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## November 2021 – February 2022

| Dates                |    | Holidays         | ABC - Yacht Races                   | Dinghies                        | Others  |
|----------------------|----|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>November 2021</b> |    |                  |                                     |                                 |   |
| Sat                  | 6  |                  |                                     |                                 | COA Double Handed Challenge / Hong Kong Scout International Regatta |
| Sun                  | 7  |                  |                                     | ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 3       | Hong Kong Scout International Regatta                               |
| Sat                  | 13 |                  |                                     | RHKYC Around Middle Island Race | HHYC Monsoon Winter 2   |
| Sun                  | 14 |                  |                                     |                                 | RHKYC Around the Island Race  |
| Sat                  | 20 |                  |                                     |                                 | HHYC Monsoon Winter 3 / RHKYC Lipton Trophy                         |
| Sun                  | 21 |                  | ABC Waglan Series 5                 | HHYC Dinghy Winter 1            |   |
| Sun                  | 28 |                  |                                     | ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 4       |   |
| <b>December 2021</b> |    |                  |                                     |                                 |   |
| Sat                  | 4  |                  |                                     | ABC Southside Regatta           | HHYC Monsoon Winter 4   |
| Sun                  | 5  |                  |                                     | ABC Southside Regatta           |   |
| Sat                  | 11 |                  |                                     |                                 | COA Christmas Cup / HHYC Monsoon Winter 5                           |
| Sun                  | 12 |                  | ABC Waglan Series 6                 | HHYC Dinghy Winter 2            |   |
| Sun                  | 19 |                  |                                     | RHKYC Pre-Christmas 4           | RHKYC YMC Alma Mater Cup  |
| Sat                  | 25 | Christmas Day    |                                     |                                 |   |
| Sun                  | 26 | Boxing Day       |                                     |                                 |   |
| Mon                  | 27 |                  |                                     |                                 |   |
| <b>January 2022</b>  |    |                  |                                     |                                 |   |
| Sat                  | 1  | New Year's Day   |                                     |                                 |   |
| Sun                  | 2  |                  |                                     |                                 | RHKYC Liberty Bitcoin Cup (3 to 14 Jan)                             |
| Sat                  | 8  |                  |                                     | HHYC Dinghy Winter 3            |   |
| Sun                  | 9  |                  |                                     |                                 | COA New Year Speed Cruise   |
| Sat                  | 15 |                  |                                     |                                 | HHYC Kowloon Cup / RHKYC HKRNVF Memorial Vase                       |
| Sun                  | 16 |                  |                                     |                                 | HHYC Kowloon Cup  |
| Sat                  | 22 |                  | ABC Four Peaks Race                 |                                 |   |
| Sun                  | 23 |                  | ABC Four Peaks Race                 |                                 |   |
| Sun                  | 30 |                  |                                     | RHKYC Post-Christmas 1          |   |
| <b>February 2022</b> |    |                  |                                     |                                 |   |
| Tues                 | 1  | Chinese New Year |                                     |                                 | COA CNY Macau Rally   |
| Wed                  | 2  | Chinese New Year |                                     |                                 | COA CNY Macau Rally   |
| Thur                 | 3  | Chinese New Year |                                     |                                 | COA CNY Macau Rally   |
| Sun                  | 6  |                  | ABC Waglan Series Race 7            | RHKYC Post-Christmas 2          |   |
| Sat                  | 12 |                  |                                     | HHYC Dinghy Winter 4            | RHKYC Monsoon Spring Cup  |
| Sun                  | 13 |                  | ABC Valentine Pursuit (Ladies Helm) |                                 | RHKYC Monsoon Spring Cup  |
| Sat                  | 19 |                  |                                     | Hong Kong Race Week             |   |
| Sun                  | 20 |                  |                                     | (15 to 20 Feb)                  |   |
| Sat                  | 26 |                  |                                     |                                 | HHYC Monsoon Spring 1   |
| Sun                  | 27 |                  | ABC Waglan Series 8 & 9             | RHKYC Post-Christmas 3          |   |





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## COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley  
Commodore

*When two Englishmen meet,  
their first talk is of the weather.*

*[Dr. Samuel Johnson, The Idler 1758]*

And so to start on that subject, as is this Englishman's wont, the first tentative gusts of the NE Monsoon --- *THE* Monsoon in Eastern Waters---- favoured the Opening Regatta on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept well supported by an entry list of 33 yachts. Since then it has set in with a vengeance boosted by two offshore Typhoons in Mid-October. Though the Typhoon tracks well to the South posed no direct threat to HK, the effect of their wind circulation pattern was to amplify, indeed encourage, the incipient Monsoon. This led to days of Hurricane Force winds within HK, the hoisting of two No.8 Signals in one week, and the consequent loss of a week's activities on Middle Island. That there was no notable damage to equipment, floating or securely lashed ashore, is a credit to the forethought and skills of ABC's Marine Team.

Though the weather has cooled and humidity dropped we have yet to see the glorious sunny days typically associated with the Autumn Season---- they will doubtless appear 'ere long. Meanwhile the Waglan Series, with No. 4 due to complete by this edition's publication date, is benefitting from the steady NE'lies.

Looking ahead at two highlights on the Social Calendar, of which all details can be found on the regular Web bulletins [q.v.], Sailors can enjoy Commodore's Drinks after the Dec Waglan race while golfers must await details of the Annual Commodore's Cup match for which GM is confident his negotiating skills and Gallic Diplomacy will shortly find a vacant slot, Tee Times being at a post-Covid Premium.

Post the No 8 Signal hiatus, dinghy sailing and power boat courses, have resumed in force ----book as soon as new courses are advertised to ensure a

place!- while there is always fun available for the young , or young at heart, on paddle or wake boards and Kayaks.

Looking further ahead there is the usual cornucopia of Festive Season delights from before, then right through Christmas, and up to the very early hours of 2022. Watch out for this year's NYE theme, and make sure to receive your copy of the Christmas Booklet being published in early Nov. Then in the New Year ABC's unique and envied event The Four Peaks Race, which is sure to benefit from bottled up enthusiasm following the disappointment of last year's Covid-enforced cancellation.

The Club's AGM will take place on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, with, it is to be hoped, as much enthusiastic support as has been shown by members over the past few years. By the time of publication we will know whether any hands have been raised by 'new young blood' as candidates for Committee Membership, Nominations for which closed on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

At the AGM members will be updated, *inter alia*, on progress with the MI EIA submission, the TOP Renewal Application, the dead tree saga, and of course the state of our Finances. Plus of course embryonic thoughts on improvements to the Main building, implementation of which is, perforce, dependent on the last phrase in the preceding sentence !

Until then I wish all members the best that the coming season has to offer and to all Sailors the bisque of exhilarating racing in NE Monsoon conditions---with due prudence should those conditions demand it !



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## GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny  
General Manager

### THE JOLLY AND THE HORRIBLE

Halloween is just over and the festive season about to start. Our Christmas brochure will be soon in your mailbox; and on our website expect a wide array of events and offerings as usual. Along with our traditional food or gift collection, we will have a donation box for a charity dear to our Club – Sailability. If you are unfamiliar with Sailability and their tremendous work in providing opportunities for anyone with a disability (physical or intellectual) to learn to sail or have a water based experience, please visit their website: <https://www.sailabilityhk.org/>.

It is time to think of your company end-of-the-year party; our bookings are already getting busy so do not waste time. The Harbour Room can accommodate up to 80 guests for a sit-down lunch or dinner. The Bridge would be a perfect venue for a standing cocktail party of up to 40 guests. On weekdays, Middle Island can accommodate up to 180 guests for a buffet party; and on some Saturdays it may be available to book for private functions, and is limited to max. 60 guests by prior arrangement for private parties. Remember the vaccination proof for functions operating under the so-called D mode. The Patio is available only for weekday functions, with a maximum of 80 guests. We have prepared a selection of festive buffets and set meals and drinks menus that you can download from our website home page, under “Festive Season Packages”. As a token of our appreciation for your great support this year, all room-hire charges are waived. Every function price includes Christmas decorations and table party favours.

Now hopefully this year we can have our New Year's Eve Party at the Galley and Patio. The theme will be as planned for but not held last year: “Mas(k)querade Ball 2020 Reloaded”. Price: HK\$888 or

HK\$588 for adults, inclusive of canapés, buffet, listed premium drinks and Champagne for toasting at midnight, HK\$288 for children under age 12. DJ “El Senior David” from last year's party returns to play this year. BOOK NOW – the seats will be scarce.

Now here's an almost exhaustive list to put in your agenda; some more to follow (all details in the up-coming Christmas brochure):

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 – 30 November | Thanksgiving Takeaways   |
| 25 November     | Thanksgiving Sparkling Dinner  |
| 1 – 31 December | Christmas Takeaways  |
| 2 December      | Exclusive Yoshinogawa Sake & Japanese Food Pairing Masterclass with Mr. Ryuichi Nagahara |
| 4 December      | Community Christmas carols and tree lighting ceremony by GSIS Choir (tbc)                |
| 9 December      | Exclusive Champagne Dinner – Series 4 of the Wine Tour 2.0                               |
| 12 December     | Commodore's Christmas Cocktails Party at Middle Island                                   |
| 31 December     | “The ABC Mas(k)querade Ball 2021” New Year's Eve Party                                   |
| 11 December     | Santa Visits ABC   |
| 24 December     | Christmas Eve Champagne Dinner   |
| 25 December     | Christmas Day Celebration Lunch Main Clubhouse   |
| 25 December     | Christmas with a French touch on Middle Island by Chef Aurelien                          |
| 26 December     | Boxing Day Brunch  |
| 9 January 2022  | Members' Day on the Junk   |



## STAFF 10K

On Sunday 24 October, two of our senior staff and one ex-member of staff who is now a full member of the Club took part in the ten-kilometre race during the annual Hong Kong Marathon. The good news is they all finished as fresh as they started, and are looking forward for next year, to enter the next level.

Congratulations to Cobo Liu, Membership Manager; Paul Chong, Executive Chef; and Lau Wai Kee, our ex-Marine Manager.



## COBO LIU

It was a fantastic weather on this Marathon day, 24 October 2021. We luckily could run among the enthusiastic participants in the journey. It was an amazing feeling to feel the wind and sunshine under the blue sky. Having to run inside the Western Harbour tunnel was truly quite exciting.

Inspired by the ABC colleagues that brought me to the event. It will be an unforgettable memory in my life. I was extremely happy to see some of the ABC ex-colleagues at the destination... embraced with encouragement, filled with happiness and success. PROUD of our team and the city.

## CLUB BUILDING LEVY

You must have all received by now the letter from the Development Committee Chairman, Mr. Barry Hill, informing you of another two-year round of building levy at HK\$288 per month, in order to finance our future development on Middle Island. As stated in the Commodore's article, an update will be given at the AGM on the Environmental Impact Assessment, which has so far lasted nearly 2 years.

## NEWS ON AMPHIOXUS

In this sense and as a pre-empt, last year our main issue was the discovery of the amphibious population of amphioxus, also called lancelet, which is a member of the invertebrate subphylum Cephalochordata of the phylum Chordata. That discovery led over 18 months to four underwater surveys in four different periods over the wet and the rainy seasons. The good news is that the population that seemed to have elected our location as their home had nearly all disappeared and have probably moved to another venue. Sadly that little subphylum Cephalochordata cost us 18 months' delay; and enormous costs in mobilisation of specialised marine surveyors and spending time and money in redesigning the reclamation to fit their safeguards.

## MIDDLE ISLAND TOP RENEWAL.

In my previous letter, I informed you that all was done and the renewal was looking fine and that only one inspection from Building Department was outstanding for the official renewal. Well once again this was not expecting a last-minute extra survey request. We are asked to employ a Registered, Structural Engineer to inspect and assess the viability of the building structure for another 5 years minimum.

This was last done right after Typhoon Mangkhut, but apparently this is not good enough for the officer in charge of our file. While that seems a bit pedantic, it is also unavoidable to get our TOP. First we asked the RSE to talk to the officer and reconfirm that, when he prepared his letter to accompany the renewal application, he had done an inspection and that the condition had not changed and hence the building was good for five more years – hoping that would suffice. But to no avail; we





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must go through a full survey again. Anyhow, BD having expressed their general satisfaction after their pre-approval inspection, this should only be another unnecessary cost for us but a necessary procedure for the Buildings Department.

### CLUB LEASE RENEWAL

Still in progress; as stated in the last issue of *Horizons*, we needed to provide a new scheme to open up our facilities to the recognized associations. This new opening up scheme was sent to the Home Affairs bureau for their review, after being reviewed by a panel of committee members. We have also asked the HAB to provide us with the estimated land cost, which will fall on us in 2025-2026, so that we know where we heading and can prepare for the impact of this land duty. Meanwhile the club has received a proposed new lease conditions which are being looked at by our lawyers. By the time you read this letter we would have had a meeting with lands department on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October to clarify certain point no doubt that I will be in position to tell you more during November on the e-letter.

### ABC CLUB JUNK BOOKING

Finally, since the restrictions are a little softer, we can restart our junk booking, following the government easing regulations on gatherings. The plan is to start the new contract in January, or maybe earlier this year, and you will be advised through the e-letter. As you know, our junk hire has been suspended since January 2021 due to the pandemic and strict regulations. So we are now looking at the opportunity to resume the service as the covid situation seems under control. The Gencom already approved at the General Committee meeting on 26 October; It will be more expensive than before, but still below market price as we are a Club and not a commercial operation.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff of the Club, let me wish you a wonderful end of the year and a great festive season; along with the hope that mask wearing, LHS, vaccination checks, temperature checks, and three-week quarantine will be well and truly fast forgotten in 2022.



## ABC Junk for Hire

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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.  
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# Congratulations on your Baby Girl!

Christina Ye Warwick was born  
at 10.50am on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.  
She weighed in at 3.34kg.

A beautiful, healthy baby girl to  
parents Steve and Helen.



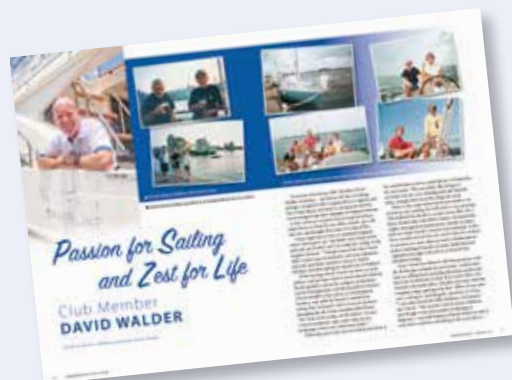
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Horizons is not only for sharing Club information with members. It's also a great place where members can get to know each other, or share awesome things, no matter if only somewhat related to sailing - like favourite hiking paths when you go ashore, your grandma's recipes for bountiful spreads to eat on board; even tell us of restaurants to halt at, how sailing keeps you sane during Covid, or even a relocation experience.

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**Race 1**

**3 October**

**Race 2**

**24 October**

**Race 3 & 4**

**31 October**

**Race 5**

**21 November**

**Race 6**

**12 December**

**Race 7**

**6 February**

**Race 8 & 9**

**27 February**

**Race 10**

**6 March**

**Race 11**

**20 March**

**Race 12**

**3 April**

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**10 April**

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## DAY 1



Gaston Chan with new crew on Calamansi



Jibulai prepares to tack

Fortunately the thunderstorm that drenched Wong Chuk Hang cleared as the committee boat, *Shun Fung*, headed out to the Lamma Patch on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, for Day 1 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Opening Regatta 2021. Avoiding the squid boats and fishing nets, race officer Alex Johnston set a 1.15-nautical-mile windward mark for the IRC fleet and a 1-nautical-mile mark for HKPN, both at 75 degrees.

First off on schedule at 1030, into a 9-knot breeze, on the first of three windward / leewards, was the combined fleet of two IRC 0, five IRC 1 and nine IRC 2 boats. Five minutes later, the six HKPN A and six HKPN B boats followed with *Water Rabbit* best-placed on the start line. *Muxu* was a late arrival and initially OCS before returning and eventually managing to cross the line!

With the breeze expected to fill in later, the RO opted for two laps for the first race. The TP52 *Rampage 88* was fastest around the course and





Nightshift and Red Kite II, front-runners in IRC



Rampage 08 running to the finish



Wicked takes Ding Dong on the inside track



Zesst & Ding Dong approach the windward mark

led IRC 0 home, whilst *Intrigue* led the IRC 1 fleet. Gaston Chan's *Calamansi*, as well as *Five-O-One*, both had problems dropping their kites at the leeward mark.

Several IRC boats were over eager for the start of Race 2 at 1155, and the RO had to call everyone back. HKPN started on schedule at 1200, and Johnston gave the IRC fleet a restart at 1205. *Rampage 88* continued to lead the IRC fleet around the track while *Kingsman* led HKPN.

There was a close call when *Lisa Elaine*, *Five-O-One* and *Sea Wings* closed on the inner windward mark – *Lisa Elaine* had to do two penalty turns. *Daydream* and *Wicked*, and the two Jeanneau Sun Fast 3600s *Zesst* and *Ding Dong*, also got close at the windward mark on their third lap. *XT* brushed the mark and exonerated itself by completing its penalty. Having completed their two races, the HKPN fleet retired for the day.

The IRC was given a third race of three laps, starting at 1345 on the same course. The breeze had strengthened to 10-12 knots, gusting 15. *Intrigue* and *Nightshift* led off the line but *Rampage 88* soon accelerated away to, again, lead around the track.

There was plenty of action at the leeward mark where several crews had problems dousing their kites. In IRC 0, with *Redeye* not competing, *Rampage 88* comfortably won all three races ahead of *Neo One*. *Intrigue*, likewise, scored a hat-trick of line and handicap honours in IRC 1. *Nightshift* was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Race 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Races 2 & 3. *Jinn* finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Races 2 & 3 with *Daydream* 3<sup>rd</sup> in Race 1.

*Red Kite II* took line and handicap honours in Races 1 & 2 in IRC 2, with *Juice* 2<sup>nd</sup> in both. *Arcturus* won line honours in Race 3, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap behind *Juice*. *Red Kite II* was 3<sup>rd</sup>.



In HKPN A, *Kingsman* claimed line honours while *Jibulai* and *Jarrah* crossed the line together in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. *Jibulai* was 1<sup>st</sup> on handicap. *XT* claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap with *Sea Wings* 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In Race 2, *Kingsman* again took line honours but was relegated to 4<sup>th</sup> on handicap with *Jibulai* claiming handicap honours ahead of *XT* and *Jarrah*.

*Generations* comfortably won both line and handicap honours in HKPN B in both races with *Shun Shui* 2<sup>nd</sup> in Race 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Race 3.

*Five-O-One* filled 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Race 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Race 2.

Returning to the ABC, the comments, particularly from the exhausted IRC sailors after three races, were all favourable. "A really great day's sailing," *Gambit's* Rob Berkley and Gideon Mowser agreed. Sailing continues with an islands course on Day 2, Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.



Generations leads off the HKPN line



Jibulai and Jarrah close on the finish line



IRC boat, Juice, approaches the finish





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## DAY 2

Generations leads off the HKPN line

At 1010 on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, a welcome to Day 2 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Opening Regatta was made to the 32 boats gathered between Ocean Park and Middle Island. The RO, Alex Johnston, informed both the IRC and HKPN fleets that they would be sailing Course 25, giving them a chance to 'stretch their legs' after the previous day's tight and demanding windward / leewards.

A windward mark was laid at 85 degrees in towards Repulse Bay and, from there, both IRC and HKPN would sail southwards to a club mark leaving it to port and heading for Castle Rock. Johnston reminded everyone, again, not to sail around Chesterman Buoy . . . Marine Department instructions.




Generations, winner of HKPN B, Race 4



Happy crew of XT





The gun at 1020 brought everyone to attention and, at 1025, the countdown began for IRC 0, 1 & 2. There was some bunching at the pin but, at the committee boat end of the line, boats crossed and quickly came about in the 8- to 10-knot breeze, gaining a slight advantage on their way to the windward mark. Somewhat surprisingly, *Wicked* was not among the starters.

*Juice*, *Nightshift* and *Neo One* rounded the windward mark ahead of the big TP52, *Rampage 88*, while the HKPN boats went into the final seconds of their starting sequence.

At 1035, another clear start with *Jibulai* leading the way and *Lisa Elaine* enjoying the fine sailing conditions, despite some drops of rain.

Having rounded Castle Rock, the faster boats left Beaufort Island to starboard and made for the channel marker, TCS1. By this time, *Rampage 88* had made ground and led the way to TCS2. Here the IRC boats began to meet the HKPN leaders (HKPN was not required to round TCS1).

Leaving Shek O Rock to port, the next mark of the course was Fury Rocks. *Jibulai* followed *Rampage 88* as the leaders of both divisions sailed below Po Toi. The smaller boats were made to work hard in the choppy conditions but, once past Castle Rock, things improved and it was a dash to the club mark and, with the wind on the beam, a sprint to the finish line off Round Island.

*Rampage 88* came storming home at 13:43:12 to claim overall line honours, and 2<sup>nd</sup> on handicap in IRC 0. *Redeye* took the top slot and Stefan Fillip's *Neo One* finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next to receive a gun was Sunny Leung's *Jibulai* at 14:03:43 to claim both line and handicap honours in HKPN A.

In IRC 1, with Thierry Barot at the wheel, *Intrigue* won on handicap followed by *Nightshift* and Nick Burns' *Witchcraft*. In IRC 2, the order was *Red Kite II*, *Juice* and *Arcturus*. *Ding Dong* retired.





Juice is called by Redeye



Jibulai's foredeck crew perform



Redeye, winner of IRC 0, Race 4



Crew on the rail of Neo One



Water Rabbit in trouble, again



Rampage after the windward mark, Race 4

In HKPN A, behind *Jibulai*, came XT and Jarrah. HKPN B was won by *Five O One* with Eddy Lee's *Generations* in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Arthur Cheng's *Boss* 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last boat home, never giving up, was *Water Rabbit*.

After two days of racing, the final results after four races for the IRC boats reflected a hard-fought regatta. IRC 0 was handsomely won by *Rampage 88*. *Neo One* took 2<sup>nd</sup> and *Redeye* 3<sup>rd</sup>. IRC 1 saw some fierce competition with *Intrigue* coming out on top, and *Nightshift* and *Jinn* following. The nine-strong IRC 2 division was topped by *Red Kite II* followed by relative newcomer, *Juice*. *Arcturus* filled the 3<sup>rd</sup> slot.

*Jibulai* came a deserved 1<sup>st</sup> in HKPN A after three races. Peter Wong's XT took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matthew Johnson's *Jarrah*, 3<sup>rd</sup>. HKPN B (also three races) was taken by *Generations*, *Five O One* in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Felix Mak's *Shun Shui* in 3<sup>rd</sup>.





# WAGLAN SERIES 2021-22 RACE 1

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Thunder, lightning, rain and an oscillating breeze did not deter the 17 boats, nor race management, on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, for the first race of the Waglan Series 2021-22.

The Series comprises 12 races over 10 Sundays, including two mini-series, between October and December 2021, and February and April 2022. Anchoring off Round Island for the first of eight island races, race officer, Alex Johnston, and assistant race officer Jennifer Li, set up the start line and a windward mark at 55 degrees, at a distance of 0.4 nautical miles.

Meanwhile the skies darkened as a squall passed over Repulse Bay.





Ocean's Five trails the leaders

At 1055 another stronger squall forced the raising of the postponement flag, rather than the IRC class flags. The plan to drop the AP was abandoned after a 50-degree wind shift. This meant Johnston had to remove the windward mark and reset the start line.

At 1109 the AP flag was lowered with the combined IRC divisions starting at 1115. *Arcturus* was well positioned at the pin-end, along with *Red Kite II*, *Jarrah*, *Intrigue* and *Redeye* vying for the lead. *Ocean's Five* brought up the rear of the four IRC 1 and four IRC 2 entries.

Five minutes later *Jibulai* led the four HKPN A boats over the line whilst *Sea Wings* and *Water Rabbit* led the four HKPN B competitors along with the sole multi-hull, *Carbon 3*, in HKPN C.

All divisions headed first for the newly-introduced Chesterman Gate, followed by a Tai Tam Club Mark (s). The IRC divisions then rounded Sung Kong (p), Shek O Rock (p), the Tai Tam Club Mark (p), back to the Chesterman Gate and finished back at Round Island.

*Neo One* led around Sung Kong and maintained its lead through to the finish ahead of *Redeye*, *Intrigue* and *Jinn* in IRC 1. Ian Nicolson's *Intrigue* took handicap honours, despite having a crew member fall overboard – she managed to hang on, though, and was quickly retrieved. *Jinn* claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> and *Redeye* 3<sup>rd</sup> on handicap.

In IRC 2 *Red Kite II* comfortably took line and handicap honours with *Arcturus* 2<sup>nd</sup> and *Jarrah* 3<sup>rd</sup> with *Ocean Five's* 4<sup>th</sup>.



Redeye approaches the start



The Beneteau Muxu cases the start



Jinn and its dazzling pink kite





Jibulai off Bluff Head



Meanwhile, after rounding the Tai Tam Club Mark, the HKPN divisions headed to Fury Rocks (s), before returning to the Tai Tam Club Mark (p), through the Chesterman Gate and back to Round Island.

Washing machine conditions made it a bumpy ride for the smaller boats with the wind gusting to 15-16 knots.

*Jibulai* took line honours in HKPN A but lost out on handicap to *Generations* by 32 seconds. The J-80 *JeNa PaBe* finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, while leading *Jibulai* around *Fury Rocks*, XT strayed too close and hit the bottom. No-one was hurt but the crew decided to retire and return to Causeway Bay.

*Sea Wings* took line honours in HKPN B but was relegated to 3<sup>rd</sup> on handicap. *Muxu* claimed handicap honours with *Boss* 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Water Rabbit* brought up the rear.



Happy Jinn crew



Intrigue runs along Beaufort Channel







IRC 1 winner, *Intrigue*



Boss, 2<sup>nd</sup> in HKPN B

The trimaran *Carbon 3* sped around the HKPN course in 1:32:19, a good 37 minutes ahead of the first monohull on the same course.

Back at the ABC, a delighted Nicolson and *Intrigue* crew celebrated their fifth consecutive bullet, having won all four IRC 1 races in the recent Opening Regatta. Co-helm with Nicolson, Thierry Barot attributed their success to the new set up of their spinnaker.

After appraising the results *Intrigue's* Arnold Luntz, although preferring to have had a longer race, felt the race officer had done a good job giving all 15 monohulls that completed the race a finish, within an interval of 31 minutes between the first and last finisher.

Island Race 2 in the Waglan Series 2021-22 is scheduled for Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.





# Laughs, Camaraderie and Intense Competition

By Dave Hilling

On 26 August, the ABC invited Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC) for the return match from April of this year. This was the first time the HKCC had come to ABC, and only the second time the two clubs had played each other. The first match had ended in a hard fought draw, so we knew it was likely to be tight contest.

Cuing off for the evening for ABC was Wayne Robinson, and the match was very even up to the coloured balls; but then HKCC just found another gear and pulled away. So it was first blood to the visitors and it was up to ABC's Tong Fun Fat to bring things level again. In a high quality match, Fat showed some excellent potting skills and ability to keep out in front on the scoring front.

The 3rd match involved ABC captain Dave Hilling and a very consistent HKCC player called Frankie. There were a few good breaks and the safety play was reasonable too, however Dave just could not get in position to take command, and it became 2:1 to

HKCC. ABC's Barry Hill looked to be feeling the pressure in the final singles match and it was a slow start with just nothing dropping. However, roared on by the ABC team, Barry caught up and then had a strong finish to win after potting the pink.

So everything was nicely poised as we headed into the dinner break next door in the function room. The curry buffet went down very well, and while the ABC already know how good our curries are, the HKCC were also very complementary indeed. Even to the point of joking they would recruit our chef and take him back to their club.

After many laughs and camaraderie over dinner, it was back to the serious business of snooker, with ABC's teaming of Wayne Robinson and Tong Yun Fat. Again Fat was playing well and Wayne also showed his skills in potting. However, there was one point where a tricky shot with the remaining balls cost ABC 14 points, much to the delight

of HKCC's snooker convener Kingsley and their team. Despite the loss of these points, the ABC came out on top and potted the final colours.

Into the last match of the night, with ABC's Dave Hilling and Barry Hill pairing up to see if we could seal the win. In what turned out to be a very tactical match it was hard to separate the teams until the later part of the match. There were a number of fortuitous pots from both sides, but HKCC just had a better run on the table and after potting the blue than pink, it was all over.

The final result was 3:3, so another draw between the clubs and on reflection a fair result for the evening. Overall another thoroughly enjoyable competition, which had laughter and fun from the beginning to end. We look forward to a return to the HKCC either at the end of this year or early next year, and it will all be to play for again.



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**The Four Peaks Restaurant**  
Christmas Delicacies



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## Beer of the Month Promotion - November & December





## Wine of the Month Promotion - November



**SELLING PRICE :**  
**\$290/BTL**  
**AND**  
**\$65/GLS**

**WINE OF MONTH**

**VARIETY:** Sauvignon Blanc (35%), Viura (30%), Tempranillo Blanco (20%), Malvasia (10%) and Maturana (5%).

**VINEYARDS:** Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant.

**WINEMAKING:** Maceration: Cold soaked during 10 hours. Fermentation: Sauvignon Blanc is fermented in stainless steel. Toasting type Burgundy. Medium-High. Temperature controlled between 14 and 16°C. Fermented with autochthonous yeast selected from our own vineyards.

**Drinking Temperatures:** 8 C

**SIERRA CANTABRIA BLANCO 2020**

**VARIETY:** 100% Tempranillo

**VINEYARDS:** Old proprietary vineyards in San Vicente de la Sonsierra. Organic fertilization. Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation.

**ELABORATION:** Traditional elaboration, 100% de-stemmed. Aged 14 months in Bordeaux barrels of French oak and American oak.

**TASTING NOTES:** Intense cherry. Fine toasted notes (cocoa and coffee) and ripe fruit with definite expression. Powerful palate, smoky with well balanced toasty notes of oak and fruit.

**Drinking Temperatures:** 16-18 C

**SIERRA CANTABRIA CRIANZA 2017**

## Wine of the Month Promotion - December



**Pascal & Nicolas Reverdy, Sancerre Cuvee Terre de Maimbray, 2019**

**Château Peymouton, Saint Emilion Grand Cru, 2018**

**\$399/btl**  
**\$89/gls**





**Shabu Shabu  
Shinjuku Hotpot Night**

**The Galley & The Patio  
Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November  
7:00pm**

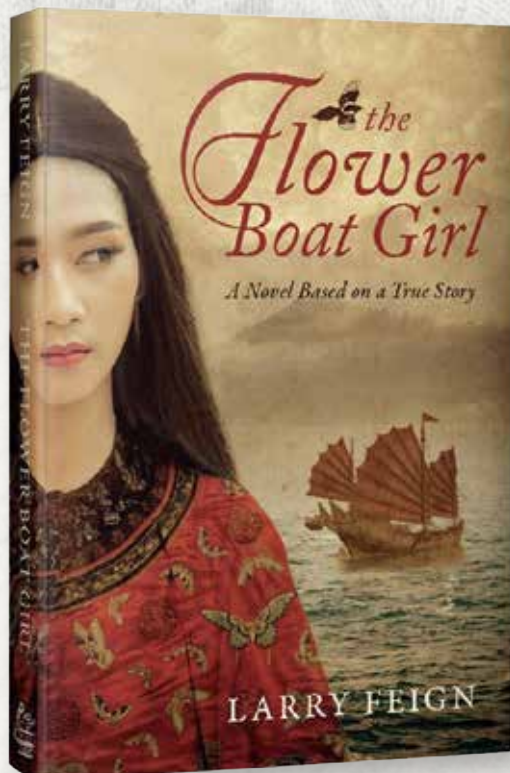
All-you-can-eat Shabu Shabu hotpot,  
with wide selection of premium seafood and meat dishes!

| Adults            | Concessionary price for<br>members over 65 years of age | Children<br>(3-12 years old) |
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| <b>\$287</b> only | <b>\$227</b> only                                       | <b>\$187</b> only            |



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ABC Book Talk Series

# The Flower Boat Girl

hosted by author himself,  
**Mr. Larry Feign**

**The Function Room**

**Wednesday  
17 November**

*"A breathtaking saga of a real-life heroine, so richly alive that the pages seem to breathe."*

**Caroline Leavitt,**  
*New York Times bestselling author*

The first of the new ABC Book Talk Series will feature The Flower Boat Girl, a novel based on a true story.

Synopsis:

Her father traded away her youth. Sea bandits stole away her freedom. She has only way to get them back: Become the most powerful pirate in the world!

There will be limited number of author-signed copies to be sold on the night – surely not to be missed!

## Schedule

7:00pm drinks with nibbles

7:30pm Book Talk

8:15pm Book signing,  
followed by a  
simple dinner.

**Adults: HK\$228 only**

(includes one glass of house wine  
or spirit or beer, with nibbles,  
and a main-course to choose from)



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# Thanksgiving Sparkling Dinner 2021

*The Four Peaks Restaurant*  
*Thursday, 25 November, 7:00pm*

No matter whether you were born in the USA,  
we have a splendid evening lined up for Thanksgiving Day this year, complete with free-flow sparkling wines.  
Expect a sumptuous feast of American favourite foods, as ABC builds towards celebrating the festive season.

Adults **HK\$398** only  
(free-flow Sparkling Wines)

Kids (12-18 years old) **HK\$298** only  
(free-flow soft drinks & chilled juices)

Children (under 12 years old) **HK\$198** only  
(free-flow soft drinks & chilled juices)



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

Middle Island Clubhouse  
Friday, 26 November

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.



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*The ABC  
Mas(k)querade Ball  
2021*

**The Galley and Patio**

**\$888 for adults** inclusive of canapes, buffet, free-flow drinks  
(red & white wines, spirits, beers) and champagne for toasting at midnight  
OR

**\$588 for adults** inclusive of canapes, buffet and  
champagne for toasting at midnight

**\$288 for children under 12 years**

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# Home Wine Delivery November 2021

*Festive Wine Tasting (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November) 6:30-8:30pm*

| CHAMPAGNE   | Selling Price | Qty                  | Amount |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------|
| <b>Drappier Carte d'Or Brut NV – Champagne, France</b><br>With a very high proportion of Pinot Noir one is savouring what is nearly a Blanc de Noirs. The taste begins with stone fruits such as white vineyard peaches. Powerful and complex mouthfeel.                    | HK\$420       |                      |        |
| SPARKLING   | Selling Price | Qty                  | Amount |
| <b>Bouvet Brut 1851– Loire Valley, France (Buy 6 get 1 FREE)</b><br>Dominant fruity bouquet. Fine and persistent bubbles. White flower aromas, honeysuckle, acacia. Fine floral scented taste, brut with a certain subtlety.  | HK\$165       |                      |        |
| WHITE WINE  | Selling Price | Qty                  | Amount |
| <b>Glenelly Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2020 – Stellenbosch, South Africa (Buy 5 get 1 FREE)</b><br>The nose has tones of butterscotch, vanilla & apple pie with hints of pear drop. Flavours of citrus and stone fruit, a long round textured finish.                        | HK\$170       |                      |        |
| <b>Georges Michel Golden Mile Sauvignon Blanc 2016 – Marlborough, New Zealand (Buy 10 get 2 FREE)</b><br>Bright, fresh and zingy, exhibiting hints of freshly cut capsicum, lime and green apple. A richly structured which has gentle acidity, elegance and a long finish. | HK\$180       |                      |        |
| <b>Les Hauts de Milly Chablis 2019 – Burgundy, France</b><br>With aromas of wet stone, zesty citrus fruit and gunflint, this is a quintessential Chablis. The palate is bright with racy acidity and concentrated with a long finish.                                       | HK\$285       |                      |        |
| SWEET WINE  | Selling Price | Qty                  | Amount |
| <b>Damilano Moscato D'Asti DOCG 2020 – Piedmont, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE)</b><br>Aromatic with scents of peach, sage, lemon, honey and apricot.<br>Sweet, sour, with pleasant and persistent aroma that reminds to the grape juice.   | HK\$180       |                      |        |
| RED WINE  | Selling Price | Qty                  | Amount |
| <b>Mendel Malbec 2018 – Mendoza, Argentina (Buy 6 get 1 FREE)</b><br>Complex, elegant and very intense. A perfect combination of fresh red fruit such as black cherries, raspberries and blackberries. Spice and contribute complexity.                                     | HK\$252       |                      |        |
| <b>Decoy California Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – California, USA</b><br>Aromas of vibrant red and blue fruit to its silky tannins and balanced acidity. Rich flavors of raspberry, ripe plum and blueberry carry the wine to a long, luxurious finish.                         | HK\$255       |                      |        |
| <b>Nittardi Chianti Cl. (Dark Cellar) 2016 – Tuscany, Italy (Buy 5 get 1 FREE)</b><br>Rich ruby red color. Intense red fruit character – ripe cherries and plums dominate, with garrigue and white pepper. Beautifully elegant and structure with tannic.                   | HK\$345       |                      |        |
| <b>Ch. Tour L' Aspic 2006 Pauillac – Bordeaux, France</b><br>16 months in French barrique. Second wine of chateau after Château Haut Batailley. Aromas mushrooms, black tea, mirth, juniper, violet, plum, green pepper.  | HK\$360       |                      |        |
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# Home Wine Delivery December 2021

*Festive Wine Tasting (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November) 6:30-8:30pm*

| SPARKLING  | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
|--|---------------|-----|--------|
| <b>Marquise de Leroy-Beauval, Cremant de Bordeaux Brut NV – Bordeaux, France</b><br>Pale golden color, rich in thin and lingering bubbles. Reminiscent of white flowers and white fruits aromas such as pear, green apple. Freshness thanks to a beautiful acidity.  | HK\$165       |     |        |
| WHITE WINE   | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
| <b>Southern Right, Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – Walker bay, South Africa</b><br>A wine that favours origin expressive individuality, minerality and palate complexity ahead of pure, pungent varietal aroma. A significant percentage of fruit from iron and clay-rich soil has added a mid-palate structural component and additional overall complexity to this wine.  | HK\$145       |     |        |
| <b>Banshee, Chardonnay 2019 – California, USA (WS91)</b><br>"Ripe apple and pear flavors show lots of custardy notes, filled with creamy richness. Pastry accents fill the open-textured finish." - Wine Spectator   | HK\$205       |     |        |
| <b>William Fèvre, Chablis Domaine 2019 – Chablis, France (JS 93)</b><br>"This is really bright and clear with sliced apple, pear and stone. Some chalk, too. It's linear and tight. Pretty length and freshness." - James Suckling   | HK\$265       |     |        |
| RED WINE   | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
| <b>Tournon by M. Chapoutier, Shays Flat Vineyard Shiraz 2015 – Victoria, Australia</b><br>Complex nose of black fruits (cheery, blackberry) with hints of tobacco (havana cigar). On the palate, aromas of black fruits and liquorice with supple and delicate tannins.  | HK\$205       |     |        |
| <b>Finca Sopenia, Estate Wine Malbec 2018 – Mendoza, Argentina (JS 92)</b><br>"A very fresh cassis nose with an assertive array of red plums, blackberries and raspberries. The palate has finesse and power. A good balance." – James Suckling  | HK\$155       |     |        |
| <b>Bread &amp; Butter, Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – California, USA</b><br>This Cabernet Sauvignon expresses captivating aromas of mocha, ripe berries, violets, and blackcurrant with intertwining layers of subtle black pepper, toasted oak and rich vanilla. Lively and complex. The round and luscious mouthfeel is accented by soft tannins and a hint of spice that weaves into a smooth, lingering finish.  | HK\$185       |     |        |
| <b>Le Macchiole, Bolgheri DOC Rosso 2019 – Tuscany, Italy (WS93)</b><br>"Bright blackberry, black currant and cedar flavors run into resinous oak and vanilla notes in this dense red. The core of ripe fruit lingers despite muscular tannins adding grip. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Syrah." - Wine Spectator  | HK\$270       |     |        |
| <b>Baricci, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2016 – Tuscany, Italy (VNS95)</b><br>"The bouquet mixes dark earth tones, crushed stone and animal musk with sweet black cherries and balsamic spice. It's soft and enveloping, seeming to coat all that it touches in ripe primary fruits, just as a mix of brisk acids and salty minerals penetrate deeply, adding traction to this heady experience. Licorice, sweet herbs and a hint of cocoa resonate through the long and structured finale." - Vinous | HK\$560       |     |        |
| <b>La Rioja Alta, Vina Alberdi Reserva 2016 – Rioja, Spain (VNS92)</b><br>"Spice-tinged red fruit and floral aromas pick up hints of coconut and succulent herbs with air. Silky and expressive on the palate, offering appealingly sweet cherry and raspberry flavors and a spicecake nuance that builds steadily in the glass. Closes long and smooth, with repeating florality and subtle tannins that come in late." – Vinous  | HK\$240       |     |        |
| <b>M Chapoutier, Chateaneuf-du-Pape La Bernardine 2016 – Rhone, France (WA91-93)</b><br>"Still in concrete, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape la Bernardine is the most flattering young version of this cuvée I can recall tasting. Loaded with black cherry fruit, it's full-bodied, rich and velvety yet not overdone, showing subtle dried spice notes and a long, fresh finish." - Wine Advocate   | HK\$425       |     |        |
| <b>Bouchard Pere &amp; Fils, Gevrey Chambertin 2016 – Burgundy, France (JS93)</b><br>"A perfumed nose of redcurrants, sour cherries, dried herbs, mushrooms and baking spices. Medium-to full-bodied with chalky tannins and bright acidity. Balanced and layered with a velvety texture and mineral character. Flavorful, long finish." - James Suckling  | HK\$485       |     |        |
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