will be illuminated by a myriad floating and flying lanterns, a buffet of traditional Chinese festival food will be served in the evening, a selection of Chinese wines and spirits will be available to sample, without forgetting the array of Chinese sweets – Ba Bao Fan, Tang Yuan, Sesame Peanut Brittle, Ning Gao, Ma Lai Go, Jian Dui and Tan Tart, to name a few.

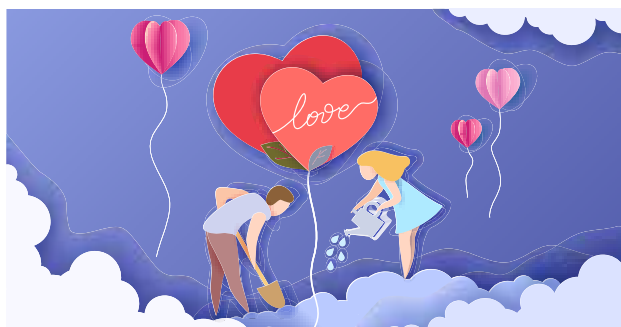
Come along, and celebrate the end of Chinese New Year, by entering the lantern parade around the club after dinner. The best homemade lantern and best traditional costume prizes will be awarded do not be shy and make the celebration full of joy and noise for an auspicious year of the Rabbit.

On Saturday 4 February – the day before, make your lantern in the playground. We will provide material, you must provide your creativity: build your lantern and parade with it the next day.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Surely, I do not need to give you the date, but remember to have your date sorted; the Club will as usual be there for you – and if you lack extra ideas to make her or his day special, let me share with you 20 Valentine's tips (I have far more in fact) reflecting French romanticism skill:



1. Leave your love sticky notes at night all over the house, so she or he knows you think of her or him even while she – or he – sleeps.
2. Play a game of twisters before bedtime, and let your imagination flow from there.
3. Create your couple's cocktail, ask us to make it and serve you as a "surprise".
4. Put rose petals on the bed, unless she or he is an obsessive-compulsive germophobic.
5. A sunset dinner cruise will take you further than the cruise itself, trust me.
6. Take a pottery class and recreate the movie Ghost, for the die-hard romantic.
7. Take a walk holding hands after a movie (best suits amorous cheapskates).
8. Tell each other why you fell in love with one another; lie if you must, but say something or you are out of the game.
9. Write each other a love letter (for the intellectuals).
10. Fill the house with candles, if you are dating a fireman.
11. Watch the sunset with a picnic basket; that works any day anyway
12. Watch your favourite romantic movie with sweet popcorn, for a cozy homebody lifestyle moment.
13. Get a couples massage and hold hands while feeling relaxed.
14. For sweet-toothed suitors: share chocolate-covered strawberries on a balcony, and compare their taste to your life as a couple.
15. Create and share a Spotify music playlist of your shared lifetime (for modern couples).
16. Recreate your first date, if you can remember; if

not, avoid at all costs, as she – or even he – will remember.

17. Slow dance to your couple's song, in public, to show the world what is unconditional shameless love, and how much you practiced not stepping on her or his feet.
18. Eat breakfast in bed; I mean, make him or her breakfast in bed and maybe stay in bed the whole day.
19. Start a couple's bucket list – and do not wait too long, life is short, especially with the loved one.

But first and foremost, book the Aberdeen Boat Club Valentine's romantic dinner, for an evening featuring our in-house pianist David Robinson and our most loving waiter Thomas. That will save you a lot of trouble – and make her or his night another lasting memory of your wonderful times together.

STAFF PARTY

This year, the Staff Party will again take place at the Regal Hotel Causeway Bay, on 13 February. On that day, the Club will close after lunch, to re-open the next day with sore heads and aching bodies.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members who contributed to the Staff Gratuity 2023, as part of it goes into the Staff party fund and part goes to the yearly extra bonus in the form of Lai See.

As a reminder, the Staff Gratuity fund is financed through your voluntary donations in December, and as well as the spring dinner and party serves to sponsor staff's long-term development and the short-term assistance program that started in 2009 at the ABC. This program is designed to support the well-being and encourage the development of ABC staff. It was developed to create a caring working environment by assisting staff in achieving career targets, enjoying important moments in their lives and easing the burden of any financial crisis. Some of the best stories about support from the club are medical support for Steven Ng, and further studies for Henry Howie and Kathy, which have worked out well for both the Club and them.

Lastly, as stated above, the gratuities also determine the Lai See we give to our staff on your behalf, and serve to replace once a year any tips given in other places on a regular basis.



GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

NEW YEAR HOUSE KEEPING RANTS

NEW CLUB PRICES

Membership entrance fees have been increased since 1 January, and the new prices are published on our webpage for new members' perusal.

Subscriptions have gone up this year, after being frozen on and off during the COVID period. The monthly due is now HK\$1,550.00, as approved at the November 2022 General Committee Meeting.

A Junk trip will cost you on weekdays HK\$5,800; and on weekends and public holidays HK\$6,800.

On the good news side, the building levy, minimum food and beverage, towel, and parking labels remain unchanged. Food and Beverage prices will only see a slight increase for some items that have insidiously become expensive (onion, garlic, eggs, milk, cereal, butter ... in fact practically everything used in cooking); but trust the F&B team, they will do their best to keep the general inflation burden at bay this year.

CAR PARK LABEL RENEWAL AND TIRADE



You must all have received by now Cobo's yearly reminder of the automatic parking label renewal, together with a new 2023 label. If you are yet to display it on your windscreen, please do so now as 2022 labels are obsolete

and will not allow you access to the car park, nor do older versions (yes, I know it sounds strange, but 2022 labels are not valid in 2023).

I must remind you that labels must be visible not hidden, displayed on the windscreen, not duplicated, nor shared with non-members or staff – and most of all displayed with pride and honour as you would do with other prestigious clubs.

If the car you drive in is not the car registered

with us, you will be charged for an automatic extra label as stated in the Club's regulations. Obviously, nothing is black or white and if you need assistance, for example as your registered car may be being serviced, a phone call prior to a breach of rules may resolve any issues and avoid lots of embarrassment for both of us. We have again started to clamp abusers, and whether a member or not, once clamped it will cost you HK\$250 to be freed.

Lastly, please park within the lines – and if you scratch another vehicle, please do not drive away, CCTVs are all over the place.

Parking access reminder, since 2020:

- Each member can apply for a maximum of five car park permits.
- Weekdays, every member can have two cars parked at the c=Club.
- Weekends and public holidays, each member is restricted to only one car with one valid permit

Cost of the label

1st and primary label HK\$2,000; and subsequent labels are HK\$1,000 each

Guest parking fee

This fee has increased from HK\$50 day to HK\$100, and must be booked with our reception prior to arrival. It will be charged to your account. A guest parking is for non-members who are friends of yours, and using the facilities. It is not cheap parking for staff, or friends while going shopping in our new malls nearby and the new one to come. Also, a Member is not allowed to use guest parking; as strange as it may sound, guest parking is for guests of members, not for members.

MEMBERSHIP CARD USAGE (OR MISUSAGE)

Too many Members, particularly boat owners, are giving their Membership cards to their staff, in order for them to run and open the gate when the boss comes to the Club and boards a boat.

As inconvenient as it may be (as I have been told), this is not allowed under Club rules, and we will be actively chasing offenders. The first time, a gentle reminder will suffice, we believe; but should we see this practice continuing, the access card

will be deactivated without warning, and only re-instated by the discipline committee if they see fit.

The membership card is just as precious as your HKID card, and I am sure you would not give your ID card to anyone. Please do respect your Club, even or especially if you only use us as pontoon access.

RING TONES SEASON

The Club was reminded at the last AGM that loud ringing and usage of phones have been heard and seen again, all over our outlets. May I remind you that phones and every other possible electronic device must be switched to silent before entering the Club.

Should you have to answer your phone while enjoying a supposedly relaxing time for all, please isolate yourself in order to keep your surrounding and fellow diners' experience unspoiled by unwanted discussions and cacophony. Our staff will remind you of the rules, so please be as courteous as they are. When approached, if you consider the attitude unjustified or rude do not hesitate to come to me in any way possible, and I shall act according to the situation.

I apologise if these reminders sound like ranting to some, but if they touch or hurt your feelings, it might well be that you are the offender of Club rules. These only address some issues we had to deal with in 2022, affecting other members who also have the right to be protected and enjoy the Club.

IN CLOSING THE GM'S RANTS

We trust that 2023 will be considerably smoother than 2022, less letters will have to be sent to members, less need for the discipline committee to be called – and, especially, no more police reports will be filed.

If you're unsure about Club rules, do have a quick look at our bye laws on the website:

https://www.abclubhk.com/upload/Membership/2020/ABC_Bye-Laws_2020.pdf

Or call me at 2553 3231,
send me a WhatsApp: 9019 9369
or an email: genman@abclubhk.com



AGM

SHORT SUMMARY

A smooth and fast yearly meeting opened nearly on time, with a quorum of 26 members. The entire procedure lasted 23 minutes, before the Commodore opened the floor for Q&A.

There were questions about having an early sampan service on weekends, T3 service in the Typhoon shelter, stopping members on boats being anti-social and noisy; and management will have a look at these issues in the coming months. The most interesting question was about representation of ladies and youth in committees – and to say the least there is a real lack of a feminine touch in what we are doing, this was collectively agreed.

One point that came out of the discussion is the perception and understanding of how to get in committees. This is duly explained in our Memorandum or articles, and provisions for all the requests are included. To sum up in a few lines: any title member is entitled to apply to be elected, and his or her spouse can if they wish offer assistance if they have an urgent issue with some areas of the Club, and may approach the management who will direct the request to join as a co-opted member to the respective chairman, who will then officially invite or meet with the person in order to attend to their requests and decide to co-opt them.

So ladies and young members of the Club (as yes, you are all members even if you are not the title member): do contact me and I shall start the process. The more the merrier, and certainly the better; we may serve the entire membership with your input. I look forward to hearing from you.



GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

Lastly, another point of interest was made about the Club communications, with a view that we should have a better social media presence. Again, what is missing here is the communication about our communication medias; a case of the dog biting his own tail. There is always a need to improve social media, particularly these days, but there is also the wish to be part of these social media. In the end, the Club has an extensive but targeted social media presence; and yes we are not in the face of people, unlike other Clubs, as we pride ourself in protecting your right not to be annoyed by all this communication pollution, which may be often based on ego and feelings and less on facts. Now please see the list of communication tools the Club has for you, to make you aware of what is going on, and it remains your choice whether to join or not.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION SOCIAL MEDIA:

- E-NEWSLETTER sent twice a week by email, if you elected to received it in your interview. Should you wish to join now, send a message to Cobo with your preferred email address, through which you will receive our Thursday F&B "What's Cooking" letter or Friday "Island Life" Middle Island experience.

- WhatsApp accounts: there are many around, such as dedicated to moorings, wine society, F&B booking, sailing courses, ARA team.... Just ask and we will direct you the to the account corresponding to your needs.

- Have you seen our YouTube postings? You will be impressed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCe3zLQxKEcls1p8MnIoc-w>

- <https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenBoatClub>
Yes we have a Facebook page, mainly for sailing and marine, but soon more general information will be posted.

- We are on Twitter, but I must say that to avoid posting silly messages like some very high profile leaders this is not well used. Aberdeen Boat Club (@ABCHongKong) / Twitter

- To check Big Boat Crew available and wanted, please visit: <https://www.abclubhk.com/CrewAvailable.aspx>

- If you're only interested in Middle Island, go to <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/>

THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

Having received seven nominations and one from the floor for eight spaces available on the General Committee 2023, the Commodore – after asking the new nominees to take a few minutes to introduce themselves – proposed to vote for them as a block by show of hands. The following members were unanimously re-elected and elected:

BARRY HILL

Vice-Commodore and Chairman of Middle Island Development Committee

JAMES SMITH

Honorary Treasurer

CHRISTOPHER TUNG

Honorary Secretary

MARTIN GANZ

General Committee Member in House and Building Committee

GEORGE DOYLE

General Committee Member in House and Building Committee

TERENCE O'HOY

General Committee Member in House and Building Committee

STEPHEN PERRET

General Committee Member in Sailing and Marine Committee

FELIX MAK

General Committee Member in Sailing and Marine Committee

MIDDLE ISLAND PROGRESS

Town Hall Meeting No 8 was held on Saturday 19th November to provide an update on progress for the Middle Island development.

A one hour presentation was conducted by our Vice Commodore, Barry Hill and is now available at: https://www.abclubhk.com/upload/About/MI_Development/2022/THM-Presentation-19-Nov-2022-Final.pdf

The presentation was followed by a one hour Q&A Session which included many important questions and observations by a very engaged and enthusiastic audience. A summary of this session is available at: https://www.abclubhk.com/upload/About/MI_Development/2022/Questions-and-Answers-QA-no.-8th-THM-Town-Hall-Meeting---BMH-Version-3.pdf

Apart from reminding Members of all that has been done and achieved since 2011, when the Building Levy was put in place, the presentation addressed the new schematic design of the hard stand modifications which had to be implemented to protect the infamous Amphioxus and some tiny, yet very rare coral discovered in 2018 and 2020. The point to note is that the surface of the new hard stand will remain nearly as planned but instead of being a full reclamation, only 12% will be reclaimed with the majority of the hard stand located on piles. This considerably increases the cost, but we have no choice. The Building Levy will continue until the project is finished which at this moment cannot be fully determined. What we know is that the construction of the hard stand will commence in 2026 and will take 2 years to complete. This will provide the additional space we have been trying to secure for 12 years. Between now and 2026 we will continue to work to achieve the right to



develop Middle Island by obtaining approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment which will allow the issue of the Environmental Permit for the development. We plan to initiate our important Scope and Cost Review in January 2024 to account for the various changes which have been imposed on us during the 4 year period of the environmental study. The Section 12A submission for the approval of Rezoning is scheduled for March 2025 and then the last hurdle to achieve by December 2025 will be the approval of the Foreshore & Seabed Gazette for a construction start in January 2026.

The outcome of the Scope and Cost Review will allow the overall revised estimate to be completed but, in the meantime, we have prepared an estimate for Phase III A of the new hard stand which amounts to \$98 Million. Funding for this stage is sourced from the Building Levy and a proportion from entrance fees which is currently set at 30%.

To date we have raised \$73.5 Million, and our funding forecast shows that by December 2025 our cash reserves will be sufficient to complete Phase III A (hard stand and ramp). The current sourcing of funds is assumed to continue until overall completion. We will continue to provide regular updates as future significant milestones in progress are achieved.





GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



PANADOL FILE SIDE EFFECT

Having created the Panadol file years ago, and receiving so much feedback from members but particularly from reciprocal members, I had them running and I must say I did enjoy writing them.

The danger with the PANADOL file is that, if used in excess it has side effects. The sarcasm and lighter approach of hot topics involving high profile institutions, the main ingredients in my files, did actually fight back with vengeance. Furthermore, despite my regular overdose of indulging rants and scorns disguised as PANADOL, the headaches were still coming back and nothing seemed to be resolved. Therefore, sorry aficionados, but the Panadol files are dead; long live The Ostrich Syndrome file – my new way of coping with uncomfortable experiences faced in different situations, resulting in anxieties, fears and that “Je ne sais quoi” of global non-sense. Oooops! here we go again, mind your language old man; keep calm and bury your head in the sand.



Let's open these files then, with the new organisation of our Recreational Business Leaders.

Not too long ago, when needing to have information on lease, occupation permit, COVID and land premium, we had our direct point of communication – the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). Very organised, dedicated and professional people always there for you. In July 2022, this HAB was reorganised and their department split to ensure better service to the community.

Our new direct line of communication is now called The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB); the same Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) people who were in contact with us were moved to

(CSTB) under the new Permanent Secretary For Culture Sports and Tourism.

Less pressure for the old HAB, now renamed as, well, Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), and who still has the control akin to Home Affairs Department (HAD), which department is in charge of our Club premises compliance and performing supervision?

Save that the Fire Department (FD), under HAD previously, has now been allocated to another bureau given to the Secretary of Security. I nearly forgot: the Food, Environmental and Hygiene Department under the Secretary for Environment and Ecology; and to be honest I was never really sure who was in charge before, at least this time I know.

Therefore, now to comply and register for most of our licences we must refer to HAD under HYAB, CSTB under CSTS and FD under SB, and finally FEHD under the EEB.

Come on this is very clear and simple: HYAB, SB, EEB and CSTB will prepare the policies to be enforced by HAD, SCSTD (REALLY), FD and FEHD. So, nothing new to us, just more abbreviations, acronyms, or initialism to learn and apply to the people we know but who changed desks.

There was a need to really simplify the process, and some bureaus really had too much to cope with. Therefore, the split of duties into many more bureaus and moving around departments makes a lot of sense, and I am a strong supporter of these changes as this will obviously improve delivery and quality of service.

In conclusion and FYI AMA ASAP and AFAK IWR

File TBC, as next time I shall clear the new structure we have to follow in regard to Middle Island Development.

NEXT OSTRICH SYNDROME FILE

- What happened in the new bureaus
- The Trees Saga Is Over, Or Is It?
- Main Clubhouse Lease, The New Opening Up Scheme and The Future Land Premium

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

By Graham Price, Chairman, House and Building Committee

At the time of writing, I'm pleased to say that we have had some volunteers to participate in the house committee work and to lend us their time and expertise to address specific issues.

At Middle Island, we have embarked on repainting the club house structure, and have discovered some defects which are being rectified. We have taken the environmentally friendly decision to do away with large flasks of distilled water altogether, and are providing extra filtered water points for both sailors and members in the club house.

In the cool weather now, we are thinking ahead regarding how to make things comfortable in mid-summer. It was never the intention that Middle Island be a fully air conditioned building, but we are able to make the building more comfortable in summer with careful management of shade, cooling and ventilation.

Our project to upgrade the Main Club House continues, behind the scenes at present, however we are expecting to begin works in the second quarter of 2023. This will involve erection of a scaffolding screen outside the building adjoining Shum Wan Road while we replace the old web of pipework for new. We will also be renovating the toilets

on the 2nd and 3rd floors. There will be a short period of disruption, and members may have to use washrooms on other floors for a limited time.

We are also planning to upgrade our "Shop Window"! Design work is in progress in order to revitalise the main entrance of the Club, and on the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter side the sea wall is being repainted. And we plan to have new bolder lettering making clear that we are: "The Aberdeen Boat Club" – and, unsaid, "this is a private pontoon!"

We have now installed a new "Point of Sale" or POS system, which meets current day standards. Next on the upgrade of IT systems is likely to be the club management system. The complicated bit is getting systems to communicate with each other, as I'm sure those of you who know more than me about IT will recognise.

Of course, we try to undertake all works in such a way as to minimise the disruption to you, the Member, but we trust that you will understand when out of necessity we have to make temporary diversions to your normal routing!

From all of us on the House Committee, may I wish you a successful and rewarding new year.

Middle Island Washrooms



Welcome to the New Members

June 2022

Alisa Luntz
Grant Baird
Maggie Siu
Li Matt Lucius
Li Marcus Enoch
Yan Tsz Him, Oscar
Adrian Leung
Hsu Pang Yu, Annie
Lam Kwok Wai Vincent
Lu Yen Ying

July 2022

Nelson Ng
Rob Sallons
Iain Bruce Irvine
Justin Craig Faulkner
James Morison
Edmond Leung
Conrad Tang
Thomas Yu
Epaphras Wong
Scarlett Tao
Amelie Jat
Adam Williams

Chiu Chi Fung
Wong Wing Yan, Joyce

August 2022

Eric Law
Adam Williams
Wilson Cheng
Kevin Chung
Edwin Kwok
Eva Lind-Millo
Christina Nueva
Christopher Day
Lena Dawson
Law Hui On Michael
Chan Ethan
Hau Emma Yik Yin
Zheng Huanran Jolin
Pat Olive
Yin Max
Tai Matthew Edwards
Westbrook Ethan Liam
Wynnie Law
Ronald Sin

September 2022

Kenneth Ho
Roger Ho
William Leung
Hui Long Ching Gabriel
Yip Owen Leong Yin
Charles Ciemniak
William Yijia Huang
Chan Hailey Wing Hei
Jessica Liu
Tara Maliah
Valentina Trevino
Margaux Nguyen-Minh
Cleo Sophie Badenach
Andrew Horton
Shinichiro Watari
Gisela Yu

October 2022

Irene Cheung
Chan Ho Sun, Denys
Liew Sze Tsi, Jeffrey
Or Kin Wang, Kevin
Truong Niem Tu, Tyron
Yeung Chi Hang, Peter

Lee Cameron Guang Hui
Bianca Iong
Belmira Iong
Lau Nicolette Natasha
Russell Aylsworth
David Sampson
Lam Kwok Hing
Zhou Yan Angel

November 2022

Stephen Leung
Gary Fung
Alan Ferrier
Patrick Mehran Ansari
Li Han ting
Kenny Tsang
Cheung Hoi Ki Alice
Tanisha Nigam
Abel Martin Louis Simoneau
Arthur Rene Scott Simneau
Maksim Rychkov

Farewell for the Leaving Members

June 2022

Caroline Hood
Justin A Foss Cole
Philippe Delorme
Philip Elliot
Mathias O'gier
Aaron Hazen
Kelvin Wong
Jason Cave
Francois-Xavier Druene
Piero De Angeli
Anna Karacan
Casey Law
David Charles Chu
Yeung Nicholas Wai Sing

July 2022

Alan Glen
Raphael Chabrolle
Chris Wharton
Anthony Kwok
Simon Dodd

To Kam Ming
Gary Smith
Ulysse Ha Thuc
Tivizio Depoid
Li Tsz Yu Brendan
Mark Philip Yeadon
Jonathan Kitching
Wayne Victor Allard Peters

August 2022

Edith Loong
May Wong
Grace Fisher
Matthew Pecheur
Liu Xiang Jun
Nelson Chan
Julia F Monk
Ho Wing Tim

September 2022

Cheang Yee Chung
Cheung Siu Leung, Brian

David Hirotaka Pang
Guillaume Deve
John Shanahan
Sam Cheng
Annie Iong

October 2022

Roger Muscroft
Jean Samuel Hentz
Vijay Jote
Wong Wai Hee, Wilfred
Greg Copley
Choi Sung Fung, Norman
Andrew Chan
Sebastian Stiles
Kevin Grant Leach Smith

November 2022

Chow Chun Sing, Stephen
Adam Routh
Mark Smith
David Hinde

Zaara Bhatia
David Loneragan



2022-2023 WAGLAN SERIES

Race 1: 9 Oct

Race 2: 23 Oct

Race 3 & 4: 13 Nov

Race 5: 27 Nov

Race 6: 11 Dec



Race 7: 15 Jan

Race 8 & 9: 26 Feb

Race 10: 12 Mar

Race 11: 26 Mar

Race 12: 2 Apr

Resail: 16 Apr





Ding Dong comes about

WAGLAN SERIES 2022

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RACE 3 & 4



Jinn readies in pink kite



2nd in IRC 1, Redeye

Day 3 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Waglan Series 2022-23 started with concern over conditions but the lack of breeze early on Sunday, the 13th of November, soon turned to a steady 10-knot southeaster in the waters southeast of Lamma Island. Race officer, Alex Johnston, assisted by Jennifer Li and club general manager, Philippe de Manny, set up course on relatively calm seas, despite occasional gusts of 15 knots.

First off on schedule at 1100, in Race 3 of the series, were the eight boats in the combined start for IRC 1 (3 boats) and IRC 2 (five boats) heading for three laps of the course with the outer windward mark at 1.1 nautical miles (nm) at 105 degrees. *Intrigue* led the fleet around the

leeward mark after their first lap. *Juice* and *Ding Dong* brought up the rear of IRC 2 with *Ding Dong* calling "starboard" on *Juice* allowing it to round first.

At the third rounding of the top mark, *Wild Card* had caught up with *Intrigue* but, after a slow kite hoists, *Intrigue* pulled ahead. At the finish, *Wild Card* took line and handicap honours in IRC 1 crossing the line nine seconds ahead of *Next*, which claimed 3rd on handicap. *Redeye* finished 2nd on corrected.

Intrigue took line honours in IRC 2's Race 3 correcting out in 2nd place after losing to *Juice* for 1st place, with *Juggerknot* 3rd.



Muxu, 2nd in the first race

Nine HKPN boats started their Race 3 at 1105, involving six boats in HKPN A and three in HKPN B.

Jibulai led the HKPN A fleet over the line whilst *Water Rabbit* led HKPN B. Their course entailed two laps of the inner course with the windward mark at 1.0 nautical mile and a separate yellow inner leeward mark.

Legende II took line honours but was relegated to 4th on corrected. *Boss* claimed handicap honours with *blowers daughter* in 2nd and *Jibulai* 3rd. Handicap honours went to *Shun Shui* in HKPN B with the J/80, *Muxu*, taking 2nd and *Water Rabbit* 3rd.

It was straight into Race 4 for IRC at 1240 on the same course of three laps. *Intrigue* again led the fleet and IRC 2 across the line whilst *Wild Card* led IRC 1.



Five O One approaches the HKPN start

The HKPN fleet followed with their Race 4 at 1245, again on the same course of two laps. The J/80, *JeNa PaBe*, had a good start in HKPN A along with *Water Rabbit* in HKPN B.

Intrigue again led around the outer windward mark but had been overhauled at the leeward mark by two of the IRC 1 boat – *Next* and *Wild Card*. *Legende II* again led HKPN A around the leeward mark.

At the second rounding of the inner windward mark, *Boss* was obliged to tack to make the mark but also forced *JeNa PaBe* to tack to take evasive action. However, it managed to sneak through between *Boss* and the mark to escape.

At the finish, *Next* had opened up a five-minute lead over *Wild Card* but lost by 20 seconds on corrected. *Redeye* was just 44 seconds behind in 3rd.

Intrigue again took line honours and 2nd place in IRC 2, beaten on handicap by *Juice*, with *Jinn* 3rd.

In HKPN A, *Legende II* again took line honours and 4th on handicap with *Boss*, *blowers daughter* and *Jibulai* 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.



Juggerknot surfs

In HKPN B, *Shun Shui*, *Muxu* and *Water Rabbit* finished Race 4 in the same sequence as in Race 3 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Racing was over by 1402 so it was a relatively early return for crews to their moorings before convening at the ABC's Waglan Bar for Kraken Rum and the prize-giving involving bottles of wine. The winners that failed to show had their bottles awarded to the 2nd place finishers much to the delight of *Wild Card* and *Intrigue*. Now there's an incentive not to miss the prize-givings!



Philippe de Manny manages the flags



Juggerknot start, Carey Jack on the helm

RACE 5

Warm but not hot; cool but not cold. Winds of between 12 and 15 knots, from 75 degrees, and patches of blue in the sky. All set for Race 5 of the Waglan Series 2022 on Sunday, the 27th of November.

Not the biggest of turnouts but the 14 crews circling the Aberdeen Boat Club's committee boat, *Shun Fung*, off Middle Island, were cheerful and looking forward to 'stretching their legs' after the many shortened courses earlier in the series. Race officer, Alex Johnston, ably assisted by Jennifer Li and coxswain Dai Fuk, set about planning the day's itinerary while, out on his sampan, Sai Fuk laid a windward mark close to Repulse Bay and a mark in the Beaufort Channel, off Tai Tam Bay.

The Outer Distance Mark for the start line was laid in towards Ocean Park and Course 20 (L) chosen for the two IRC divisions and Course



Legende II, 3rd in HKPN A



Redeye, Castle Rock behind

20 (S) for the two HKPN divisions. Johnston felt that a longer, rather than shorter, line was safer given the lively conditions.

On schedule, at 1055, the countdown for IRC began and, at 1100, the gun for the start was fired and seven boats got away cleanly into the 12-knot breeze. *Juice* made a good break further down the line but was soon chased down by *Redeye* and *Juggerknot* as they approached the windward mark. Missing from the line-up were prime series contenders *Wild Card*, *Witchcraft*, *Neo One* and *Red Kite II* – a pity as all would have reveled in the conditions.



Singlehanded Jibulai recorded DNS

From the windward mark it was south through the Chesterman Gate, then rounding Castle Rock, leaving Beaufort Island to starboard, out to TCS2, back around Waglan Island, leaving Sung Kong to port, around Castle Rock again, through the Chesterman Gate, with a sprint to the finish off Round Island. A challenging course with lots of work to be done over some 21 nautical miles. But the crews were up for it and *Next* and *Redeye* soon left the others in their wakes.



Redeye on the outside



Arthur Cheng helms Boss

HKPN A & B were let go at 1105 and the big Beneteau 51, *Legende II*, slowly pulled ahead, although *Boss* and *Five O One* were not making it easy for Pascal Martin and his crew. HKPN followed a similar course to IRC but left out TCS2 and Waglan and, instead of Sung Kong, left Fury Rocks to starboard before heading for Castle Rocks (s) and through Chesterman Gate.

The wind held throughout the day and it wasn't long before guns were sounding for line honours winners. First boat home was *Legende II* at 13:27:11, recording a 3rd in HKPN A behind *Five O One* and *Boss*. Next boat to receive a gun was Eddy Lee's Neo Roma 430, *Next*, and its cast of thousands – the RO counted 16! On handicap, *Next* placed 2nd behind *Redeye* in 1st.

Ian Nicolson's *Intrigue* took line honours in IRC 2 at 14:01:23 but had to accept 2nd from *Juice* on handicap. *Ding Dong*, despite being the last boat home at 14:24:37, placed 3rd.

Shun Shui got a gun for taking line honours in HKPN B and also claimed handicap honours ahead of *Muxu*. Conspicuous by its absence was the Japanese entry, *Water Rabbit*; likewise the classic Hans Christian 41T, *Bowline*.

Incidentally, HKPN A entry, *Jibulai*, retired after it was pointed out that singlehanded sailing is not permitted.



Muxu loves a camera



Muxu leads from the start

RACE 6

The Observatory predicted 'North Force 4, Force 5 and occasionally up to Force 6 offshore' and that's how it turned out . . . for most of the day. Blue sky at the start but, by midday, cloud and haze. Still, the wind was enough to keep everyone moving and only three IRC boats took longer than four hours to finish their course.

Of the 27 listed entries, 18 boats showed up for Race 6 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Waglan Series 2022-23, and 18 boats finished. Many carried on to enjoy the après-race Commodore's Drinks party at the club's Middle Island facility.

The committee boat, *Shun Fung*, was on station at 1000 and support staff, Sai Fuk in his P4 sampan, laid an ODM in the direction of Ocean Park and positioned a windward mark at 010 degrees, 300 metres in towards Middle Island.

For all four divisions, race officer Alex Johnston, ably assisted by club general manager, Philippe de Manny, chose Course 22. The faster boats would sail the 'Long' version of the course, covering 23 nautical miles, while the slower boats would follow the 15-nautical mile 'Short' version. The RO's thinking was to have everyone home within four hours.

During his VHF welcome at 1030, Johnston was interrupted by the countdown of a nearby Flying Fifteen passage race and a J/80 class championship southeast of Lamma Island. Together with the kayaks and assorted dinghies, there were a lot of sailors out on Sunday, the 11th of December, enjoying the conditions.

Incidentally, regular series contestant, *JeNa PaBe*, the only J/80 in the Waglan Series, chose not to compete in the J/80 event and – loyal to the cause – turned out for Race 6 instead. *Juggerknot*, confused, asked the committee boat what course it should sail, to which the assistant race officer replied, "Long". Its next question was time of race



Boss approaches the Tai Tam Mark



Shun Shui starts at 1105



Next chases Juice over the line

start, to which the answer was an equally flat, "Soon". *Juggerknot* sailed away, still confused.

At 1055, the countdown for IRC 1 and IRC 2 began. At 1100, the gun sounded and eight boats crossed the start, *Arcturus+* in the lead. Five minutes later, HKPN A and B started with 10 boats jockeying for position in a lively start. Brave *Muxu* held its own, even with the 51-foot Beneteau, *Legende II*, looming over its transom. *Jibulai*, in 10 knots of breeze with a full crew this time, led the way to the windward mark, across Repulse Bay and past the Cheshire Home. *Easy Breezy II* was the last boat to start.

Off Stanley, it went light. Barely 5 knots. Some of the slower boats started to struggle. They kept moving, but only just.

Out in front, *Arcturus+* was having a great time, rounding Castle Rock, a Tai Tam Club Mark, and heading out past Cape d'Aguilar for Shek O Rock. The HKPN boats left out Castle Rock and instead passed the Tai Tam Club Mark and sailed for Fury Rocks.

At this point, the RO had thoughts of finishing everyone at Castle Rocks. IRC still had to round Sung Kong, Waglan and Po Toi, but the wind



seemed to be holding to the east. The problem was how long it was going to take the HKPN fleet to get back to the finish at Round Island.

So, as a compromise, he decided to shorten course at Chesterman Buoy. With *Legende II* fast approaching Castle Rocks, *Shun Fung* powered up and made for Chesterman with Sai Fuk quickly laying the finish line while *Legende II* approached rapidly.

Line honours went to *Legende II*, Philippe Grelon at the helm, at 13:46:05. Two minutes later, *Jibulai* finished. Almost an hour later, *Arcturus+* came storming home to take line honours in IRC 1.

On handicap, *Arcturus+* won IRC 1, with *Redeye* 2nd and an unusually slow *Next* in 3rd. IRC 2 saw *Jinn* win the day, with *Intrigue* in 2nd and Andy Pidden's *Juice* in 3rd.

A sterling performance by *Five O One* saw it take HKPN A, ahead of *blowers daughter* and *Boss*. *Muxu* and its happy crew won HKPN B, with *Shun Shui* taking 2nd and latecomer *Easy Breezy II* in 3rd.

Race 7 in the Waglan Series 2022-23 is scheduled for the 15th of January 2023.





Freedom approaches the Tai Tam Club Mark (Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 2)



"It's party time again after more than two years of lockdown and what better way to celebrate than with the Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2022, held over the weekend of 29th and 30th of October."

Words & Photos By Fragrant Harbour

Beneteau Cups and Beneteau Rendezvous have been held worldwide and have built social communities for Beneteau owners who share the same passions for sailing and the sea. Regular events are held, for example, in San Diego and Australia.

This year's Hong Kong event – the second – attracted 16 official entries with one extra boat, *Lotte*, joining on the last day.

The event was organised by the Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) in conjunction with Simpson Marine and supported by Beneteau, along with a multitude of sponsors including Aon. Originally scheduled in May 2022, the event was postponed to October, due to the pandemic restrictions.

Race officer, Alex Johnston, the ABC's marine & sailing manager, was unable to cover the



Foxzhead accelerates away (Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 2)

event and was replaced at short-notice by Arnold Luntz, ably assisted by Jennifer Li, the ABC's assistant marine & sailing manager.

It was a sunny morning when the fleet assembled at the start line, between Round Island and Repulse Bay, for the start of the scheduled islands race. First off at 1100 were six of the eight registered HKPN A boats, with ratings below 1300, heading for the Chesterman Gate. Among those leading across the line were the Beneteau First 31.7, *Foxzhead*, the Beneteau Oceanis 46.1, *Freedom*, and the Beneteau Oceanis 51.1, *Legende II*.

The eight boats in HKPN B division (rating above 1300) followed five minutes later.

It was a relatively slow start, sheltered from the northeasterly, but the boats began to pick up speed once in open waters where *Legende II* experimented with its asymmetric and the Beneteau First 47.7, *Polar Star III*, unsuccessfully, with their code zero! This allowed one of the oldest boats in the fleet – the Beneteau First 405, *Ichiban* (1986) – to overtake and trail *Legende II* and *Foxzhead* through the gate heading for Castle Rock. *Foxzhead* was making good progress when it had to take evasive action to avoid a commercial vessel that steamed across its path.

Legende II and *Ichiban* rounded Castle Rock to port together before heading for the Tai Tam Club Mark. *Legende II* slipped around the mark and made for Beaufort Island. *Ichiban*

and *Polar Star III* needed several tacks to clear the headland with *Polar Star III* overhauling *Ichiban* and closing the gap on *Legende II*. Once in the Po Toi Channel it was up with the kites heading to pass Castle Rock to starboard before expecting to finish at Round Island via the Chesterman Gate. It, therefore, came as a surprise on *Ichiban* when the race officer chose to shorten course at Castle Rock, particularly when the boat was making seven knots!

Legende II took line honours in HKPN A and 3rd on handicap. *Foxzhead* finished 2nd on corrected with *Ichiban* 1st in HKPN A and overall.

In HKPN B, the Beneteau Oceanis 43, *Five O One*, nursing its jib, took line honours to claim 2nd on handicap with the Beneteau First 41s5, *Easy Breezy II* 1st, and the Beneteau Oceanis 40, *Coral Harbour* (ex-LoTech) in 3rd.

It was an early start for the festivities after several of the fleet moored up 'Mediterranean style' at the ABC's Middle Island facility. Later, the partying got into full swing with the Pirates of the Caribbean-themed fancy dress function. Wine and beer flowed freely and the culinary



Middle Island pirates



Simpson Marine ladies and friend

delights prepared with French flare by Middle Island head chef, Aurelien Lagrange, exceeded all expectations.

The prize presentation, with masks no longer mandatory, saw a whole host of sponsored prizes being awarded. In addition to the race awards, *La Folia* received a prize having the most women on board and *Water Rabbit* and *Legende II* for the best-dressed pirates.

The breeze was brisk for Sunday's pursuit race with the first of the highest handicapped HKPN B boat, the Beneteau Oceanis 35.1, *La Folia* (rating 1589), scheduled to start at 1002, followed 18 minutes later by the Beneteau First 265, *Water Rabbit* (rating 1499). The Beneteau Oceanis 35, *Spirou* (rating 1302), was the last of the HKPN B fleet before the first of the HKPN A boats, *Foxzhead*, hit the line. In hot pursuit came *Ichiban* at 1102. Last off at 1138 was *Polar Star III*.

It was a ding dong battle between *Foxzhead* and *Ichiban* through the Chesterman Gate with the lead changing hands on several occasions before *Ichiban* pulled ahead approaching for a port rounding of Castle Rock. Meanwhile, *Freedom* had made significant gains to take the HKPN A lead at Castle Rock. Once again *Ichiban* had been hauled in and overtaken at the Tai Tam Club Mark by *Foxzhead*, but not for long. It was then out to the TCS 2 Mark with *Ichiban* again ahead and closing on the HKPN B boats which, rounding TCS2, hoisted their kites and headed back to pass Castle Rock to starboard. *Easy Breezy II* led the fleet, closely followed by *Coral Harbour*.



Tonny Cheung and crew on Foxzhead
(Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 1)



Foxzhead exits the bay
(Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 2)

Closing on TCS 2, *Foxzhead* had to take evasive action to avoid *Five O One*. Rounding the mark it was up with *Ichiban's* colourful spinnaker for the run back averaging 7.5 knots to the Po Toi Channel and on to the Chesterman Gate. There, suddenly, the race stalled with *Ichiban's* windex turning 360 degrees and the front-runners all becalmed. The finish line off Round Island was, frustratingly, in sight.

Fortunately, after about 10 minutes, light zephyrs returned, enough to get the HKPN B front-runners moving again. *Easy Breezy II* took the gun at 14:13:30 followed by *Coral Harbour*, *Arete*, *La Folia*, *Ichiban* and *Water Rabbit* at 14:29:11. A gap of 18 minutes followed before *Foxzhead* reached the finish, followed by a further five to make the 1500 cut-off. *Legend II* made it with just 43 seconds to spare. Four boats – *Polar Star III*, *142500*, *Captain Ernie* and *PT2* – didn't make it.

Having finished racing it was off to 'The Bay' restaurant in Mo Tat Wan, Lamma Island, for a prize-giving and beach party. Once again

an amazing selection of prizes were on hand: firstly, the pursuit race day prizes to the 3rd-placed *Senses 46*, *Arete*, 2nd *Coral Harbour* and the winner *Easy Breezy II*.

Having finished 1st in HKPN B on Saturday, equivalent to 3rd in HKPN overall and 1st in the pursuit race, *Easy Breezy II* was crowned Beneteau Cup Hong Kong 2022 winner. With 1st overall on Saturday and 5th in the pursuit race *Ichiban* finished 2nd with *Coral Harbour* 3rd.

Speaking on behalf of *Easy Breezy II* and his novice crew co-skipper, Alfred Lau, was full of praise for the event and vowed to return next year to defend his title.

Beneteau and Simpson Marine are keen to grow the event and hope to increase entries to 30. Given that there are 54 Beneteau boats currently listed with HKPN ratings on the Hong Kong Sailing Federation's website, that seems plausible. Those who missed this year should certainly sign up for next!



Easy Breezy II, Pursuit Race & Beneteau Cup winners (Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 2)



Five O One sailors celebrate (Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 2)



Freedom and Polar Star III (Beneteau Cup 2022, Race 1)



ABC Cruiser's Christmas Cruise

By David Rees

Building on last year's success, the ABC Cruisers planned another rendezvous at Stanley Christmas Market followed by festivities at Middle Island. Held on 10 December 2022, it was a huge success.

There were 12 boats, spanning power, speed and sail. There were decorated boats gracing the Middle Island pontoons. There were families. There were couples and singles. There were old and new members getting to know each other. There was music, with guitars, singing and a DJ. There was dancing. There was Howard's cruiser favourite, mulled wine (apparently a lot of it). There was a BBQ. There was overnighting at Middle Island. There was coffee for some at 6am; others closer to 11. There were a full moon, high tide and even the planets aligned (Mars, Jupiter, Saturn). There was great weather to bless the entire event.

Sadly, there was not the headline activity of a Stanley Christmas Market. That's right, apparently it was cancelled this year at the last minute. So the Organizing Committee led by Andres Hernandez pulled it off by focusing on

stepping up the Middle Island offer, and getting everyone attending into the holiday spirit. With great help from both ABC Marine and F&B we all enjoyed assisted docking and ferrying as well as an excellent buffet running into the evening. About 60 people attended.

As things slowed down and some participants departed for land and home, kids started hitting the showers and remained on excellent behaviour because Santa's stocking deliveries were coming soon. With the kids tucked in, one special event remained; wishing Chris Tung a happy birthday with champagne and cake. For the curious, he, too, remains forever 29!

Sunday saw boats departing slowly throughout the day. A few hung on for the Commodore's Drinks in the afternoon. Let it be said, the Christmas Spirit and joy never ends at the ABC. A special thanks for Club team support that made this a great event for 2022. To readers, a belated Happy Holidays greeting for 2022, and an invitation to join our cruise next year, on 9 December 2023.





Cricketer Plays Snooker at ABC and Makes Century But the New Curry Dish is Outstanding

By Dave Hilling

On the 27 October, the ABC invited Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC) for a night of snooker – and it is fair to say the fixture against KCC is always the most challenging on the circuit.

After a delayed start due to traffic for the KCC members arriving, it was all systems go, and first up for the ABC was Nick Horvath. It was a good start for Nick with a few solid pots, and John for the KCC still seemed to be getting used to our table. Then everything started to click for John and he was regularly scoring each time he stepped up, so despite a valiant effort by Nick it was KCC to move 1:0 up.

The second player for ABC was Adrian Lynch; and in a very similar pattern to the previous game, Adrian powered in the lead whilst his opponent Patrick was becoming accustomed to the table. However, once this was achieved it was very much one way traffic, and when Adrian was not able to get a snooker on the final few balls the overall score became 2:0 to the KCC.

Next, we had ABC captain Dave Hilling vs KCC captain Don McNeil, in an unfortunately very one-sided game. Don's breaks kept getting bigger and bigger; and despite a few nice pots by Dave there was little to do other than watch a snooker master show. In fact, by the end of the match, Don had managed to amass 100 points – and no one could even remember the last time that was achieved on our ABC table.

Normally we would have the final singles snooker match prior to dinner, with the doubles matches following; but due to the later start we went

straight into the curry buffet. It was fabulous as usual, and included a new dish called Lamb Maysore Masala, which was a massive hit with both teams and (for ABC) was the highlight of the night so far.

Now we had to hold the final singles match, so up stepped ABC's Tong Yun Fat, literally with his mouth still tingling from the curry's spices. This match certainly didn't disappoint with end-to-end potting, the lead changing multiple times, and also going down to the final black ball. Fat managing to get the right position on that black to bring the score to 3:1.

Given Fat's success in the match before, he joined Adrian in the ABC doubles partnership to see if we could close the gap with the KCC. Unfortunately, KCC's John and Sam had other ideas and played a very strong strategic game to come out comfortably on top. The final doubles match had Dave and Nick for the ABC against Don and Patrick, with the hope that Don would have gone off the boil. No such luck, and although he was not as prolific as in his singles match, he just kept on outscoring everyone and led to the ABC needing to concede.

So, the final score was 5:1 to the KCC for the evening, and although not quite the result the ABC were aiming for it was a great night of snooker, comradery, curry and a few drinks thrown in too. We certainly look forward to the return match at the KCC next year; and in the meantime maybe our general manager Phillippe can convince Marco Fu to join the ABC, so we can have a player to match Don!



The Horizons Hiking Trilogy: Part 1

Words and photos by Martin Williams

If you don't spend all your free time out on the ocean waves, perhaps you'll enjoy an activity beloved of landlubbers who enjoy the outdoors: hiking. Here, we bring you the first of a three part series with some ideas for trails to follow.

Super Circuit: *Lai Chi Wo and Sam A Tsuen*

Double Haven is among the most popular places to visit on longer boat excursions in Hong Kong. But even if you're familiar with heading there by sea, maybe even staying overnight and making a few trips ashore, it's a top area to enjoy by hiking – with a relatively untamed landscape, magnificent coastline, grand trees, and traditional villages.

From Wu Kau Tang, take a path heading uphill and northwards, aiming for Lai Chi Wo. This climbs through woodland to the crest of a ridge, then winds down to arrive at the village.

Lai Chi Wo is one of Hong Kong's most impressive villages, and though it was all-but abandoned, a project to restart rice farming has helped reinject life into village life.

Just above the village are impressive old trees, one of which is hollow. Below it, the largest mangrove trees in Hong Kong grow beside a bay where at low tide you may notice seagrass – a flowering plant adapted to life in the sea.

Take the coastal path southwards, and then up and over a low hill to Sam A Tsuen. Here you can find simple restaurants serving hikers, amidst stunning surroundings.

The coast path heads for the mouth of a tidal creek, from where you walk up a valley. After flights of rough steps, there's a rocky slope above the stream, which cascades down through deep potholes. This is a top spot to rest before continuing, crossing a watershed to another stream you follow back to Wu Kau Tang.



Lai Chi Wo and fields by drone



Lai Chi Wo main gate



Sam A Tsuen



Tiny cascade above Sam A Tsuen

Getting there 📍

Wu Kau Tang is served by infrequent minibus 20C from Tai Po Market. Or head there by taxi; or on Sundays and public holidays take bus 275R from Tai Po Market to nearby Bride's Pool.



F&B PROMOTION

January PROMOTIONS

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS MENU

The Galley & The Patio

Vegan & Plant Based Meats

The Four Peaks Restaurant

New Winter Dishes

February PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio

Modern Chinese New Year's
Festive Menu

The Four Peaks Restaurant

New Winter Dishes

SPECIAL HOT POT SET for winter at Middle Island!!

Catering to the new demands and the cooler weather,
we will have a set hot pot available on request
throughout January and February.
The set will have an attractive price starting at only
\$170 per pax (min 2pax per order).

*Pre-order at least one day in advance *



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Book your COMPANY OR FAMILY EVENTS at the Club!

LIMITED SPACES LEFT - ACT NOW!

ABC's Lunch or Dinner Buffet with
three-hour free-flow drinks package
starts from just **HK\$678**, inclusive of
venue & service charges.

OR

head to Middle Island, where the most popular
Whole Lamb Leg-on-Spit Family Buffet starts from
just **HK\$495**.


For enquiries, please email our F&B team at booking@abclubhk.com
we'll be delighted to propose tailor-made packages that best fit your requirements.




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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - January

❖ LOW CALORIES
❖ ZERO SUGAR
❖ ALC. 0.0% VOL*



\$38
/CAN





NO SERVICE CHARGE

*ALC. <0.5% VOL
20kcal per 100mL

WINE OF THE MONTH



**Glenelly Estate Collection
Cabernet Sauvignon 2017**
Blackberry, dark cherry, plum,
dark chocolate, vanilla.
A complex of flavours that are rich and
well-balanced. The wine has a good
balance of acidity, tannin and body, with
a smooth, velvety texture and a long, elegant
finish.

\$54 /Bottle
\$240 /Case



**Glenelly Estate Collection
Unfiltered Cabernet 2021**
Blackberry, dark cherry, plum,
dark chocolate, vanilla.
A complex of flavours that are rich and
well-balanced. The wine has a good
balance of acidity, tannin and body, with
a smooth, velvety texture and a long, elegant
finish.

\$54 /Bottle
\$240 /Case

Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - February

JOY GUY SUEN YAU

TANGERINE IPA

NEW



**EXCITE YOUR TASTE
BUDS WITH TANGERINE
SENSATIONS!**

FOR SOCIAL DRINKERS

- Looking for the most authentic craft beer experience
- Seeking exotic flavours
- For more experienced craft beer drinkers

\$45
/330mL

NO SERVICE CHARGE





TASTE PROFILE

ALCOHOL (ABV)
★★★★★

BITTERNESS (IBU)
★★★★★

COLOUR (EBC)
★★★★★

FOOD PAIRING

Strong Spicy food Burgers Mild blue cheeses

ABV 5.5%

WINE OF THE MONTH





**JUNIPER CROSSING
ORIGINAL WHITE 2021**
Citrus, apricot, peach, apple, pear, honey.
A complex of flavours that are rich and
well-balanced. The wine has a good
balance of acidity, tannin and body, with
a smooth, velvety texture and a long, elegant
finish.

\$54 /Bottle
\$240 /Case



**JUNIPER CROSSING
ORIGINAL RED 2019**
Blackberry, dark cherry, plum,
dark chocolate, vanilla.
A complex of flavours that are rich and
well-balanced. The wine has a good
balance of acidity, tannin and body, with
a smooth, velvety texture and a long, elegant
finish.

\$54 /Bottle
\$240 /Case



Winter Warmers



Mulled Wine \$70

Orange
Cinnamon
Cloves
Red Wine
Brandy



Eggnog \$68

Egg yolks
Nutmeg
Milk
Cream
Brandy

Ginger Lemongrass Herbal Honey \$65



Ginger
Lemongrass
Honey

Festive Cocktails & Mocktails

1. Prosecco Smash

\$88 (alcoholic) \$68 (non-alcoholic)

Prosecco, fig, peach,
garnished with rosemary

2. Poinsettia

\$88 (alcoholic)

Cranbeery juice, orange liqueur
and champagne

3. Pumpkin Spice Latte

\$88 (alcoholic) \$68 (non-alcoholic)

pumpkin paste, nutmeg,
cinnamon, ginger powder with
coffee and cream on top



4. Himalayan Masala Black Tea \$45 / Milk Tea \$50

Cinnamon
Cloves
Masala Tea



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

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Exclusive **South American Cigars & Plantation Rum Night** *with Mr. Eric Piras*

Middle Island Clubhouse
Friday, 13 January

SCAN TO BOOK



Schedule:

- 7pm – Boat ride to Middle Island.
- 7:15pm – Welcome Cocktails with canapes.
- 7:30pm – Cigars & Rum Tasting
with a mains choice of a Roast dinner
and a pairing dessert included.

Adults
HK\$ 448 only
Extremely
limited seats!



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION



Lamb on a Spit

With Complimentary Wine-Tasting for home delivery

The Galley & The Patio

Saturday, 14 January, 6pm

Scan to book



Adults:
HK\$298 only

Children (3-12 years old):
HK\$198 only

Concessionary price
for members over 65 years of age
HK\$248



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Sichuan Spicy Hot Pot Night

**6pm, Saturday
28 January**
The Galley & The Patio

Freshly sliced beef, pork
& lamb! You may choose
2 soup bases out of Spicy
Sichuan.

\$298 Adult

\$248 Concessionary
price for member over 65 of
age

\$198 Children

Scan to Book



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION



Lantern Festival Celebration

Sunday, 5 February, 6pm
The Galley & The Patio

The Club will be illuminated by a myriad floating and flying lanterns, a buffet of traditional Chinese festival food will be served in the evening, a selection of Chinese wines and spirits will be available to sample, without forgetting the array of Chinese sweets – Ba Bao Fan, Tang Yuan, Sesame Peanut Brittle, Ning Gao, Ma Lai Go, Jian Dui and Tan Tart, to name a few.

Adult: \$298 only

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over 65 of age: \$248 only**

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SCAN TO BOOK



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Exclusive Valentine's Dinner

♥ Tuesday, 14 February ♥
♥ The Four Peaks Restaurant ♥
♥ 7pm ♥



LIMITED 8
EARLY BIRD
GIFTS!!

\$1,388 per couple

This Valentine's Day, The Four Peaks Restaurant will be converted into an exclusive romantic venue with roses & glitters. You will be served a 5-Course exquisite French meal paired with Free flow Sparkling wines. Romantic music will be played on the background & special gift for all the ladies.

****Early bird booking starts now with limited edition sparkling wine for the first 8 couples!****

SCAN TO BOOK



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION

MELAKA NYONYA *Cuisine Night*

Saturday, 18 February, 6pm
The Galley & The Patio

On this special night you will be able to taste the wide range of dishes including fish head curry, assam laksa, chicken keluak and more...
Not to be missed for sure!!

Adult: **\$298** only

Concessionary price for member
over 65 of age: **\$248** only

Children: **\$198** only

SCAN TO BOOK



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Home Wine Delivery January 2023

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Bruno Paillard, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru MV– Champagne, France WE 93, WS90, JS 92 First aromas are citrus – lime and grapefruit – followed by white flowers. While opening in the glass, a touch of almond and toast appears. The entry is lively leading to a complex combination of citrus and white flowers. The effervescence is extremely fine, silky and creamy. The finish is fresh and long.	\$798		
Il Follo Prosecco Spumante Extra Dry NV – Veneto, Italy Light bodied with a slight residual sugar. On the nose hints of pear, apple, wildflowers and citrus.	\$118		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Logeril, Marquis de Pennautier Terroirs Chardonnay 2020 – Languedoc and Roussillon, France On the nose, aromatic diversity with touches of candied fruit, quince jam, and brioche notes. Nice persistence on the palate with smoothness and balanced acidity for freshness.	\$148		
Greywacke, Sauvignon Blanc 2021– Marlborough, New Zealand WS 94, Vinous 93 It is richly aromatic yet not flamboyant, with good purity of fruit: expect flavors of black currant and nectarine alongside subtle tropical fruit and citrus. Due to a naturally low-yielding season, it offers impressive concentration and a ripe, succulent midpalate. The fine, mouthwatering acidity provides length and line on the zesty, passionfruit-infused, lightly structured finish. Delightful in youth, but it will evolve and provide a different Sauvignon experience in five to seven	\$195		
Cave de Lugny, Macon-Villages Florieres 2020 – Burgundy, France Although from a lowly appellation, it is medium bodied with delicate citrus fruit and a zesty dry finish.	\$168		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Damilano, Barbera D’Asti 2020 – Piedmont, Italy WS 91 A rich and sumptuous red, evoking plum, blackberry and boysenberry flavors. Reveals accents of tobacco, almond and spice as these winds down. Lengthy aftertaste. Drink now through 2028.	\$185		
Chateau Calon, St Georges 2011– Saint Emilion, France WE 94 The nose is fruity, relatively discreet and reveals a fine concentration. There are notes of pulpy blackcurrant and fresh blackberry combined with an almost balsamic edge and a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is mineral and offers freshness and fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, raspberry and more lightly.	\$240		
Duckhorn Napa Merlot 2019 – Napa Valley, USA JS 92 2019 brought another exceptional vintage to Napa Valley, resulting in wines with alluring polish and poise! The season began with a wet winter followed by a mild spring. While this led to a slightly later-than-normal start to the season, ideal summer weather with no significant heat spikes ensured ideal flavor development, yielding complex and vibrant whites, and refined reds with elegant tannins, enticing aromatics and beautiful fruit flavors.	\$478		
	Grand Total :		

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 Tel No: (Office) _____ (Home) _____
 Delivery Address: _____
 Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

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Home Wine Delivery February 2023

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Drappier Charles de Gaulee NV – Champagne, France WA 92, WS91 Very fine notes of citrus fruits, apple, almond or perhaps nutmeg. When it reaches the palate, the Charles de Gaulle Cuvée exhibits a remarkable complexity, with an airy mousse and lightly candied notes.	\$530		
Drappier, Brut Nature Rose NV – Champagne, France WA 90, WS 92 100% Pinot Noir, a rosé produced using the saignée method, no dosage, no filtering, the Brut Nature Rosé is a cuvée which will delight lovers of freshness, minerality and purity. With hints of rose petals, red fruits, citrus fruits, mandarin orange and white pepper, the Brut Nature Rosé unveils another facet of rosé Champagne. The NV Brut Rose is very, very pretty. This is a fresh, energetic wine that impresses for its length and persistence. The wiry finish suggests the wine will drink well for a number of years, perhaps more if the fruit fleshes out.	\$518		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Nittardi, “BEN” Vermentino 2020 – Tuscany, Italy (Organic) JS 90 Delicately Á oral with peach, honey-melon and exotic fruit aromas. Good structure on the palate, balanced by a pleasant citrus freshness and saline and salty notes that give a good length and verticality to the wine.	\$158		
Decoy, Limited Sonoma Coast Chardonnay – Sonoma Coast, USA WE 90 Displaying richness, energy and elegance, this is a radiant Chardonnay with beautiful layers of stone fruit and spice. On the supple, creamy palate, bright acidity adds to the poise and purity of the nectarine, white peach and summer melon flavors, with French oak-driven hints of butterscotch and spice carrying the wine to a long, tantalizing finish.	\$345		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Sierra Cantabria, Crianza – Rioja, Spain WS 90 Ipe berry fruit aromas, well balanced, with complex, spicy notes and elegant vanilla tones from the oak. Sturdy but ripe tannins on the palate make it a rounded and well-structured Rioja with ripe fruit, cocoa, coffee and red berries on the finish. Complex and harmonious.	\$158		
Albert Bichot, Santenay “Les Charmes” Rouge 2017 – Burgundy, France WE 94 The nose is fruity, relatively discreet and reveals a fine concentration. There are notes of pulpy blackcurrant and fresh blackberry combined with an almost balsamic edge and a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is mineral and offers freshness and fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, raspberry and more lightly.	\$305		
George Michel, Reserve Pinot Noir 2012– Marlborough, New Zealand Nose of nice fruits, cherries and cranberry, soft hints of vanilla and licorice. On the palate it's silky, mixed berries, savoury, hardly any biting tannin to it with a long finish that goes on and on.	\$225		
Gigich Hills, Zinfandel – Napa Valley, USA Opening with initial notes of strawberry on the nose, this classic Zinfandel tempts you with spicy aromas of clove and pepper. The palate reveals added layers of boysenberry and blood orange which along with mouth-watering acidity and chiseled tannins lend its way to a savory finish.	\$348		
	Grand Total :		

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Special Chinese New Year Takeaway Menu

Starts from 3 Jan to 5 Feb

Item	Description	Minimum Portion	Price	Quantity	Total
DELICACIES					
A1	Black Moss with Dried Oyster & Mushroom 發財好市	800 gm	\$228		
A2	Whole Crispy Chicken 當紅炸子雞	1 pc	\$328		
A3	Twice Cooked Whole Duck Stuffed with Eight Delicacies Glutinous Rice 八寶鴨	1 pc	\$398		
A4	Whole Fried Sweet & Sour Fish (Sauce on Side) 年年有魚	1 pc	\$288		
A5	Large Whole Roasted Goose 紅燒脆皮鵝	1 pc	\$880		
A6	Braised Pork Knuckle with Red Bean Curd 橫財就手	1 Tray	\$328		
POON CHOI & CLAYPOT					
P1	Deluxe CNY Poon Choi (Prawns, Pork Belly, Airdry Scallops, Taro, Pork Skin, Fish Balls, Mushrooms, Turnip, Broccoli, Dried Oysters, Black Moss, Beancurd Sheet) 開運盤菜 (蝦, 燒肉, 乾瑤柱, 芋頭, 豬皮, 魚蛋, 冬菇, 蘿蔔, 西蘭花, 蠔豉, 髮菜, 枝竹)	For 6~8 p	\$2,288		
P2	Chicken Claypot in Sichuan Style 麻辣雞煲	1 Tray	\$398		
P3	Lamb Claypot 羊腩煲	1 Tray	\$498		
P4	Fried Glutinous Rice 生炒糯米飯	1 Tray	\$338		
NOODLES					
F1	CNY Braised Longevity E-Fu Noodles (additional \$300 for Whole Boston Lobster) 長壽伊麵 (龍馬精神)	1 kg	\$228		
VEGETARIAN DELIGHTS					
R1	Buddha's Delight Luo Han Zhai 羅漢齋	1 Tray	\$288		
R2	Braised Bean Curd with Chinese Mushroom & Broccoli 紅燒北菇豆腐	1 Tray	\$288		
R3	Vegetarian Spring Rolls 黃金萬兩	1 Doz	\$238		
R4	Crispy Taro Balls 黃金炸芋角	1 Doz	\$238		
CNY PUDDINGS					
S1	ABC Special Savory Turnip Cake (Loh Bak Guo) 步步高升	1.2 kg	\$188		
S2	Lin Guo (Chinese Pudding) 年年糕	1.2 kg	\$188		
WESTERN FOOD					
P1	Glazed Bone Ham	10~11 kg	\$1,760		
P2	Roasted Lamb Leg	2.8 kg	\$580		
P3	Roasted Eye Rib	4 kg	\$1,680		
P4	ABC Special Beef Wellington	3.8 kg	\$1,640		
P5	Beef Cheek Ragout	1 Tray	\$488		
DESSERTS					
D1	Whole Strawberry Tart 8"	1.2 kg	\$338		

Please Note: Club will be closed on 21 Jan after 3pm until 8am on 24 Jan

Member's Name: _____

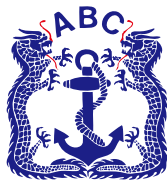
Membership No.: _____

Contact Number: _____

Collection Date: _____ Time: _____

Signature: _____

*Please note all the takeaway orders can only be made by email. Please email to booking@abclubhk.com & chef@abclubhk.com
Minimum 72 hours notice is required for all takeaway items



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



Part A (Master)

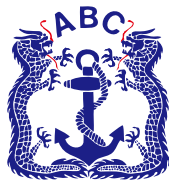
Dates	: 20, 21 April 2023	17, 18 August 2023	16, 17 November 2023
Times	: 7:00pm to 10:30pm		
Syllabus	: Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.		
Cost	: HK\$2,200 for member/person/course.	HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.	

Part B (Engineer)

Dates	: 27, 28 April 2023	24, 25 August 2023	23, 24 November 2023
Times	: 7:00pm to 10:30pm		
Syllabus	: Engine general construction, Diesel & Petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, Lubrication, cooling & pumps, transmission systems, operation & maintenance, fire & gas precautions.		
Cost	: HK\$2,200 for member/person/course.	HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.	

Notes:

1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the H.K. Marine Dept. after completion of the course. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
3. Examinations are normally held on selected Thursdays, you may register your exams. to the Marine Dept. by post or in person. Document required for the examination application:- a ready examination application form, one photo, a copy of your identity document, Eye-sight exam. Report from a registered doctor or Part I or Part II Registered Optometrist., examination fee HK\$1,255, cheque payable to "The "Government of the HKSAR" (Candidate must take both Part A (master) & Part B (engineer) exam together in the first attempt). There will be a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 20 students/course. If there is insufficient support for a course, that course will be cancelled and those already enrolled will be informed accordingly. Members who responded to the initial inquiry and whose names are held on file will be given priority.
4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by email mbs@abclubhk.com or by post or hand to the Admin Office of the Club.
6. Website information for apply the exam. in the Marine Dept.
Website for Exam Date: https://www.mardep.gov.hk/e_files/en/pub_services/npvo2.html
(Please book your exams. earlier, the suggest exam. date is 6 – 8 weeks from the date the 1st part of the course is attended.)
Examination Application: <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf>
Eyesight Exam. Report: <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md687.pdf>
Online application: https://ebs.mardep.gov.hk/en/services_seafarer_examination_services.php
The address of the Marine Dept. : Seafarers' Certification Section
Marine Department, 3/F Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, HK.
Telephone : 2852 4941
Fax : 2541 6754



Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses

Application form

Part A (Master)

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

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

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enroll me on the course for Part A (Masters) to be held at 7:00pm – 10:30pm

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20, 21 April 2023 | Thursday & Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17, 18 August 2023 | Thursday & Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16, 17 November 2023 | Thursday & Friday |

Please debit my account with \$2,200. -

For Non-Member please include a cheque with \$2,800. Payable to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.

Address: 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Signature

Date

Part B (Engineer)

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

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

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enroll me on the course for Part B (Engineer) to be held at 7:00pm – 10:30pm.

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|---|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27, 28 April 2023 | Thursday & Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24, 25 August 2023 | Thursday & Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23, 24 November 2023 | Thursday & Friday |

Please debit my account with \$2,200. -

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Address : 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Signature

Date



4 & 5
FEBRUARY 2023



FOUR PEAKS RACE 2023

A 95 NM OVERNIGHT
YACHT RACE
RUNNING ACROSS
4 ICONIC PEAKS
AROUND HONG KONG



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