

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE 2021

In accordance with Article 29a of the Club's Articles of Association **TEN (10)** members of the General Committee who were elected in 2019 and are still serving and due to retire.

A. MEMBERS DUE FOR ELECTION

1. **Alan Child** offers himself for re-election
2. **Christopher Pooley** offers himself for re-election
3. **Eric Tang** offers himself for re-election
4. **Graeme Brechin** offers himself for re-election
5. **Graham Price** offers himself for re-election
6. **Ian Skeggs** offers himself for re-election
7. **James Ross** offers himself for re-election
8. **John Berry** offers himself for re-election
9. **Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath** offers himself for re-election
10. **John Currie** is not seeking re-election

B. THE ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN (18) ELECTED MEMBERS.

- 1) For the year 2021, **TEN (10)** are due for re-election, and **TEN (10)** will stand down at the AGM.
- 2) This has created **TEN (10)** vacancies in total for the General Committee.
- 3) We have received in due time **NINE (9)** re-election applications and **ONE (1)** new election application.

C. THE NINE CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE :

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D. THERE IS ONE NEW CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AS BELOW :

Bob Aylsworth nominated as General Committee Member

Club member since 2001 offers himself for election

Proposed by John Currie; Seconded by James Smith

E. THE FULL LIST OF THE TEN CANDIDATES IS GIVEN BELOW WITH THEIR PROPOSER AND SECONDER NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIES (alphabetical order) :

1. Alan Child

Club member since 1982

Proposed by Christopher Tung ; Seconded by Martin Ganz

Biography

I believe that at the very least the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore Sailing of ABC should be filled by a Club member who can demonstrate extensive experience of boating, preferably sailing in order that he reflects the core values of the Club. He should also have had a broad exposure to club management through membership of the General Committee and its sub-committees. In putting myself forward for a Flag Officer position, I would like to highlight the following personal abilities:

- I have sailed regularly in the Club racing series since 1982.
- I have participated in over 20 Four Peaks races as crew, runner and skipper.
- For the past 10 years I have been a co-owner of the Farr Side, one of the most consistently raced boats in ABC.
- I am a RYA Offshore and Ocean Yacht master as well as having a local Masters and Engineers Licence.
- I have competed in numerous offshore races to the Philippines, Vietnam and China.
- I have spent 8 years on General Committee and on Development Committee.
- I have extensive knowledge of Government leases and development having working for 8 years in the Lands Department.
- I have been a board member and Chairman of one of the largest privately owned Property Consultancies in Hong Kong.
- I have many years of experience running a large multi-faceted organization.
- I believe I have the skills and standing necessary to help steer the Club through the planned major development era, and to represent the Club at the highest levels of the yachting and boating community.

2. **Bob Aylsworth**
Club member since 2001
Proposed by John Currie; Seconded by James Smith

Biography

Bob Aylsworth- My family and I came to HK in 1995 and I joined the club in 2001. Early on, we and our two boys enjoyed the club, pool, middle island and eventually youth sailing. I started sailing on yachts Escapade and Red Eye until I purchased my own yacht Taka Rita, and her follow on Taka Ano, a Tayana 37. Over the years I have raced and cruised in many ABC events.

Our family enjoyed all the club has to offer, with our youngest son starting in Aberdeen Racing Academy at 8 years old and now full time on a 49er representing Hong Kong National team. I have actively supported youth sailing events on RIBs, committee boat, and overseas. I have previously served on the Dinghy sailing subcommittee and now serve on SailCom. Also, I serve as ABC representative director on HKSF Council.

After retiring from a long professional career, I'm enthusiastic to extend my support and newly acquired "free time" to committing to ABC's continued prosperity for all members.

3. **Christopher Pooley**
Club member since 2007
Proposed by James Ross ; Seconded by Barry Hill

Biography

Rear Commodore Sailing - from 2013 to 2015
Commodore from 2015 to 2021

In standing for re-election to Gencom I should, as required by convention, highlight some personal details for those Members who do not yet know me or who otherwise may not be familiar.

A dinghy sailor from boyhood, Pooley has been a regular participant in HK yachting and racing since returning here in 1989. Currently a member of 2 overseas Yacht Clubs in addition to ABC and a member of the HKSF. Well known in the local yachting community and to flag officers of other yacht clubs.

Involved in some 25 Four Peaks Races initially as Skipper on Shearwater, more recently as a regular crew member, 20 events as a runner.

A regular participant in all ABC race series from 1989 and numerous Regattas and offshore events in Asia:- Thailand , Philippines , Malaysia and China Sea crossings ; occasionally in UK.

As Commodore Pooley has managed to attend most sub-Committee meetings on a regular basis and found much interest in doing so. He was also actively engaged in the dialogue with

Government over the PRL issues, a concern which remains to be resolved. He took particular pleasure in the re-building of the MI Clubhouse and awaits the outcome of the major Development project with great interest.

4. Eric Tang

Club member since 2012

Proposed by Barry Hill ; Seconded by John Berry

Biography

Joined the Club in 2012, I have the privilege to serve on the General Committee for the past eight years. With the development in the neighbourhood and the increasing popularity of the club's water activities, the upcoming years will be crucial in shaping the future of the club. I am seeking for re-election to continue driving for more and better.

5. Graeme Brechin

Club member since 1996

Proposed by Stephen Perret; Seconded by Alan Child

Biography

I arrived in HK as a twelve year old in 1977 and from that date on, apart from my final schooling/Uni in the UK, I have continuously used the ABC for sailing activities alongside my father and his/my friends becoming a full member of the Club in 1996.

I remain an active sailor and have raced with many boats over the years also completing eleven China Sea crossings, eight of which were competitive. A couple of years ago I helped to sail a boat with three friends from HK to Singapore then on to Langkawi and finally, before my next adventure, sailed across the Western Pacific.

I have spent the last three years as your Rear Commodore for Sailing and Marine overseeing, I can proudly say, one of the best sailing schools in Asia.

As a boat owner and frequent user of our Club I feel I am well placed to help to keep our Club in the 'First Division'.

6. Graham Price

Club member since 2003

Proposed by James Ross ; Seconded by Barry Hill

Biography

Graham first came to Hong Kong in 1977, and returned to stay in 1992. He joined ABC in 2003 whilst crewing Gypsy for John Butler. He learned to sail a dinghy at Middle Island. His two sons Sam and David both qualified as sailing instructors and taught at RHKYC and ABC. He owns a "bi-plane rigged" catamaran moored at Middle Island. He also has two younger children Hannah and Ethan who really enjoyed their ABC sailing courses. He

joined the General Committee in 2011 and has been especially interested in safety, facilities for children and young people and matters affecting boat owners.

Graham served at different times as a committee member for House, Sailing and Marine and the Development Committees and most recently as Rear Commodore chaired the House Committee and its sub committee looking at Development of the Main Club House. He is passionate about improving club facilities in a measured and affordable way.

He was very involved in representations to the Government review of land held by Private Recreational Clubs and addressed the Legco committee. He believes that sail training is a very worthwhile, rewarding and life forming activity for young people and is keen that ABC supports this, together with opportunities for those who wish to compete internationally or become assistant and full instructors. Finally he believes in ABC as a club, in the need to maintain and improve our facilities, with members contributing and participating and will fight to preserve its welcoming, friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

7. Ian Skeggs

Club member since 2002

Proposed by Nicholas Horvath ; Seconded by Wendy Shuk Wan Wong

Biography

Mr Ian Skeggs has been a resident of Hong Kong since 1987 and been part of the sailing community ever since, taking part in ABC races as well as having made several crossings of the South China Sea, sailed round Micronesia as well as sailing from Hong Kong to Phuket. Mr Skeggs has owned a Peterson 33, The Judge, and recently owned the motor cruiser Viva. Mr Skeggs is a keen member of the ABC and, has arranged sponsorship of several events including the 4 Peak's Race and international dingy racing. Mr Skeggs has previously served on the General Committee of the Club and Sailcom.

8. James Ross

Club member since 2006

Proposed by Graham Price ; Seconded by Barry Hill

Biography

I'm originally from the UK, have been in Hong Kong since 2003, and am the CEO of a media company. I've been a member of the ABC since 2006, when my daughter started sailing. My passion is for everything boat-related, but I'm a dinghy sailor at heart. For many years my focus was in developing the ABC Dinghy Training Centre as part of SailCom and the Dinghy Committee. Right now I am concerned that member's views are well represented over the Middle Island Development, and to help ensure that what is created is great for members, maximises the use of our money, builds a strong boating base, but still maintains the relaxing atmosphere of Middle Island. Currently, as a member of HouseCom, and as Chairman of the Staff Committee, I also want to see that we develop better facilities and services for all members, particularly in our main club house which hasn't had much

attention recently. Plus we need to improve staff training and service levels at every level of the club - but particularly in the club's food and drink outlets.

9. John Berry

Club member since 1983

Proposed by Chris Pooley; Seconded by Barry Hill

Biography

Involved in water sports since his youth, John Berry sailed to Hong Kong in 1982 and shortly after applied for membership of ABC, joined ABC races in that year and has not missed a season since.

He currently sails on and co-owns the cruiser 'Five O one', and participates in cruising and racing in that and in dinghies, and also joins sailing trips around the region when travel is possible.

At ABC John was on General Committee for periods in the 1980s and 90s, and since 2010, serving in particular on sailing and club development committees. He was Commodore from 2011 to 2015. John is also council member of HKSF.

John offers to continue supporting the General Committee with particular interests in club development and membership.

10. Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath

Club member since 1988

Proposed by James Smith ; Seconded by John Berry

Biography

"Nicholas Bodnar- Horvath is a solicitor and currently the Hon Gen Secretary of the Club. I have been pleased to serve the Club on the General Committee for many years, primarily as honorary legal adviser.

The next two years are of particular importance for the Club in the progression of the Middle Island project and renewal of our recreational leases, where various legal issues will no doubt continue to arise."