

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE 2025

In accordance with Articles 29 & 30 of the Club's Articles of Association **EIGHT (8)** members of the General Committee who were elected in 2023 and **TWO (2)** were co-opted in June 2025 and October 2025, who are still serving and due to retire.

A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUE FOR ELECTION

1. **Mr Alan Child** offers himself for re-election
2. **Mr Christopher Pooley** offers himself for re-election
3. **Mr Eric Tang** offers himself for re-election
4. **Mr Gideon Mowser** co-opted and offers himself for election
5. **Mr Graham Price** offers himself for re-election
6. **Mr Ian Skeggs** offers himself for re-election
7. **Mr James Ross** offers himself for re-election
8. **Mr John Berry** offers himself for re-election
9. **Mr Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath** offers himself for re-election
10. **Mr Stein Olson** co-opted and offers himself for election

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

- 1) For the year 2025, **Ten (10)** are due for re-election.
- 2) This has created **Ten (10)** vacancies in total for the General Committee.
- 3) We have received in due time **Ten (10)** re-election applications and **ONE (1)** new election application.

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

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

1. Mr Daniel Gerard Tagliere nominated as General Committee Member

Club member since 2010 offers himself for election

Proposed by Andres Hernandez Sanchez; Seconded by David Rees

E. THE FULL LIST OF ELEVEN CANDIDATES IS GIVEN BELOW, ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF THEIR PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES, AND THEIR BIOGRAPHIES : (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

1. Alan Child

Club member since 1982

Proposed by Martin Ganz; Seconded by John Berry

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 they reflect the core values of the Club. They 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. Christopher Pooley

Club member since 2007

Proposed by Ian A. Skeggs; Seconded by Stephen Perret

Biography

Rear Commodore Sailing - from 2013 to 2015

Commodore from 2015 to 2025

In standing for re-election to Gencom, I should first make clear that I am not bidding for a further term as Commodore. That role will be decided by the incoming Committee immediately following the AGM. Secondly as required by convention, I should 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, RHKYC and Hebe Haven and the VRC, 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, or assisting with Race Management 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. A regular participant in Protest Hearings.

As Commodore Pooley has managed to attend most sub-Committee meetings on a regular basis and found much interest in doing so. Earlier 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 in the aftermath of Typhoon Mangkut and awaits the outcome of the major Development project with great interest as we approach the final lap to TPB Approval.

Prior to his retirement, Pooley served for 33 years as an Executive in the Swire Group, with overseas postings to a number of countries in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe, with much travel to numerous countries. He was posted back to HK in 1989 where he continues to reside.

I have long felt part of the fabric of ABC and in standing again for the Committee I seek members' support so that I can contribute as I might to ABC's future progress--- not least in the Development of MI.

3. Daniel Gerard Tagliere
Club member since 2010

Proposed by Andres Hernandez Sanchez; Seconded by David Rees

Biography

I have resided in Hong Kong since 1992 and have been an enthusiastic member of ABC since 2010. An avid boater from the outset, I have owned several motor and sailing vessels and am a holder of PVOCC G1 and RYA Yachtmaster Offshore qualifications. In July 2024 I departed the main clubhouse dock here at ABC to begin a 16,000 nm voyage that took me and my two sons to Indonesia (where we joined the World ARC rally) across the Indian and Atlantic Oceans and eventually to the Caribbean. We flew our ABC burgee religiously the entire voyage, visiting numerous yacht clubs along the way (including the ABC reciprocal Royal Cape Yacht Club, Cape Town) presenting them with ABC burgees and telling the story of our great club.

Professionally, I have been involved in real estate across the region, encompassing investment and development in both residential and hotel sectors. My tenure at Marriott International, representing brands including Ritz-Carlton in Asia, has honed my understanding of premium hospitality which I would like to apply in elevating ABC's member experiences.

With long service on boards of for-profit and non-profit organizations, I bring proven governance acumen and effective advocacy for others. I am eager to join ABC's General Committee to champion initiatives that enhance our facilities and ensure an inclusive and rewarding membership experience for all members. I look forward to your support in advancing the club's legacy of excellence.

4. Eric Tang
Club member since 2012

Proposed by Christopher Pooley; Seconded by Stephen Perret

Biography

I am honored to have served alongside a group of dedicated members on the General Committee for more than a decade. Working with the Management team, the Committee has successfully completed a number of key initiatives. However, significant work remains. I am standing for re-election to continue driving the Middle Island development project forward and to advocate for members' interests, ensuring the club's success for years to come.

5. Gideon Mowser

Club member since 2018

Proposed by Ian A. Skeggs; Seconded by Stephen Perret

Biography

Gideon Mowser was born in Hong Kong and has been an avid Sailor his entire life, no doubt the fault of his father whose idea of “baby sitting” was to go yacht racing with his boys on board safely ensconced in a hammock below decks. No doubt a contributing factor to them not succumbing to sea sickness in bad weather! He grew up sailing in Hong Kong and was regularly around the ABC courtesy of his father’s membership, now a member in his own right and with his own family who are regulars at Middle Island where his children sail their own Hartley 10 dinghy when not out racing with him.

He runs Sky International (a pre-eminent dinghy supplier and chandlery) together with his father and remains committed to Hong Kongs sailing scene and ensuring it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations. He joined Sailcom in 2023 and was co-opted to Gencom in 2025 and views his participation as a way of giving back to a Club that is a pleasure to be a member of.

6. Graham Price

Club member since 2003

Proposed by David Hilling; Seconded by George Doyle

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 elder sons, Sam and David, both qualified as sailing instructors and taught at RHKYC and ABC. He once owned a “bi-plane rigged” catamaran which was moored at Middle Island and a prominent mark for optimist sailors. He has two teenage children, Hannah and Ethan who have long since graduated from the playpark, attended ABC sailing courses and now enjoy the swimming pool, Middle Island and our famed ABC food. 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 managing the Development of the Main Club House. “The Refit Project” has already resulted in substantial renovations and more are planned.

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 members 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 A. Skeggs

Club member since 2002

Proposed by Stephen Perret; Seconded by Gideon Mowser

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 Nicolas Van Zwanenberg

Biography

I'm originally from the UK, have been in Hong Kong since 2003. I'm the CEO of a media company, and a radio broadcaster with RTHK Radio 3. 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 Sail Com 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 House Com, 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 still needs more attention. Plus we need to further 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 Stephen Perret; Seconded by James Barker

Biography

John has been involved in sailing and water sports in Australia, UK, Middle East and Hong Kong. In 1982 he cruised around East Asia he sailed to Hong Kong to resume work. Soon he after joined ABC races and subsequently applied for club membership and has not missed a season since. He joined many Asian cruises and races to Philippines, Japan, China coast and Vietnam. As well as cruisers, he was also active for many years in dinghies.

He currently sails on and co-owns the cruiser 'Five O one', and participates in cruising and racing, and joins sailing trips/events around the region where 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 was also several years a council member of SFHKC and of Sail Training Association of HK.

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

10. Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath

Club member since 1988

Proposed by Christopher Pooley; Seconded by Alan Child

Biography

Nicholas Bodnar-Horvath is a solicitor and a part owner in White Crane. He formerly was the Hon Gen Secretary of the Club and has served the Club on the General Committee for many years, primarily as the honorary legal adviser and chairs the Membership and Disciplinary Committees.

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.

11. Stein Scott Olson

Club member since 2008

Proposed by David Hilling; Seconded by Graham Price

Biography

I have been a member of ABC since 2008, I was co-opted to join the General Committee this October.

I started sailing on Wizard in 2005 and joined the club since I couldn't pay for G&T's after the race. I decided to be a co-owner of Bodiceia which unfortunately was damaged in a typhoon and then Five-O-One until late 2019 when I sold my share in Five-O-One. Which I still crew on from time to time. I also enjoy golf and hiking.

I have spent my professional life in the finance industry and have a good understanding of the commercial world, particularly in Hong Kong and mainland China since 1989.