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“WAGLAN” & “PO TOI”





March – May 2023

Dates	Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others
March 2023				
Sat 4				HHYC Monsoon Spring D2
Sun 5			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 1	RHKYC Ladies Helm
Sat 11			RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival (MI)	RHKYC CR4 - Coastal Race / HHYC Monsoon Spring D3
Sun 12		ABC Waglan Series 10	RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival (MI)	RHKYC CR4 - Coastal Race
Sat 18			HKSF Optimist Selection Regatta	HHYC Monsoon Spring 4 / COA Solaris Pasta Cooking Cup
Sun 19			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 2 / HKSF Optimist Selection Regatta	
Sat 25				HHYC Monsoon Spring D5
Sun 26		ABC Waglan Series 11		
April 2023				
Sat 1				HHYC Monsoon Spring D6 (Final)
Sun 2		ABC Waglan Series 12		
Wed 5				RHKYC Rolex China Sea Race
Fri 7	Good Friday			
Sat 8	Holy Saturday			
Sun 9	Easter Sunday			
Mon 10	Easter Monday			
Sat 15				RHKYC CR Sub 2 - Coastal Race - only if RCSR is postponed
Sun 16		ABC Waglan Series Resail		RHKYC CR Sub 2 - Coastal Race - only if RCSR is postponed
Sat 22				HHYC Short-handed Race
Sun 23			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 3	
Sat 29				RHKYC Tomes Cup / COA Mirs Bay Seafood Rally
Sun 30				RHKYC Nations' Cup
May 2023				
Mon 1	Labour Day			
Sat 6		ABC Classic Yacht Rally		
Sun 7		ABC Classic Yacht Rally		
Sat 13				RHKYC Spring Regatta
Sun 14			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 4	RHKYC Spring Regatta
Sat 20			HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta	
Sun 21			HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta	RHKYC Spring Regatta Resail
Fri 26	Buddha's Birthday			COA Lady Helm & Challenge
Sat 27				RHKYC Inter-Class Festival
Sun 28			ABC Dinghy Cruiser Challenge	RHKYC Inter-Class Festival



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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore

*[.....those March Days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold ,
when it's Summer in the light and Winter in the shade]*

[Dickens 1860]

Written of England in his book Great Expectations, but so very true of Hong Kong in this season as we all know so well. For ABC the precursor to Spring is the annual Staff Dinner, a most convivial occasion held on 13th February which shone a light on the excellent rapport between staff and members of our Club . And a big thank you to all who contributed to the fund making the event possible.

This edition shines a light on a number of interesting events with articles on the recent 4 Peaks, attended by many first-timers, the dinghy Race Week, Waglan 7, the Swimming Gala and a host of F&B events to come leading into Easter, starting 7th April, not forgetting ---this year in particular---the Bunny! As Ching Ming this year [lunarsolar calendar governed] falls on the 5th one finds HK's smarter employees taking 8 days leave for the cost of only 2 days allowance!

Worthy of special mention is the naming of our two new catamaran ferries Po Toi and Waglan at a superb ceremony on MI on Saturday 18th February , as described by David Robinson of Fragrant Harbour in this edition q.v. At long long last some might say! Too true: a series of delays thanks originally to Covid during construction and shipment by sea. Then, finally, after arrival in HK in August, further frustration: because, owing to the Builder's refusal to hand over the final design drawings [fearing intellectual infringement], we had to undertake a full remeasurement by Naval Architects in order to satisfy Mardep stability criteria for the designed 18 pax rating -----12 pax being the norm for this vessel size. Q.E.D. as maths Masters say!

Then came our Speed Trials, *most* successful. The contracted top speed is 20 knots. This was achieved on a standard measured nautical mile two-way course at 4600 rpm at which point the speed crept up to 23 knots, but a safely stable 20 kt is plenty, with a healthy spare 1500 rpm available on the counter. Further runs at the operating speed of 15 kt needing only 3500 rpm showed half the fuel consumption. A huge "Thank you" from me to our Marine staff and Sailcom for all their patient efforts in helping to draw this long episode to its fruitful outcome. Trials trump tribulations!

Thus, both a relief and great pleasure to be present when our two Godmothers---Mrs Eavan Fallon wife of the American Club immediate past President for PO TOI, and Mrs Punam de Manny loyal and supportive wife of our GM for WAGLAN---named and blessed the two ferries which then immediately entered service, an *enhanced* service that is to say!

The current President, Anthony Carango, was also present to receive ABC's formal appreciation and gratitude for the American Club's unsolicited generous contribution to the cost of Po Toi, which made the investment possible.

Finally, to add to the enjoyment of the warming weather and Spring delights to come, members attention is drawn to the new Promotional sharing menu on MI. Huge cuts of tomahawk steak and lamb leg for groups to share, advance booking needed.

As ever much to look forward to at ABC ashore and/or afloat.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager



STAFF PARTY

As every year, the Club held its annual staff party at the Regal Causeway Bay. During it, promotions and awards were announced, and the night climaxed with the announcement of the first prize winner in the lucky draw. The party was held on 13 February, the day before our yearly big Valentine's dinner – again revealing great planning from the GM, but thanks to our staff's dedication, sore heads and painful limbs from the night before were not to be noticed, and both parties went like Swiss clocks.

Promotions announced on the night were Kathy Hui Po-yu as Chief Accountant, Lee Tai-ho as Senior House Keeper, Lin Wing-wah as Assistant Coffee Shop Head Chef, Abdul Kadir as 1/2 Chef de Partie Indian/Western, Lau Kwok-po as Chinese Chef, Lao, Thomas Fong Ming as Head Waiter, Harry Lee Kai-wing as Receiving & Issuing Officer, Henry Lam Ka-leong as Deputy F&B Manager, Rai Lal Kumari as Assistant F&B Manager, Sabina Limbu as Head Waitress, Howie Suen Hoi-wai as Water Sports Training Manager, Daniel Wiktor Dolega as Head Race Coach, and Szymon Makowski as Senior Race Coach. But last and far from least was the

promotion to Senior Head Waiter for Joe Yau Man-yuk, who only got his certificate the next day as again the GM messed-up and forgot to bring it on the day. The latter is not going to be promoted for a long time, that is sure.



L TO R: Lin Wing-wah, Lau Kwok-po, Henry Lam, Abdul Kadir, Harry Lee, Lal Rai, Lee Tai-ho, Kathy Hui, Sabina Limbu, Thomas Lao, Szymon Makowski, Daniel Dolega, Howie Suen

There were also the best staff of the year awards:



L TO R:
Best staff for Sailing and Marine: Mr. Howie Suen
Best Aberdeen Boat Club Staff 2022-2023: Ms. Jennifer Li
Best staff for Food and Beverage: Ms. Shamaine Gauchan
Best staff for Housekeeping and Maintenance: Mr. Li Fu-shing

Three main departments and one overall award for outstanding performance throughout the year. These awards recognised staff who not only deliver exquisite service to our members, perform all tasks with dedication and care but also improved their skills, shared their knowledge and went far beyond their scope of work to make this Club a better and safer place. WELL DONE ALL!

Finally, adding to the fun this year, we emphasised the international nature of our Club and organised a national costume competition, which was won by Mr. Kermatt Ali Baig Mirza, with the prize awarded by Mr. James Ross, chairman of the Human Resources Committee.



Chef Paul won first prize in this year's lucky draw: a voucher for travel in Asia worth HK\$20,000, so someone is going to have a great holiday.



Nothing of the great evening would have been possible without you, the Members of the Aberdeen Boat Club, through the Annual Staff Contributions you gave in early January. All of us are grateful – thank you very much, and we look forward to a wonderful Year of the Rabbit.

LANTERN FESTIVAL ENDING CHINESE NEW YEAR

A new Chinese New Year celebration for the ABC started this year, marking the official closing of Chinese New Year celebrations. Children could make their own lanterns on Saturday, and the next day a lion dance was organised, to bless the Club for the Year of the Rabbit. This was followed by a Chinese dinner and a lantern parade.



CAR PARK LABELS

In my previous letter I already gave information on the 2023 car park labels. To recap: If you are yet to display a 2023 car park label on your windscreen, please do so now. Labels must be visible, displayed on the windscreen, original, not shared with non-members or staff – and displayed with pride and honour.

We are again clamping abusers of Club parking, and whether a member or not, once clamped it will cost you HK\$250 to be freed. Please park within the lines – and if you scratch another vehicle, please do not drive away, CCTVs are all over the place.



GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

SHORE-BASED ACTIVITIES AT ABC

- Four Festivals, Sake, Seoul Food and Swimming

As ever, the ABC F&B teams have been hard at work planning a variety of shore-based activities for you to enjoy in upcoming weeks. We'll be celebrating four festivals, along with evenings featuring Sake and Seoul food – and holding the much anticipated follow up to the 2012 Swimming Gala.

First up, on Thursday 9 March we're hosting an exclusive Yoshinogawa Sake & Japanese Food Pairing Dinner with Mr. Ryuichi Nagahara. Then, on Saturday 11 March we celebrate Holi with the ABC's Festival of Colours Brunch, featuring savoury home-style delights from southern & northern India, followed by festive activities. A week later, the ABC's traditional Irish stew and BBQ are the highlights of the St Patrick's Day Buffet, perhaps washed down with stout, and accompanied by Irish music.

Next comes the ABC Easter Programme, spanning three days from 7-9 April. Following the tradition of not consuming meat on Good Friday, our chefs are preparing something of a seafood spectacular for dinner, with live Boston lobsters as the star attraction, and a supporting cast spanning mussels, bay prawns, Alaska crab legs, whelks, clams, scallops, trout and salmon. For Easter Saturday, there is also a special dinner, with the ABC's Whole Lamb on a Spit supported by salads, vegetables, pasta, curries, sea foods and delicious desserts.

On Easter Sunday, 9 April, we have events starting at 8am, with the Early-Bird Breakfast Buffet. Sharp-eyed children can then enjoy the egg-citement of the Easter Egg Hunt from 11-11.30am. And after that, it's time for another sumptuous meal – the Easter Brunch & Delectable Dessert Buffet, with a wide array of offerings including hot cross buns; ham and marinated roast lamb, shepherd's pie, pizza and stews – plus, of course, delectable desserts. And if you're in a family of speedsters, head over to Middle Island in the afternoon, to compete in the Family Egg Race.

Also during Easter we'll be holding ... drum roll please ... the ABC Swimming Gala. While some sporting

events are annual, others held every four years, the previous Swimming Gala was held in 2012. Yet on 8 April, the event returns, and may provide ABC junior swimmers a once-in-a-lifetime chance for glory! There are 22 events for swimmers from 4 or younger to 12 years old – ranging from racing across the pool with a kickboard, to doing 2 lengths backstroke, and even medleys. PLUS there's a chance for families to show off their swimming skills, in a relay for 2 parents with 2 children. Entry is HK\$50 per event, and there are prizes galore!

There will be more water splashing the following weekend, as we celebrate the solar New Year with the Songkran Water Festival. Once again, of course, we have food to delight gourmets, with a buffet featuring a wide range of Thai cuisine from 4 regions. Then, wash away sins and bad luck by splashing and being splashed.

Rounding off our events for March and April, we have the Seoul-Tokyo BBQ & Ramen Night on 29 April, as we bring back the USDA Premium "Wang Galbi" Beef on BBQ, together with a wide range of Korean delicacies.



ABC EASTER PROGRAMMES

Good Friday, 7 April

**Seafood BBQ Gala
with LIVE BOSTON LOBSTERS**

*Half a Lobster for each paying adult member!

The Galley & The Patio, 7pm

Meat-less dinner – with a fabulous range of seafood on the grill including mussels, bay prawns, Alaska crab legs, whelks, clams, scallops, trout and salmon, accompanied by steamed vegetables and sweet potatoes.

HK\$398 only for adults

HK\$228 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$328 for members over 65 years of age

Easter Saturday, 8 April

Whole Lamb on a Spit

The Galley & The Patio, 7pm

Roast lamb accompanied by a fantastic choice of salads, vegetables, pasta, curries, sea foods and delicious ABC special desserts.

HK\$298 only for adults

HK\$198 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$249 for members over 65 years of age

Easter Sunday Activities, 9 April

Early-Bird Breakfast Buffet

The Patio, 8am

Adults: HK\$90

Children aged 3-12 years: HK\$65

Easter Egg-Hunt

Children's Playground, 11am – 11:30am

An egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Children's Playground

Children aged up to 10 years: HK\$45

Family Egg Race

Middle Island, 3pm

Who's going to be the fastest in this egg race challenge?

Children aged up to 10 years: HK\$45

Easter Brunch & Delectable Dessert Buffet

The Galley & The Patio, 12pm – 3pm

Enjoy your choices from freshly prepared buffet offerings of salads; hot cross buns; ham and marinated roast lamb; barbecued sirloin steak, satays and sausage varieties; entrées including shepherd's pie, squid ink pasta with prawns, pizza and spaghetti Bolognese, stews; grilled Mediterranean vegetables and corn on the cob.

Plus, admire and enjoy sampling our talented team of pastry chef's delectable desserts show – ranging from fresh fruit to carrot cake and chocolate cake, mango pudding, cupcakes and beautifully decorated cakes.

HK\$298 for adults

HK\$198 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$248 for members over 65 years of age

Add HK\$80 for free-flow sparkling wine and Carlsberg can beers

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Easter Colouring Competition

for members of all ages!

Show your artistic skills for a chance
to win a prize for the Best Easter Colouring

If you'd like to create your
entry in the Club, ABC will
provide templates and coloured
pencils.

But you can also create your
own artwork at home. All the
fabulous entries will be
displayed in the coffee shop.

Closing date for entries

3 April 2023

The winners will be
announced during the
swimming gala day,

8 April 2023

For inquiries pls email to booking@abclubhk.com



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

The ABC Swimming Gala

Saturday, 8 April 2023 start at 11am



Calling all junior swimmers and splashers –
We'd love you to compete in

Some sports events are annual, some once every four years; but the ABC Swimming Gala ... well, the last was held in 2012. And on 8 April this year, the event returns, and may prove a once-in-a-lifetime chance for glory as an ABC junior swimmer!

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PLUS there's a chance for families to show off their swimming skills, in a relay for 2 parents with 2 children.

Entry:
HK\$50
per event.

 **Prizes galore!** 



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Fair Winds, Douglas Payne

By Stephen Davies

It is with marked sadness that I must relay the news to the ABC that Douglas Payne died rather suddenly last year on 6 March, aged 97. We have just heard from Grace, who is well into her nineties and has much to trouble her, that it was entirely unexpected, resulting from a previously unidentified perforated ulcer.

Douglas will have been amongst the earliest people who will have joined ABC following its creation, probably shortly after he arrived in HK in 1968. Certainly by the time I joined in October 1974, at his suggestion and with him as my proposer, he was sufficiently long established to have been appointed Rear Commodore.

At that date he was the owner of Panache, a Van de Stadt Pandora Mk 1 which, when we left HK in April last year, was still afloat and racing with the RHKYC Pandora fleet at Kellett Island. I think Panache was Doug's second boat in HK, though I cannot recall what the first may have been called. He kept her on the RHKYC trots, out by the then fairly new south typhoon shelter wall.

I raced with Doug and his steady crew, Gordon Lawrie, the Senior Lecturer in Politics at HKU, a charming, ex-diplomat from South Africa, which he had quit because he would not tolerate apartheid. My most vivid memory was of my first race, which was clockwise around Lamma. Not that long after the start, in what was a pretty light airs race, Douglas asked me whether I was OK with the helm and had the course sorted out. When I said yes, indeed, and took the helm, he and Gordon retired below for a snooze, to reappear a couple of hours later when we were about five minutes from the finish line.

It would have been a couple of years after that that Douglas decided to 'trade up' and, with great pride and affection, sold Panache – which is still racing with the RHKYC, under the present ownership of Albert Yung and Edmond Chan – and bought what must have been one of the slowest boats ever built, the solid teak Arawa of Arawa Bell fame (the Arawa Bell was donated by Malcolm Brocklebank, I think, not Doug), subsequently owned by Eric Carter and Malcolm and Laetitia Brocklebank.

Arawa's greatest adventure with Douglas was her first big cruise. With such a big boat, Douglas and Gordon decided they had the legs to make it all the way to Double Haven. So come a summer long weekend, off they went.

It was a day or so later when, somewhere near Ap Chau, between the main and Kat O Chau, they saw a large notice on the shore that Douglas decided they should get close enough to read ... just in case. They got close enough (it was a warning not to go ashore - it marked the end of the HK boundary of the closed area) and as a result promptly went aground ... on the top of high high water. Ten or more long hours ensued during which, because they were so close to the shore, the mosquitoes celebrated a feast day. They slept little and itched much. To add insult to injury (though I may be conflating two separate events) once they got off and were on their way home, there was a thunderstorm with a sharp squall which caught Douglas and Arawa unawares and neatly snapped the top of the mast above the hounds (Arawa was fractional rigged). Douglas was extremely glad that Arawa, unlike Panache, had an inboard engine.



After such adventures, Douglas wisely decided that Arawa's best use was as a leisurely swimming and picnicking platform and – in what became her service for at least two seasons with the Club – the Club's start boat for the winter sailing season. Sadly, as I recall, Arawa disappeared in a typhoon.

Douglas also owned a GRP pram dinghy, not that much smaller than Panache, which he used to get to and from Panache independent of sampans. It was kept on or close to the ABC's rickety landing pontoon. One day it went missing. It was found by the marine police, some weeks later, repainted a rather gunky black, living somewhere in the nether recesses of the western typhoon shelter floating community, for which new home it had been 'borrowed'. Ah Kai may recall more and better details.

He also played a key role in Ah Kai's career, by pushing for the Club to pay him to better master English. This was one of the wisest decisions the Club has made.

Douglas was Professor of Chemistry at HKU from 1966 until his retirement in 1982, and Dean of Science from 1968 until 1974. He had graduated from Imperial College London in the early '60s, which is where he met his wife of well over 60 years, Grace – of whom any ABC member of my vintage will have fond memories. His early university career after his doctorate was at the University of Glasgow, whence he came to HK to take up the chair. In retirement in London, he was for many years a Trustee of the Croucher Foundation, which I think he first began before

he retired. He is remembered at HKU by the Douglas Payne Prize in Chemistry, and I'm sure there is an ABC cup that he and Grace will have donated, its provenance lost in the mists of the past, like that of too many of the older trophies.

Douglas kept sailing in his retirement, first from a cottage in the Western Isles that he had owned for many years and, later, chartering in the Mediterranean. He and Grace retired to London, first to Kensington and later to a 36th floor apartment in the Barbican, with the most amazing 200 degree view from Docklands across south London to the Houses of Parliament and perhaps beyond. The kitchen was a true ship's galley, a model of compactness with easy-to-clean surfaces in stainless steel, that had been designed and built by Brooke Marine of Lowestoft, a famous small ship builder that went out of business in 1992.

Douglas is survived by his children (two sons and a daughter) and his wife Grace, who is 99 this year! Grace was also a chemistry teacher – for her for some 16 years at Ying Wa Girls' School on Robinson Road, and authored a couple of secondary school chemistry textbooks that were used in Hong Kong schools.

Fair winds, Douglas.

Fondly remembered.



Po Toi and Waglan at Middle Island

Ferry Launching Ceremony 2023

Words and Photos by Fragrant Harbour

For some time, the Aberdeen Boat Club has been talking about upgrading its ferry services from the main building to Middle Island. The small *Cheoy Lee* and the old committee boat *ABC 6* (now retired), have worked hard over the years but were either not designed for the task of carrying supplies or too small for transporting the increasing number of members and their guests to and from the club's Middle Island facility.

So, early last year, the marine committee decided it was time for an upgrade. Various yards were considered and, in the end, Agena Marin in Croatia was approached to build two 9.6-metre ferries to a fairly simple spec. They would have two FRP, vacuum-infused hulls and be built to Category C with European stability ratings. Interestingly, our own Marine Department initially did not accept this but now has its own Hong Kong Marine Department ratings (thanks to the Club's marine office staff).

The two ferries would need to be rugged yet easy to maintain. Able to carry 17 passengers and one crew, they would have two Mercury outboards, counter rotational, of 115hp each.

This was done for ease of maintenance and recommended by the ever-helpful Tommy Luk of Faithful Marine.

Up front, accessed through a hatch, a drop-down *passerelle* has been fitted which allows walking off onto a pontoon, dock or wall, or even sandy beach, operated by a simple pulley system.

The two boats arrived at the club in January and, on 18 February 2023, a launching ceremony was held at Middle Island, complete with a traditional lion dance and sacrificial pig. The event started at midday with speeches by the general manager, Philippe de Manny, Commodore Chris Pooley and the new president of the American Club, Tony Carango.

After the speeches, some 40 guests and VIPs were entertained by an energetic lion which pranced and wriggled its way through photo sessions in fine Chinese tradition before skipping down the steps on to the dock to ward off any evil spirits that might have gathered around *Waglan* and *Po Toi*.

In added Western tradition, bottles of champagne were smashed against the ferries and, after everyone had sampled the delicious pork and crackling, *Waglan* set off on its 'maiden' voyage back to the main club.

Waglan and *Po Toi* will allow for an extended sampan service to Middle Island, the Victoria Recreation Club (in Deep Water Bay), and the nearby Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club pontoon, and will service (once an hour) the eastern pier in Repulse Bay. They will, of course, ferry members to their boats in the Club's Middle Island mooring area.



GM addresses the guests

"These two ferries are taking us into the 21st century," said marine services manager, Alex Johnston, "They have both been licensed as pleasure vessels and can be used as such. *Shun Fung*, the club's primary committee boat, and larger ferry, will continue to be used for members and their guests for functions and club events at Middle Island.

"Each boat has a small anchor windlass and carries 120 feet of chain. VHF radio has been fitted and there are two 100-litre fuel (petrol) tanks. We've made sure there are lots of handrails and, during sea trials, we recorded an operating speed of 15 knots. This suits us perfectly.

"We got a very good deal from Agena Marin for both boats and the Club will certainly be getting a bang for our buck. They are both well-constructed and well-found vessels," said Johnston.

When off duty, *Waglan* and *Po Toi* will be tied up alongside the pontoon of the main clubhouse.



The lion makes friends



Winnie, lion and Andrew Chan



Sai Fuk, Felix Mak and David Rees



Simon Chen and Bob Aylsworth



A clean IRC start

WAGLAN SERIES 2022-23

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RACE 7

Conditions were mild as the committee boat made its way through the breakwaters of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter South, and turned left before dropping anchor not far from Repulse Bay. The forecast for Sunday, the 15th of January 2023, was for a cold front to arrive during the day, winds to increase and temperatures to drop dramatically.

At 1030, with an ODM laid at 200 degrees and a windward mark some 400 metres distant, race officer Alex Johnston welcomed all boats to Race 7 of the Waglan Series 2022-23. He announced that Course 17 had been chosen for everyone – the two IRC divisions would sail the long version which took them through a Chesterman Gate, past a Tai Tam Club Mark, around Sung Kong, out to Shek O Rock, back through the Beaufort Channel (Sheung Sze Mun), again through the Chesterman Gate and to a finish off Round Island. At 20 nautical miles in length, a good 'stretch of the legs' for the 15 faster boats.

The 13 boats in HKPN A and B, would sail around Fury Rocks instead of Sung Kong and leave out Shek O Rock, making their course considerably shorter at 14.6 nautical miles.

Not long after the RO's welcome, the weather began to change. Quickly.

As the orange flag was being raised, the wind increased to 12 knots and white caps appeared all around. At the five-minute signal, there was a good 15 knots blowing from the northwest. Boats jockeyed for position and an exciting start ensued. Driving hard, *Wild Card* and *Arcturus+* crossed on the gun with *Intrigue* and *Redeye* in close contention. *Witchcraft*, with Nick Burns driving, wasn't far behind while *Arcturus* brought up the rear.

Good to see *Wicked* back on the course but sad to see Eddy Lee holding back with an inexperienced crew on *Next*. Also disappointing was the absence of the DB boats *Neo One* and *Juggerknot*; *Jinn*, *Red Kite II* and *Ocean's Five* didn't make it either. Ah well, they've still got five races to stage a come-back!



Arcturus, a little late for the start



Nick Burns helms Witchcraft



Another good start for Water Rabbit



Five O One comes about at the start



Easy Breezy II gets close to the committee boat

Next off, at 1105, were the 13 boats in HKPN A and B. *Water Rabbit* and *Five O One* hugged the committee boat end, pursued by the French contingent on the big Beneteau 51, *Legende II*. *Easy Breezy II* had a close shave with the committee boat but, in the end, all got away cleanly.

Around the windward mark and down to the Chesterman Gate, boats used their kites and it wasn't long before the front runners were off Stanley. Not so lucky for *Next*, though, as they



suffered a broken rudder at Chesterman and had to retire – not a good day for the Neo 430.

But then the wind started to fade and it was a slow rounding of Bluff Head and passage through the Beaufort Channel. Kites kept the boats moving but wind shifts didn't help. Then a wind line appeared to the east of Cape d'Aguilar and slowly but surely the leaders started to gather speed. Soon sails throughout the fleet were filling and the race 'resumed.'



Light conditions off Bluff Head

Time to lay the finish line and *Shun Fung* hurriedly made its way back to Round Island to drop an orange marker and confirm the finish. Not far off, the distinctive *Legende II* came into view and claimed line honours at 13:26:09, having completed the course in a time of two hours, 21 minutes and nine seconds.

The plucky J-80, *JeNa PaBe* was second boat home but it wasn't until 13:54:39 that the first IRC boat – *Witchcraft* – crossed the line. Hot on its heels was Glenn Smith's *Wild Card*, followed less than two minutes later by regular campaigner, *Redeye*.

On handicap, *Witchcraft* claimed a deserved 1st in IRC 1, with *Wild Card* in 2nd and *Redeye*, 3rd. In IRC 2, Andy Pidden's *Juice* came out on top with *Intrigue* in 2nd and *Arcturus* in 3rd.



Legende II, 4th in HKPN A



Juice, winner of IRC 2



The Farr Side, happy to finish



Boss makes it way through HKPN

HKPN A was won by *Five O One*. Arthur Cheng's *Boss* took 2nd and *JeNa PaBe* 3rd. The ever-cheerful *Muxu* sailors claimed a deserved 1st in HKPN B while *Easy Breezy II* came 2nd and *The Farr Side* 3rd.

Incidentally, there had been 28 entries – the nine boats that didn't show up missed a good day of racing. Races 8 & 9 of the 12-race Waglan Series 2022-23 will be held on Sunday, the 26th of February – make a note in your diaries.

Finally, those taking part in the Four Peaks Race 2023 will be pleased to learn they no longer have to carry out a PCR and RAT test prior to the race. A Notice to Competitors will be issued shortly which refers to this.

The entry deadline is Monday, the 23rd of January, so if you are participating and have not yet sent in your details, please do so as soon as possible. Please be advised this is the first time the race will be run in two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the club will be flexible in allowing late entries to allow boats to find crew and runners.

You can visit the event website to enter online (www.4peaksrace.com/race-information) and view the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.



IRC Start



Ready for the gun



Leaving Tai Tam Bay



2023

Solaris Four Peaks Race

Words by Barry Hill

Photos by
Barry Hill and Fragrant Harbour

Following a two year break because of Covid, the Aberdeen Boat Club was pleased to welcome new principal sponsor Solaris and continue with the 37th anniversary of the Four Peaks Race over the weekend of the 4th and 5th February. The 12 yachts with 101 competitors aboard assembled in good time for the 10.50 hours start on Saturday morning in a wild and wet Tai Tam Bay. The blustery conditions eased slightly as Race Officer Barry Hill and Marine Manager Alex Johnston decided to select the medium range courses for each of the three Divisions.

The race had attracted a number of old hands who were well versed in the challenges provided by the course and quite a lot of new crew and runners on the five new boats to enter this iconic event. In particular, the Club were pleased to welcome Sailability Hong Kong boat Mohan with a crew of 12 which included four para sailors and two para runners.

The enthusiastic ABC team of volunteers were preparing to get on station at the various peaks, take out the safety boats and set up the control room. Race Chairman John Currie and Emma McGovern were well on their way to the top of Ma On Shan with heavy packs as the gun was fired for the start of the IRC Division. Neo One made the best of the start to take the line keenly from the other four IRC competitors and the 2023 Solaris Four Peaks Race was up and running.



Race Officer and Start Team



Arcturus picking up in Port Shelter



Happy Water Rabbits arrive at Sai Kung



Neo One landing at Sai Kung



Arcturus arrival at Sai Kung

As the fleet converged on the Ma On Shan drop zone, the brisk north easterly wind enjoyed from the start dissipated to less than 5 knots, thus giving the crews the dilemma of alternative dropping locations from the well proven public pier adjacent to the Sai Kung Marine Police Station. Half of the fleet opted for the long paddle to the public pier with the eventual winners of the Ma On Shan run, Ainhua Mombiela and Francis Lorenzon off Neo One being the first to arrive and completing their run in 1 hour 58 minutes and 26 seconds. As the fleet waited for their runners in Port Shelter they were visited by boat scrutineers Alex Johnstone and Howie Suen to check the specified safety kit was aboard their boat. Water Rabbit; at 26 feet the smallest boat in the fleet, had opted to join the motoring division on the frustrating windless approach to Ma On Shan and became the last boat to leave the drop zone bound for Violet Hill at 19.20 hours.



HKPN Division B winner Easy Breezy II in the chop – Fragrant Harbour



IRC Winner Neo One driving out of Tai Tam Bay – Fragrant Harbour

The downwind leg in a good breeze from Ma On Shan to Violet Hill allowed Wild Card to gain thirty minutes of valuable time on the leader and follow Neo One into the drop zone just 20 minutes astern. The Violet Hill check point had been turned into a welcoming sight for the weary runners with trees adorned with a multi colour light display by controllers Luna Lee, Lee Pui and Steve Wordsworth for the arrival in darkness of all the Violet Hill runners. Juice had matched Neo One on the sail from Ma On Shan and their runners Isamu Sakai and Eszter Csillag followed up their teams second place for Ma On Shan with a first place for Violet Hill in a time of 48 minutes and 25 seconds.

The fleet was now becoming quite spread out around the course and although the overnight winds would be quite variable in and around the drop zones the overall wind strength remained reasonably constant at around 12 to 14 knots.

From Violet Hill the racers headed westwards to sail the 25 miles towards the Lantau drop zone and tackle the highest peak in the race at 934 metres. In HKPN Division A the race was developing into quite a tussle between MoHan and Rhy and Rue. Both skippers sailed well in lively conditions and encountered a significant swell on the south of Lamma before arriving at Cheung Sha beach in under 4 hours.

At the top of Lantau Peak scrutineers Bob Rogers, Guy Facey, Felix Mak and Gregg Pittams shared 2 shifts and had been camped out in wet and windy conditions for a few hours before the arrival of the first runners just before midnight. It would be another 7 hours before the final team of runners would pass through the check point.

Generations was one of the last boats to arrive in the Lantau drop zone but their runners, Cheung Kei Fung and Laurence Kwan, made short work of the tallest peak with a run of 1 hour and 27 minutes which was 10 minutes ahead of their nearest rivals. Juice and Neo One were continuing their epic struggle on the water and up the hills and their runners claimed second and third place respectively separated only by 4 minutes on the return to the Lantau Gate manned by Adam Clift and Tom Parker. As the time edged closer to daybreak at Lantau Gate, the last boat to arrive at the drop zone appeared out of the gloom, prompting Tom to advise Race Control that 'We were beginning to worry it was an Illusion!'

The fleet now set off for the final peak on Lamma Island which required a long beat to windward and tested the resilience of the crews, some of whom had been on the water for over twenty hours. Mount Stenhouse at 353 metres is the lowest of the four peaks but provides opportunities to gain a tactical advantage by

dropping off on the western side and picking up on the eastern side. The peak was well manned by Daniel Paetzold, Mimiko Stewart and Stephen Takahashi who had set up camp well before the first runners off Neo One arrived at just after 5am. It would be another 9 hours before the peak control would greet the final runners off Water Rabbit through the last peak.

Rhy and Rue runners Stephen Rudall and Alan Oats achieved the fastest time for Mount Stenhouse in 1 hour, 14 minutes and 42 seconds which was an impressive 24 minutes ahead of Neo One in second place.

Many boats opted for the strategy of dropping off on the western side of Lamma, sailing around the southern end of the island and picking up at Mo Tat Wan. From here the finish was practically in sight but only after rounding the famous Chesterman Buoy off the Stanley Peninsular

and making a course for the line just south of Round Island. Neo One had led from start to finish and crossed the line at just after 8am with a total elapsed time of 21 hours 18 minutes and 39 seconds. It would be another 10 hours before the last boat crossed the line and Race Control stood down from what had been an exhilarating thirty seventh anniversary of the Four Peaks Race.

At the Prize Giving Ceremony on 10 February most competitors and volunteers turned up to cheer the winners and start planning for next year. Winners were Neo One in IRC, Rhy and Rue in HKPN Division A and Easy Breezy II in HKPN Division B. Particular mention is given to Eszter Csillag on Juice and Kinjo Masahiro and Kawata Norihiko on Water Rabbit who each climbed all four peaks.

A full schedule of results is on the Aberdeen Boat Club web site.



MoHan Sailability crew – Fragrant Harbour



Juggerknot crew



Wild Card at the start



Water Rabbit



MoHan



Juice



HKPN Division A Winner
Rhy & Rue at the start –
Fragrant Harbour



MoHan crew raedy for the race



Violet Hill Peak Control



Ma On Shan Peak Control



MoHan Ma On Shan runners



Illusion Ma On Shan runners



Wild Card crew



Generations arrival in Sai Kung



When Boat Clubs Battle: Gotta Win Ugly Sometimes

By Dave Hilling

On 30 January, the ABC invited the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) to our Club for the first snooker match of 2023. On the one hand, it is fantastic that Hong Kong has finally opened up after Covid; however it doesn't half make it difficult ensuring we have enough players for a team. Now everyone is either travelling for holidays or on other activities in Hong Kong catching up with friends, so I was most appreciative for Tong Yun Fat and Nick Horvath stepping in as last minute replacements, allowing us to have a full team.

It did, however, result in the team not being fully match fit due to the lack of recent practice. On to the first match of the evening – which for the ABC was Wayne Robinson, who has been ever present in the practices and matches of late, against Billy Chow, who was the captain for the RHKYC. This was a tightly fought match, with both players wanting to get their teams off to the best possible start, and the lead changed hands quite a few times up to the final few colours. With

both teams cheering on their players it came down to the pink ball, and Wayne stepped up to try a very difficult double across the entire table only for it to skilfully or fortuitously, depending on which way you looked at it, to fall into the middle pocket. 1:0 to the ABC.

Next up for the ABC was Nick Horvath against CK Chan for the RHKYC, with CK making a good start and helped by some amazingly unlucky foul shots by Nick. Despite this being the first time in quite some time that Nick had picked up his snooker cue, he made a valiant effort against the free scoring CK, but ultimately just fell short to make it 1:1. ABC captain Dave Hilling then came up against Marcus Tang in the first ever singles match up between the two of them. However, Marcus was on another level, with a string of very impressive breaks and some excellent positional shots. Dave also pulled off a few good shots, but this match was very much one way traffic and it was soon 2:1 to RHKYC.

In the final singles match, it was Tong Yun Fat for the ABC vs Alfred Lau for RHKYC, but despite Fat being one of our most dependable players in the last few years, he hadn't played any snooker since well before Christmas. Early on in the match, Fat was clearly quite rusty and he missed a host of shots that normally would have been guaranteed pots for his skill. Alfred took full advantage, racing into the lead and looking very comfortable with his play. Fat did enjoy a bit of luck, along with him also slowly getting into the rhythm of potting again, so he clawed the score back down through the colours. Eventually it became a thrilling black ball finish, and the pressure was evidently getting to both players as they chased the black ball all over the table. Fat got the final say, to tie everything up at 2:2 before the break.

Everyone then enjoyed the customary and by now legendary ABC curry buffet, as both captains chose their players for the two doubles matches to follow. Wayne and Nick for the ABC were up against CK and Marcus, the two in-form RHKYC players from the singles matches. The atmosphere was tense and it was much more of a tactical match than the expected high scoring and potting. This seemed to play into the ABC hands, as it was RHKYC this time that made a

couple of surprising foul shots, including on the pink ball. We now had another black ball play-off, and as before it was the ABC marginally more composed when it mattered to make that pot to pull ahead 3:2.

The RHKYC team looked a bit shell shocked as Dave and Fat came to the table to face Billy and Alfred. Things didn't get off to a good start for them either, with an impressive break by Fat, who now seemed to be getting more comfortable with his potting. However, showing their true competitive nature the pair for RHKYC pulled their points back close to ABC's score heading into the final couple of reds. Dave then stepped up with a very important break to open up a good lead heading into the final colours, which allowed Fat to apply the killer blow.

Final score 4:2 to the ABC, but it could very well have been a very different score line if certain moments hadn't gone our way. I think it was fair to say that over the course of the evening RHKYC probably played the better snooker and the ABC didn't always play a beautiful game. I guess you "gotta win ugly sometimes" and later this year, hopefully with a bit more practice under our belts, we will have the exciting trip to the RHKYC for the return match.

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Ascent of an Icon: **Lion Rock**

Words and photos by Martin Williams

*The second first of a three-part series
on Hong Kong hiking, with some ideas
for trails to follow.*

Lion Rock view by drone

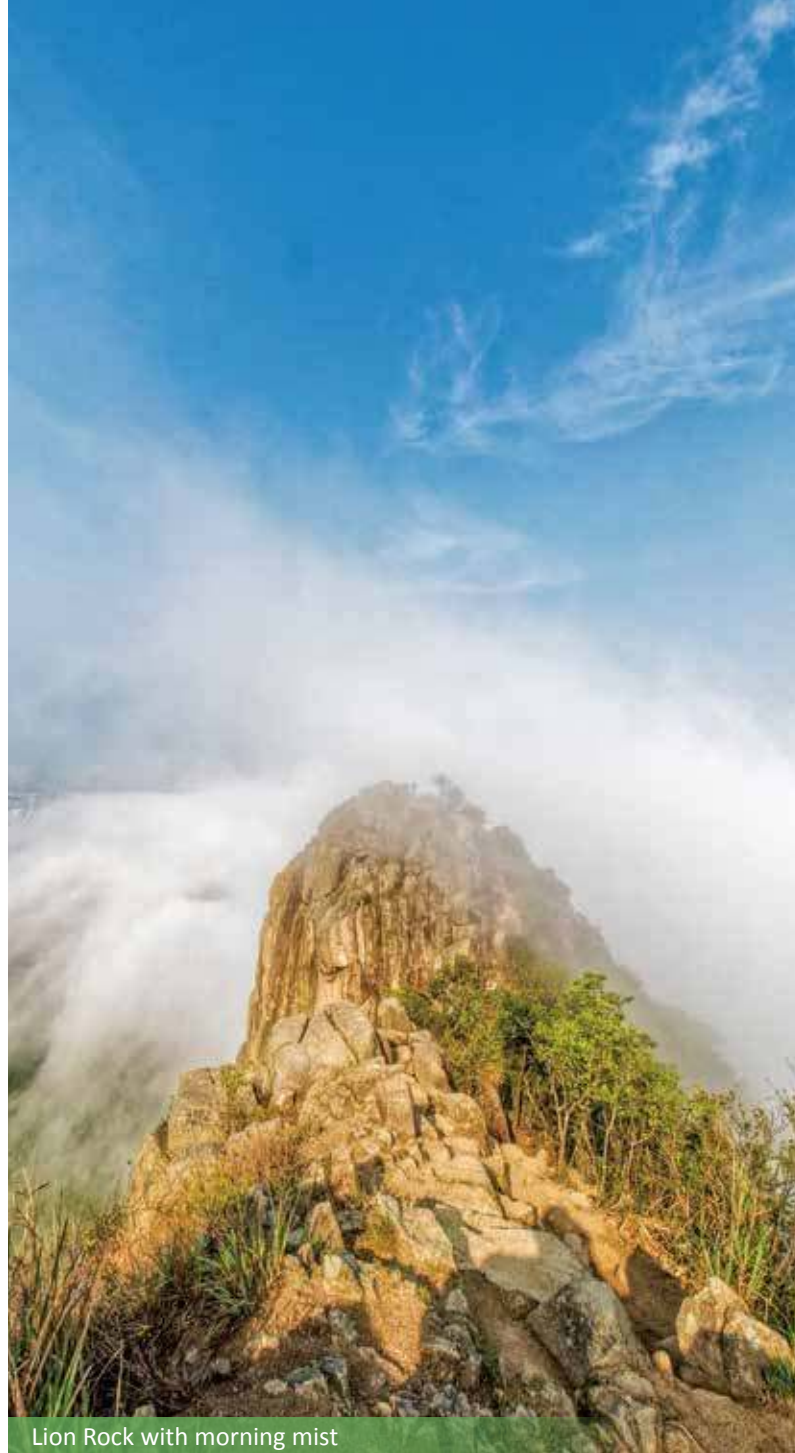
Don't let the resting lion profile fool you into thinking Lion Rock is a gently rounded peak – it's anything but, boasting a sheer southern face. Yet it's not too tough to hike up from the north, and is a great vantage for appreciating Hong Kong's mix of city and country.

One route to the top starts along Tai Po Road, at the place known as Monkey Mountain.

You'll surely see monkeys here – they loaf by the roadside and a footbridge you can cross, always ready for handouts and mischief. Head up the access road into Lion Rock Country Park, and turn left onto the Eagle's Nest Nature Trail. This circuits a low, forested hill where black kites, not eagles, breed.



Junction with the Maclehose Trail below Lion Rock



Lion Rock with morning mist



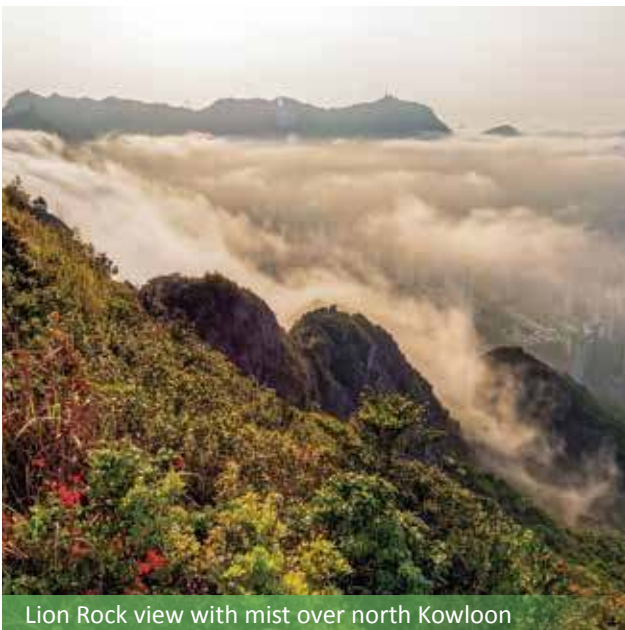
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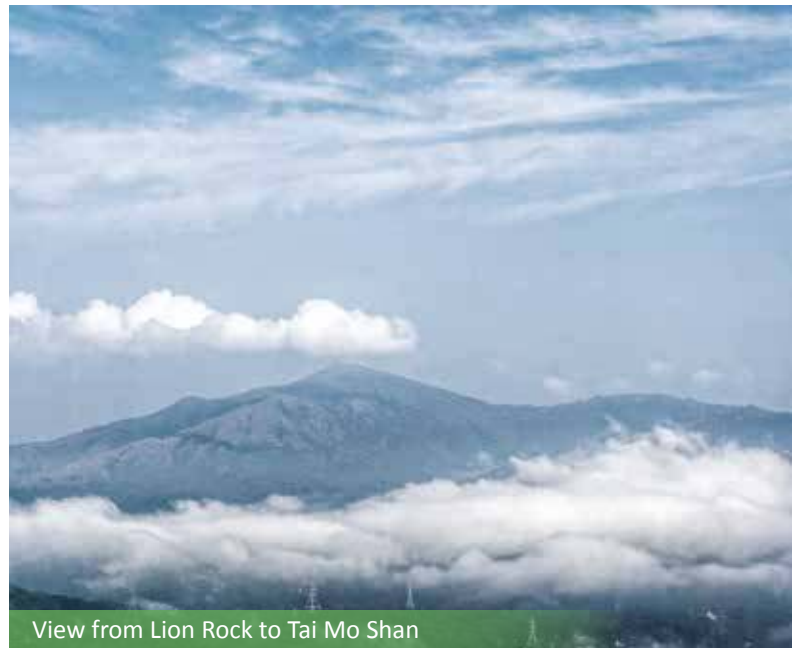
White flowers on Lion Rock

After a mostly level stroll, there's the first real climb of the day – following the Maclehoose Trail towards the top of Beacon Hill. There are fine views, especially over Kowloon.

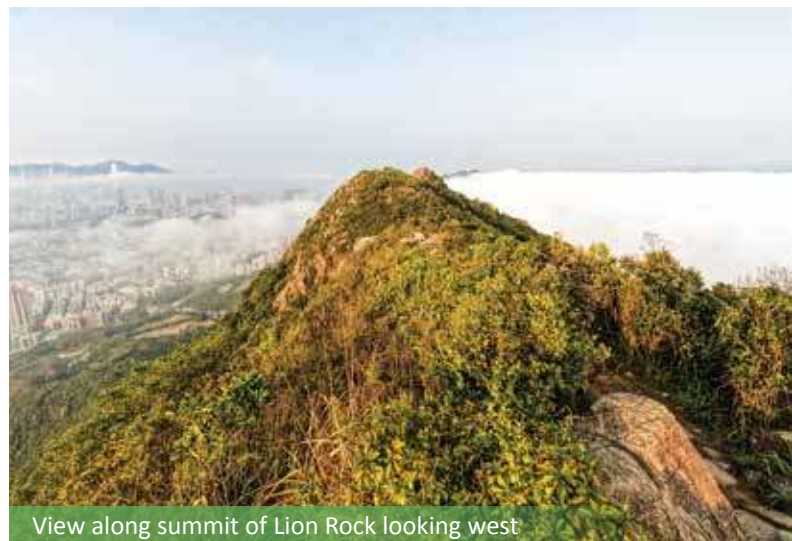
Kowloon is spread below you as the trail skirts the top of Beacon Hill. Ahead is Lion Rock, from here appearing as a rocky cone. The trail dips, then turns up again, to a junction where a sign points to Lion Rock, 400 metres away – 400 metres if you're a flying crow, that is. The path here is steep, and seems way longer than any other 400 metres you'll travel. But the summit is spectacular. [If you wish, you can omit the climb and continue east, along the Maclehoose Trail.]



Lion Rock view with mist over north Kowloon



View from Lion Rock to Tai Mo Shan



View along summit of Lion Rock looking west



Lion Rock and morning mist with view to west



Lion-rock-view over kowloon with mist



Cascades in the valley below Sha Tin Pass

You arrive at the top of a cliff that plunges away towards north Kowloon. Clamber carefully up onto the exposed rock on your right, and you can perch on the lion's head, and look out over the city, Sha Tin, and some of Hong Kong's main hills.

Walk east, and the rough trail curls up the gentler knolls of the lion's back. Near a sign warning of steep cliffs, there's a path tumbling away to the left. The steps along this don't make for comfortable walking, but it eventually arrives at the smoother, Maclehose Trail. Follow this to the right, and you'll eventually reach Sha Tin Pass, where options for returning to the city including an old track on the left, which drops down beside a stream to the outskirts of Sha Tin.

Getting there

Take a taxi from Kowloon Tong MTR/KCR stations, and alight just after the footbridge over Tai Po Road.



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March PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Northern Italian Cuisine Menu

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Spring Dishes

April PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Modern Vietnamese Cuisine Menu

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Spring Dishes



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Cocktails & Mocktails

March · April

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| 1. Virgin Daiquiri | \$55 |
| Pineapple juice, orange juice, grenadine & passion fruit juice | |
| 2. Italian Margarita | \$65 |
| Orange juice, tequila, amaretto, lime juice & syrup | |
| 3. Singapore Sling | \$80 |
| Bitter, grenadine, lime juice, pineapple juice, triple sec, cherry liquor & Benedict | |



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - March



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**EXCLUSIVE YOSHINO-GAWA SAKE &
JAPANESE FOOD PAIRING DINNER
with Mr. Ryuichi Nagahara**

Thursday, 9 March

Price: \$695 Time: 7pm Venue: Harbour Room

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Festival of Colors Brunch Holi Celebrations

**Saturday
11 March
12pm**

**The Middle Island
Clubhouse**

Join us to celebrate this Hindu festival. A sumptuous lunch will feature savoury home-style delights from southern & northern India, plus a roti & dosa station with the perennially extra-long buffet spread! After the feast, enjoy festive activities from 2pm to 3:30pm at designated area.

Adult: HK\$298 only

**Concessionary price for members
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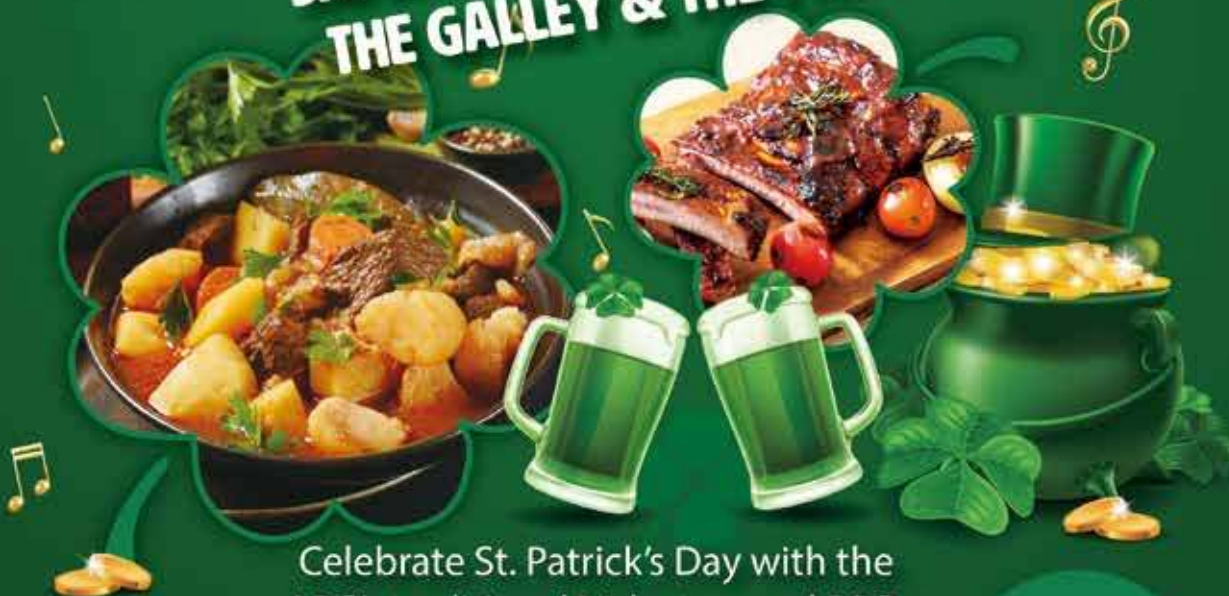


F&B PROMOTION

St. Patrick's Day Buffet

WITH COMPLIMENTARY WINE-TASTING

SATURDAY, 18 MARCH, 6PM
THE GALLEY & THE PATIO



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the ABC's traditional Irish stew and BBQ, along with stout [dark beer] – accompanied by Irish music.

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Premium Coravin Wine Tasting with Semi Buffet and Premium Meats

The expansive ABC buffet features fresh garden salads, starters, premium cold-cuts and delicious desserts. You can also order mains from the menu: choice of premium US Nebraska 1855 Beef, Free-range Chicken, Grass-fed Australian Lamb, Grass fed farm Pork & Sashimi-grade Scotland Salmon with appetising sides.

Adults:

HK\$328 (Beef & Lamb)

HK\$318 (Salmon)

HK\$298 (Chicken & Pork)

Concessionary price
for members over 65 years of age:

HK\$268 (Beef & Lamb)

HK\$258 (Salmon)

HK\$238 (Chicken & Pork)

Children (3-12 years old):

HK\$228 with same choice
of mains in kids portions OR
may order à la carte



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The Galley & The Patio • Friday, 24 March • 6pm



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SONG KRAN

Water Festival Celebration

Saturday, 15 April, 12pm
Middle Island Clubhouse

**Join us during Songkran Festival, for a mouth-watering buffet
featuring a wide range of Thai cuisine from 4 regions.**

Then, let the water splashing begin!

**- as sins and bad luck are washed away
during the solar New Year, from 2pm to 3pm at designated area.**

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Seoul-Tokyo BBQ & Ramen Night



Saturday, 29 April, 6pm
The Galley & The Patio



Join us for some splendid Seoul food, as we bring back the USDA Premium
"Wang Galbi" Beef on BBQ (limited to 1 serving per adult),
served together with a wide range of Korean delicacies!
(With complimentary Wine-Tasting)

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Home Wine Delivery March 2023

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 18 March) 6:30-8:30pm

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Vilarnau Brut Reserva Organic DO CAVA NV– Penedes, Spain This cava is a bright straw colour with a steadily rising stream of fine bubbles. It has pronounced apple fruit with a great balance between ripe fruit and delicate acidity.	HK\$125		
WHITE / ROSE / DESSERT WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Domaine de Vauroux Chablis AOC 2021 – Burgundy, France Light golden yellow in the glass, it fascinates the sense of smell with its elegant hints of almond and flint which combine with delicate floral notes. Tasting is full, powerful, lively, with a well-sculpted minerality and a pleasantly fresh finish.	HK\$145		
The Flying Winemaker Sauvignon Blanc 2021– Wairarapa, New Zealand Fresh, tangy sauvignon blanc with guava, tropical fruits, gooseberry, struck-flint, grapefruit and lime flavours. A seamless wine with mouth-watering acidity.	HK\$105		
Schloss Reinhartshausen Rheingau Riesling Trocken 2021 – Rheingau, Germany This wine is refreshing and hearty at the same time. It convinces with finesse, elegance and aromatic diversity. Just like a real Rheingau! The fruit flavors of peach, apple and apricot are carried by its acid framework, coupled with subtle mineral notes to a long finish.	HK\$115		
Eddie McDougall's - Little Pig Rose 2022 – Margaret River, Australia A whiff of fresh summer fruit salad will immediately captivate your senses and offer rewarding notes of crunchy yellow apple, and fresh red berries with a zesty and tantalizing hint of citrus.	HK\$125		
Mongioia - Moscato d'Asti DOCG 2021 – Piedmont, Italy Aromas typical of grapes, fruity notes of ripe and juicy white peach with a note of aromatic, almost mentholated grass. In the mouth: an acid note given by the hint of lime, orange peel and mandarin.	HK\$135		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Zaccagnini Tralcetto Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2020 – Abruzzo, Italy Color: Intense ruby red with violet hues. Aroma: Notes of marasca and cherry and generally red berries with spicy hints of white pepper. Taste: In the mouth, it develops harmoniously between fruity sweetness and savory freshness.	HK\$135		
The Flying Winemaker Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Margaret River, Australia Claret red in colour with a watery rim. Aromas of sweet plums and tobacco. Full-bodied, big on flavour and alcohol, blackcurrant, cedar and mint chocolate mix with polished tannin, plush texture and a pleasing finish.	HK\$195		
Arzuaga Tinto Crianza DO Ribera del Duero 2019 – Ribera del Duero, Spain Large volume in the mouth passage providing soft and mellow sensations that last over time thanks to its great fruitiness amplitude and length. The wine in the mouth is a faithful reflection of such a complex nose. These connotations give wine elegance and personality.	HK\$125		
The Flying Winemaker Pinot Noir 2019 – Wairarapa, New Zealand A well-made pinot noir from a favourable vintage. Supple, easy-drinking wine with cherry, berry, fresh herb and subtle spicy flavours.	HK\$125		
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Lagaria Pinot Grigio 2021– delle Venezie, Italy Straw yellow in colour, pleasant floral and fruity aromas of apple, apricot and pear. Medium bodied, with refreshing fruit, distinct character and balance.	HK\$120		
Hahn Winery Pinot Gris 2021 – Monterey, California, USA This bright and refreshing Pinot Gris offers generous aromas of pear and green apple that are accompanied by hints of lemon blossom. The juicy palate bursts with flavours of luscious tropical fruit, pear and citrus, finishing with lively acidity.	HK\$198		
Bailly-Lapierre St Bris Sauvignon Blanc 2017 – Burgundy, France Hints of apricot and butterscotch on the nose. Ripe peach and pineapple flavours with supporting French oak notes. Crisp and refreshing.	HK\$148		
Mt. Lawson Chardonnay 2017 –Mudgee, Australia Aromas of lemon and stone fruit, the generous mid-palate has mouth-filling textual layers with hints of toast and vibrancy to the fruit. The gentle acid balance opens the palate finishing with soft lingering flavours.	HK\$158		
Evolution Riesling 2021 – Columbia Valley, Washington, USA Find yourself enveloped with fresh peach, stone fruit, sweet apple and a refreshingly bright finish.	HK\$188		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Hauner Salina Rosso IGT 2015 – Sicily, Italy Ruby red with decided purple hues, its abundant legs and evident viscosity straightaway reveal the wine's good structure and body. The ample, rich bouquet of black cherries and blackberries, with spicy and toasted notes of vanilla, licorice and carob beans is confirmed on the lush, full, well- balanced palate, with silky texture and layered, intense and persistent flavors.	HK\$168		
SR262 Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Columbia Valley, Washington, USA 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. A true Pacific Northwest Cabernet. Lean Peppery tannins balanced with dense black cherry flavours.	HK\$148		
Smith & Hook Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Central Coast, California, USA Aromas of blackberry and blueberry with hints of violet, tobacco leaf and cedar. The palate is full-bodied and rich with flavours of dried cranberry and baked blackberry, finishing with a touch of toasty oak and a long, silky finish.	HK\$318		
Cline Classic Cashmere 2019– California, USA The blending of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. Medium ruby in color, aromas of cherry, blueberry, Cinnamon, vanilla, and nutmeg. Medium body, soft and well-balanced acidity. Berries, cinnamon, nutmeg, cola and bramble on the palate.	HK\$198		
Domaine Boudau Rivesaltes Grenat 2014 – Cotes du Roussillon, France A traditional dessert wine from the South of France - vin doux naturel. Dark red colour. Very subtle nose of dark olives and fruits in alcohol. On the palate this is a very fruity wine with violet, dark morello cherries and liquorice tastes. This is a very supple and easy drinking wine. (Sweet)	HK\$228		
	Grand Total :		

Member Name: Mr. / Ms / Mrs. Membership Number: _____

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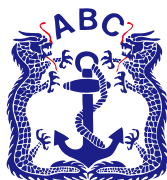
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Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by email, phone or in person.

Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Email: bar@abclubhk.com

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



Part A (Master)

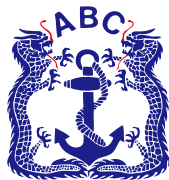
Dates	: 20, 21 April 2023	17, 18 August 2023	16, 17 November 2023
Times	: 7:00pm to 10:30pm		
Syllabus	: Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.		
Cost	: HK\$2,200 for member/person/course.	HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.	

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

() 20, 21 April 2023 Thursday & Friday

() 17, 18 August 2023 Thursday & Friday

() 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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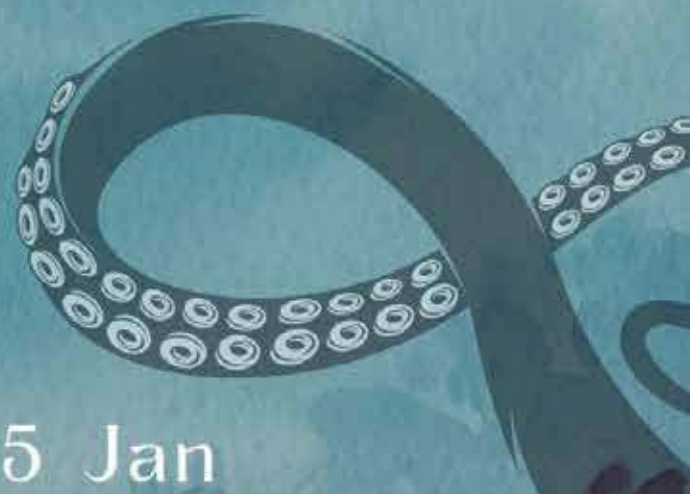
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Race 2: 23 Oct

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

