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The Magazine of the Aberdeen Boat Club



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

YEAR OF THE TIGER





November 2021 – February 2022

Date	s	Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others		
November 2021							
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			
			Dece	ember 2021			
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 Matar Cup		
Sat	25	Christmas Day					
Sun	26	Boxing Day		e-			
Mon	27						
			Jan	uary 2022			
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 HKRNVR 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			
			Feb	ruary 2022			
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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Chris Pooley
Commodore

Blake's famous description of the fearsome beast fits well with the attributes believed to characterise the 3rd mythological animal in the Chinese 12 year Zodiac; namely, strength, will-power, courage and self-confidence. After two disruptive years of Covid we could all do with a good healthy dose of those attributes in the Tiger year to come commencing on 1st February: not least Global Leaders as they react, yes, react, to each new wave! Let's hope the year itself proves to be as positive as those characteristics.

By the time these words reach members in early January, they will have experienced---be recovering from?----all the delights of the Club's Festive Season, culminating in our celebrated NYE party; including for sailors the very well-supported Southside Regatta and prize-giving on 4th-5th Dec and Commodore's Drinks on MI on the 12th which closed out race events for the year.

A 3 weeks finale of fun for what has been, despite all the travails, a successful year for ABC: funds have accumulated, dinghy sailing and power boat courses are full, chock-block in fact, members have a 2 week window before the public can apply so use that to full advantage. The weather has smiled on all outdoor activities for most of Nov and Dec, absolutely clear skies and gin-clear visibility.

The AGM in November saw an uncontested election with one new Committee member, Bob Aylesworth well-known to sailors in the Club, volunteering his services, a welcome addition. While Nick Horvath continues on the Committee he has stepped down as Hon Sec after an astonishing 26 years! An outstanding contribution of wisdom, experience and dedicated longevity from which the Club has benefited enormously. We are very much in his debt. His replacement is Chris Tung a relative newcomer who as a Lawyer, has been Nick's understudy. We wish him well on the first of his 'X' years to come!

Tyger Tyger, burning bright, In the forests of the night; What immortal hand or eye, Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

[William Blake 1794]

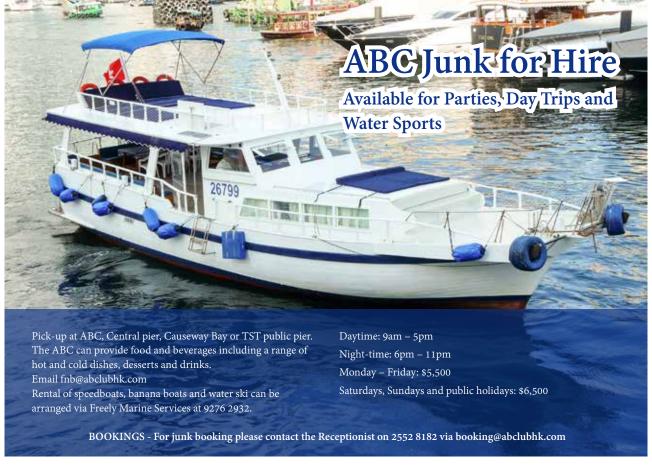
Much of the fund accumulation can be put down to new Members, with a net gain in total Membership of 40 after an intake of 173. The signs are positive that next year will see yet more gains as citizens corralled in HK by the stiff Quarantine sentence awaiting returnees, seize on local outdoor pursuits in lieu of holidays overseas. Having then discovered that HK has more to offer outdoors than perhaps was the perception, the expectation is that many will continue with those pursuits. Frequent references to that "Tropical Island Paradise" MI, by new members reinforce that view.

It's not only outdoor activities which are in favour during these restricted times but indoor entertainment venues: now that we are able and ready to resume the annual Staff Party the GM's newest headache is finding an available venue! On that subject members will have been circulated with a recommendation on a sum to donate as their annual contribution to recognize the benefits we enjoy from their exceptionally friendly and loyal service throughout the year, regardless of restrictions imposed.

What's ahead? Que sera sera ----but aside from that we await the final approval for the 4 Peaks Race on the weekend of 22nd Jan and then the quieter hiatus of the CNY week; see Club circulars for opening hours. Of more significance is the hoped for Approval of the EIA for MI, which is moving ahead in cautiously sanguine mode. All on the back of our Main Club site lease which renewed in December for a further 7 years, on substantially unchanged terms.

Given that solid foundation and a bright outlook we have much to look forward to, and so, with the privilege of continuing to serve as your Commodore, I wish all members a Happy New Year, Kung Hei Fat Choi, and a reminder that the Club's facilities and ambience ashore and afloat are all there for *your* benefit, and enjoyment. So let's all make the most of what we have in the year to come.









Philippe de Manny General Manager



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND KUNG HEI FAT CHOY!



FUNCTIONS OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

Dear Members, what a great festive season you have given the Club! I hope you enjoyed all our functions, and that your private events were up to your expectations. We had unprecedented bookings, even having to open Middle Island for Santa's Visit and New Year's Eve.

On behalf of all of us here – an enormous Thank You for your support and fidelity.

Also, the collection for charity started slowly, yet ended up being one of our biggest ever. Food Link received 20 boxes of food products to be shared with Hong Kong's less fortunate. The Christmas gifts to children in Po Leung Kok and hospitals also reached a record. What a fantastic show of goodwill and heartfelt message to the community from you all. (Somehow, Covid has some positive impact after all.)

SHORTER SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

For the first time since I arrived here, we do not have to do any heavy maintenance to keep our old swimming pool in order. Last year, a long closure (thanks to Covid) allowed us time to do everything that needed to be done, but which we never had enough time for: we managed to practically rebuild the entire pump system, retile the pool, and patch up unavoidable leakage from micro cracks. This year, we will only close for three weeks instead of six, in January – for compulsory check and cleanup but also to allow our swimming pool attendants to take their annual leave.

TEMPORARY OCCUPATION PERMIT AND LEASE HOLDING

In the last issue of *Horizons* I told you that Middle Island Temporary Occupation Permit was approved, but needed another structural survey. This survey has been done and the results sent to the Buildings Department; and we have been waiting since August, and as I write it is December, and we still await the final legal documents after the structural survey report. I guess the Buildings Department is just as busy are we are.

As for the Club lease, all has been approved and we were asked to accept a holding lease, until the Lands Legal Department has time to write the final legal document. I am so pleased to pay my taxes now, knowing how busy all government departments are.

So, in short, we are legal but without documents; hopefully those will arrive shortly.

STAFF SHORTAGE

In 2020, with Covid hitting everyone in Hong Kong, and people losing jobs, we had no problem finding part-timers and staff. In 2021, particularly over the festive season, this has been a completely different story. Our regular staff had to cope with an unprecedented booking of functions, whether private corporate dinners or the usual festive Club functions.

I thank all the ABC staff today for their tremendous and dedicated work, sometimes working two shifts back to back to cover the shortage of part-timers we usually have. That shortage of part-timers has also driven the hourly cost of part-time workers up from HK\$80 to over HK\$120, sometimes to get even one coming.

Hopefully things will get better during 2022, and we can finally find replacements for positions vacant and see an easing of the pressure to find part-timers.

FUNDRAISING FOR STAFF EXPLAINED

Having been asked by some members, "What is that staff gratuity fund letter about – the one the Club sends every year?" I now will tell you, or remind you for most of you, how it is shared and used.

First, I must remind you that according to, firstly, recommendations by the ICAC and, secondly, according to the Club by-laws, giving red packets directly to staff is not allowed in the Club. The reason is that some staff will get red packets and some will not, hence the possible unfairness to all, as the ICAC pointed out many years ago. For instance, red packets will go to the staff you see and know, not to the others without whom the Club would not function – like cleaners, dish washers, cooks, and clerks.

The yearly gratuity replaces, in the club industry, the no tipping policy adopted in non-profit organisations such as the ABC, hence the discretionary contributions we ask for, with an indicated amount that can be cancelled, increased or reduced at will.

The staff fund, as we call it, has multiple usages: notably, it is used to pay for the staff party in February. Usually, the cost breakdown is as follows:

Around HK\$80,000 for the banquet at the Regal Hotel, about HK\$100,000 worth of gifts for the lucky draw and about HK\$600,000 for the yearly bonus given equally to all staff, in the form of a big red packet to keep a certain Chinese tradition and to replace the tipping you give outside the Club for services received.

In addition to that, in 2013, I created the Staff Assistance Program, covering staff personal development (not training, if you see the difference) and more specifically staff emergency relief and life distress issues. We have helped staff in debt, and helped staff who were sick (cancer, meningitis and strokes) to have better treatment that's not covered by our insurance or any insurance; in fact, we have assisted their families while they remained inoperative. For a few, we helped with them personal development such as becoming race umpires, completing their diplomas in F&B, being certified to certain levels or expertise serving the Club etc....

Now, out of this fund raising we annually collect about HK\$850,000; we spend about HK\$700,000, but we try to keep about HK\$250,000-HK\$300,000 in the staff assistance fund for emergencies and development during the year. I hope this helps clarify this letter you received.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION – AND WATCH THIS SPACE

Lastly in my article, I must inform you that after 2 years with no increase in subscription, in December 2021 the General Committee approved a slight increase of HK\$60 per month, bringing the subscription from HK\$1,420 to HK\$1,480.

In my next article, I will hopefully be in a position to give an update on Middle Island development, and particularly the Environmental Impact Assessment which will have been submitted and, maybe, let's cross fingers, approved. There will be also a long section dedicated to the car park, as I received many suggestions and questions; but I must end my article here, to avoid far exceeding my allocated words. Even with the magazine, I am suffering from restrictions.

AGAIN KUNG HEI FAT CHOY! 恭喜發財



THE PANADOL FILES

FOUR PEAKS RACE PERMIT SAGA

If you are a sailor, and hopefully even if you are not, you will know the Club has been running the Four Peaks Race for decades without any trouble, incident or accident. Permits have always been a little struggle to get, but never to the extent since Covid and the protests happened in Hong Kong. For those less acquainted with the race, this is one of our two main sailing events of the year, and probably the most intense and competitive in Hong Kong.

It consists of overnight sailing, hill running and kayaking all over Hong Kong, involving up to 20 yachts and a maximum of 200 participants. Recently, due to restrictions, it has been much depleted. Last year's event was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, and this year it looks it may be the same, at the time I writing this article.

For the Four Peaks Race 2022, the application process with the various departments started in March 2021 for the race in January 2022. The process so far was as follows:

- 1) AFCD application made on 22 April 2021, permit obtained as a transfer from last year's permit on 16 June 2021.
- 2) Marine Department application made on 16 August 2021, permit obtained on 7 December 2021.

- 3) FHB email for
 'No comment' made
 on 19 August 2021,
 'No comment' from FHB obtained
 on 19 August 2021.
- 4) HK Police Department application made on 19 August 2021, permit status pending HAB exemption.

We were notified by the police in late December that we needed to obtain an exemption from HAB for them to then issue a permit. That is new!!!!

The officer at HAB explained that our event is a borderline case for receiving support, and regarding whether an exemption is required, but then proceeded to say it does and then we had not enough time to apply for one. We nevertheless agreed to submit a proposal for their consideration, but did not have the proper address to send it to. The interesting thing is that we were told that the government will not support sporting events; what an interesting turn of events, just after the Hong Kong Marathon with thousands of people running for hours next to each other, and the Cross Harbour swimming competition with a similar Covid restrictions breach. We only plan to have 2 people running up the hills at the time; that is very difficult to understand, apparently.





22 & 23 JANUARY 2022



FOUR PEAKS RACE 2022

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

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Welcome to the New Members

November 2020

Paul Joseph Rust Adam Blackmore Chan Keith Kee Chee Andrew Macintosh Chris Mang Yvonne Siu Christopher Tsui Huang Jiahao Roger Chan Yiu Man, Angus Filippo Gori

Chan Boon Ning, John

December 2020

Catherine Choy
David Harley
David Haigh
Li Heung
Luk Wan Shum
Frankie Mak
Cheung Cheuk Yin, Kevin
Bernad Cheung
Macy Lam
Shinichiro Kobayashi

January 2021

Hui Wang Yue, Derek Chiu Wai Yin, Winnie Felix Grimm Guy Riddell Ho Kai Man, Johnny Michele Wan Chu Kin Hei Christian Seeholzer Lin Wa Wan, Lisa Ling Lincoln Victor Ha Elaine Chu Wong Yuk Chor, Alex Ma Hong Hang, Gary

February 2021

Vikram Dhingra

Leung Chung Doulas Lam Chak Sum

March 2021

Amy Chun
Eli Konvite
Jerome Pang
Wallace Wong
Andrew Ng
Natt Chan
Dickson Chin
Ronald Ho

April 2021

Alfred Chiu
Steve Poon
Sam Wong
Paul Blandford
Alan Ferrier
Sydney Jan
Ip Ching, Jaymee
Ema Poposka
Steve Li
Henry Chiu
Frances Cheng
Douglas Andrew Coulter

May 2021

Thomas Attenborough
Cheryl Chiu
Otto Chan
Piero De Angeli
Jose Espinedo Alvarez
Guy Fulton
Srinivas Gangaiah
Addision Ha
Isabella Lo
Nicholas McDonald
Mathia Ogier
Frederieke van Doorn

Frederieke van Doorn Andrew Welling Arno Zurcher Lui Kin Ting, Anthony Hah Hei Lum, Karisse Arnaud Leteissier Deborah Maghnagi Chittur Subramanian

June 2021

Tiffany Cheung
Nicolas Cohen-Addad
David Koo
Danita On
Sally Lim
Homer Sun
Colin Lee
Yusuf Demiral
Laura Mannering
Richard Monahan
Evan Feng
Christopher McGaffin
Maarten Kwik

Fan Wai Yin, Wendy

Ling, Alexander Hsiao Wang Wong Hiu Nam, Zachary Wong Dylan Yi Lan

July 2021

Nathan Colless

Mervyn Fung Caroline Higgins Richard Lam Terence O'Hov Wilson Yee David Tsim Tim Peirson-Smith Theo Wong Wu Yuhao Yves Tham Isaac Junne He Lee Kaitlyn Tzar Min Megan Lee Alfred Tong Phua Victor Chen Ee Tan Mei Zie, Grace Wong Kwok Yeung Pang Hiu Yee, Hilary Joyce Wong

August 2021

Chan Tsz Kwan, Kenny Chu Cheuk Wai, Eddie Chin Yuet Ling, Uny Hui Kenneth Ka Wai Kwonng Ava Lui Kit Man Alex Tso Ellen E Lo To Chung, Ken Wu Chun Wah, Michael Anna Karacan Lau Kai To Chan Ana Yan Yin Kwong Jake Raiden Chong Yung Marilyn Catherine Taheny Zhao Claire Keting Zhao Chloe Keren Leung Tsun Sing, Jason Ma Jing Wen, Gabriella Vincent Lam Kinger Lau So Chun Ki, Louis

September 2021

Jack Law

Adrian Lai Li Kwong Chung Anisha Ramanathan Phoebe Sun Vincent Wong Nathaniel Lim Marisa Chau Chan Ka Ming, Cactus Lise Mari Petit Eywar Fung Jaden Alexander See Jordan O'connell Billy Chan Joseph Chong Katherine Wong Jeffrey Yeung

October 2021

Henry Boon
Andy Chan
Matthew Connolly
Adrian Ellul
Albert Liu
Benjamin Rameau
Juditha So
Erik Wallace
Julia Wong
Jason Wong
Eldrad Kieran Lee
Daniel Philip Schraven
Kenneth Parker
Ho Chi Wai

Hisakazu Iwasaki

Farewell for the Leaving Members

November 2020

Mark Wyatt
Jeroen Slot
Douglas Dryden
Michael Flint
Jane Megan Lewis
Geoffrey Blyth
Martin Haskins
Oliver Chan
Lee Sheung Yung
Chiu Kan Sui
Li Jie Feng
Leung Chi Hung

December 2020

Rene Herrmann
Joseph Wong
Robert Rankin
Georgy Stenfort
Lai Hai Cheng
Florence Yu
Tadafumi Sato
Wong Yuen Sun

January 2021

Roland Schmitt
Lo Siu Ngan, Lilian
Nicholas Wong
Clive Beesley
Hon Tam Chun
Kathleen Trainer
Tseng Wai Kuen
Chow Sin Chuen
Mckinny Tsoi
Lok Shuk Cheong
Hung Yiu Kei, Alvio
Zhou Yan, Angel
Calvin Wong
Alfred Lo
Jayakumar Pillia

February 2021

Mark Davey Raegan O'Brien Agnes Chong Tsang Kai Ching Frank Coles

March 2021

Maria Xuereb Ng Yuet Chau, Charles Michael Pepper Tsang Lok Yin Jamie Chan Yik Long Emil Wong Sea Yi Robert Foster

April 2021

Park Ng Christopher Kershaw Michele Liew Bertille Voets

May 2021

Choi Tze Chung Philippe Zurcher Kevin Herbert

June 2021

Thomas Chapman
John Molloy
David Bennett
Tomas Huml
Keith Wingrad
Lo Wing Tong, Mike
Tamara Stoyle
Wayne Thomapson
Michael Griffiths
Elaine Elizabeth Davis
Jackie Toyama
Chen Jing Hang

July 2021

Eric Bouveron Alex Badleley Alan Ferrier Jeff Gu **Rob Sallons** Jay M. Shaw Shila Gardener Dr Lauren Bramley Trevor Vivian Peter Clayton Aviva Wang Jack Dingemans Lam Man Pok, Thomas Lok Pak Leung Robert Choy George Pok Fai Lau Nita Man Chung

August 2021

Daren Easton
Garry Bischoff
Nadita Debur
David John Fergusson
Wong Wai Fu, James
Daniel Ling
Adrian Pang
Kobayashi Shinichiro
Pong Yuen Ting
Phillip Ross

September 2021

Grant Jamieson Umesh Lulla Philip Poon Samuel Mohinani Johnson Lau Elliot McMahon Lau Wai Ching

October 2021

Kenneth Wong Nelson Ng Max Woodward John Donker Carlton Watson Christine McGee Bernard John Chan Lam Chi Keung



Please reminded to displace 2022's car park label as from 1st January 2022.

If you have not apply a car park label please contact Cobo Liu. Email:mbs@abclubhk.com



HOUSE

Our Aberdeen Boat Club was founded in 1967 by like-minded yachting enthusiasts and sports fishermen who wished to enjoy access to the seas off the southern side of Hong Kong Island. From a humble Nissan Hut we moved into our current purpose-built premises in 1979/80.

The clubhouse has served us well but is in need of some renovation and upgrading. As the building is some 50 years old, there is a need to renew many of the electrical and mechanical services, to repair the structure and fabric of the building and an aspiration to make some improvements which will both ensure the clubhouse is fit for service for the next 50 years but also will improve the facilities and amenities enjoyed by members.

A dedicated sub committee is examining proposals for possible development of our clubhouse, and balancing the many complex regulatory and practical issues, costs and club finances.

There are many complexities of government legislation, and meeting requirements for renewal of our lease in 2026. One day we will need a lift to provide "barrier free access" to all floors, we desperately need better facilities "back of house", and what of the rooms and facilities used by members? Do they meet our needs going forward? Do you like the "look and feel" or would you like to see some changes? How much can we afford to spend on upgrading or indeed just "prolonging the life" of our clubhouse? These are all issues the sub committee are debating. As always, we welcome your input.





The Aberdeen Boat Club is a members club, run by members, for members. Amongst our members and hence the readers of this magazine we have a huge variety of experience and skills. We hope that members with expertise will volunteer to help, with specific tasks or projects. Examples of "projects" may be: professional advice to the Development Sub Committee - recently we have needed the opinion of a structural engineer. IT and communications policy is another area where members could contribute. Some of you are talented in interior design and space utilisation. Are you a financial wizard? We do not have anyone looking at entertainments and club activities - although our Staff Team do an excellent job planning functions and activities. So if you would like to contribute to the running of our club by helping out in this way, please let us know!





DRINKING WATER

We have installed two new drinking water fountains, one at the main club and one at middle island. So we encourage sailors to fill their own water bottles rather than buying plastic bottled water which the club will no longer sell. Please note these fountains are for filling bottles and must not be used as "drinking fountains" – let's stay safe in this pandemic era.









After a few years had passed, the ABC Cruisers made a reprise sail to the Stanley Plaza Christmas Market on 11 December. The outdoor fair is a great start to the holiday season, with gift stalls and special food including the German staples of sausages, pork knuckle, beer and mulled wine. Only the snow is missing. It's very popular and difficult to access by car on weekends. So WE go by boat! There's plenty of parking on the sea side of town.

Four boats made the trip – Cheeky Monkey, Yeager, Karma, and Farr Fetched, with Windrush catching up with the mini-fleet as we arrived at Middle Island. A special thanks to Simon Yu who motored his tender all the way to Stanley to give us a personalised ship-to-shore sampan service. Wow! And he had time to join both the market tour and the Middle Island festivities.







The evening shore party started once we all joined Ragamuffin, with everyone tied up at the pontoons around dusk, greeted by a bunch of smart ABC Cruisers taking the shortest route to the BBQ – ie the ABC ferry.

Once boats were decorated for Christmas cheer, Howard Yuen kicked off by impressing everyone with his well-protected secret family recipe for mulled wine, and then some 25 of us moved up to the BBQ where Andres Hernandez impressed everyone on the grill. The adults finally wound down the evening with a drink, while the kids never slowed down on the trampoline. A few of us stayed the night on board, and continued with breakfast and finally attending Commodore's drinks.

It was a great weekend. Watch this space for other sail dates, or get in the group by leaving a message at ABC for David Rees.







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2022 Boat Label Application Form

By applying for the Aberdeen Boat Club label, members agree to the following terms & conditions:

- ➤ Boat labels are for Members only. The boat label fee charged will be according to the Boat Label fee table on the Club website, the fee is for 1 year.
- The boat label is valid until 31 December 2022.
- All boat owners must display a boat label when using the Aberdeen Boat Club pontoons both at Main clubhouse and at Middle Island clubhouse. Each owner will be given x2 labels per boat to display on each side of the boat.

Account Number:

➤ Abide by the Club by-laws Annex 3 Sailing & Marine – Pontoons.

Please supply a copy of the following together with this application form:

- 1. Certificate of Ownership
- 2. Valid Operating License; and
- 3. Valid Certificate of Insurance

PLEASE	COMPLETE	THIS F	ORM IN	BLOCK	CAPITAL	_S

Contact Telephone:	Email Address:
Boat label collection method:	□ By post to Home address□ By post to Business address□ By collection at Club reception
BOAT DETAILS	
Boat Registration No.:	Boat Name:
Length of the Boat:	



Member's Name:





Club Laser 2000 Dinghies

FOR SALE

The Club's four Laser 2000 dinghies are now for sale. The objective is for these boats to go to new owners who will be active users of the boats.

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Stage 1

Priority for these will go to ABC members who make a confirmed expression of interest by 31 January 2022 with a deposit (charged to their Club account) via the online registration form at https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/2000.

Stage 2

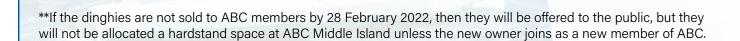
If more than four confirmed expressions of interest are received, then priority will go to the most active sailors in the 2020 calendar year. This can be demonstrated by either boat hires or attendance of ABC organised sailing courses.

Stage 3

Once buyers are confirmed, they will be invited to Middle Island in the order of which their expressions of interest were submitted online, to each choose their Laser 2000. The four dinghies are of a similar standard. Each boat includes a set of used training sails and used racing sails. The dinghies will be sold as seen. The cost per L2000 is set at HK\$25,000. Hardstand space will be allocated, and members will be required to sign a hardstanding agreement and pay the monthly fee of \$300/month. Boats do not need to be kept at Middle Island, and new owners can choose to move the boats elsewhere at their own expense.

Stage 4

The final payment shall be made and a hardstanding agreement shall be signed before the official handover of the dinghies. This should be completed by 28 February 2022.







Junior and Youth Sailing Courses



Bookings Upen an

3 January - ABC Members 17 January - Non-Members

www.abcmiddleisland.com/training

April 4 - 8 11-15 18-22



ADULT SAILING





JUNIOR SAILING



JUNIOR SAILING







Third Time Lucky for a Fantastic Racing Weekend

Words by Richard Knight
Photos by Pandaman Takumi Images



The 2021 Hong Kong 29er Championships was this year hosted by the Aberdeen Boat Club. The event was twice rescheduled, firstly due to COVID restrictions and then a typhoon. It was finally held on the 27 & 28 November, and what a fantastic weekend it was.

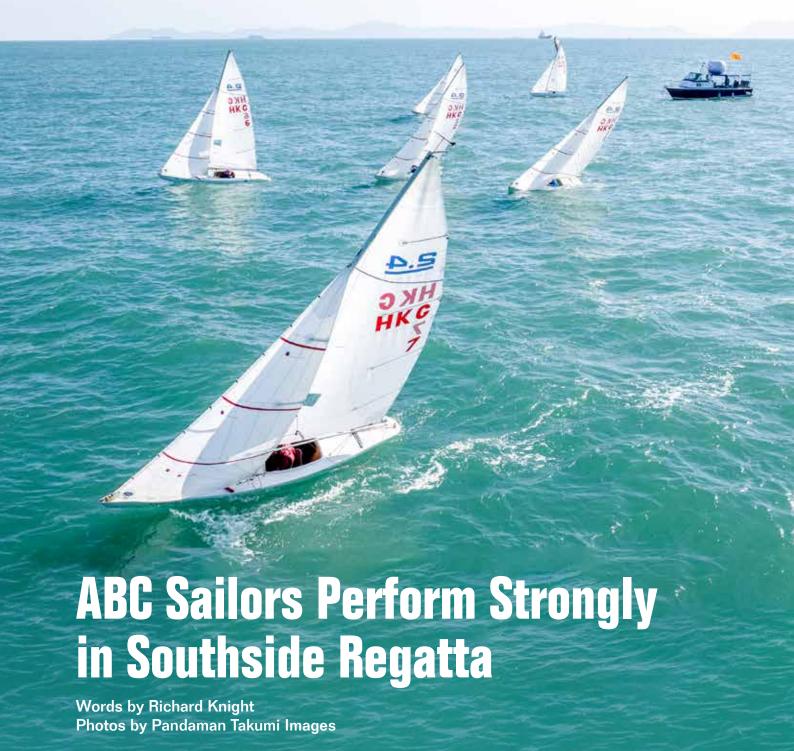
Thirteen teams took to the water in near perfect conditions on the race area west of Po Toi. Four races were completed, and at the end of day one Casey Law and Jack Dingemans had an impressive lead with four 1st places. On day two, the conditions defied all light wind forecasts and the breeze built to gusting over 20kts in the morning. The race management team led by RO Dave Norton made the decision to race in Stanley Bay, being slightly more sheltered.

Casey and Jack continued their winning ways, with Juliette Clot and Maddalena Di Salvo taking second, and Ethan Kong and Axel Pantzare taking a win in the eighth and last race to finish third overall. The racing was close, but with such great sportsmanship by the fleet that the protest committee was not required all weekend.

The 29ers were back out again the following weekend, taking part in the ABC Southside Regatta on 4 & 5 December.

Results: www.abcmiddleisland.com/ 29er2021





On the first weekend of December, the Club hosted the annual Southside Regatta. Two race areas were used to accommodate the 109 entries across seven fleets. The Optimist class was the biggest, as usual, and included an intermediate and a main fleet. These two fleets started at the same time but the more experienced sailors in the main fleet sailed a slightly longer course. On the same race course, the 2.4mR and Waszp sailors, each with 6 entries, sailed a slightly longer race course, rounding an alternative mark to leeward of the outer loop gate.

The Club's Racing Academy sailors were well represented in the Optimist class with 22 sailors. Nicholas Yijiang Zhan had the perfect start to the regatta, with three bullets in the three races on day one. Vernon Ha was right behind with two seconds and a fourth. Vernon's consistent results continued into day two with a second and a first; fortunately he was able to use the discard for the sixth race when he finished 8th, and finished first overall. ABC had three sailors in the top five with Nicholas in fourth and Kristen Hwang in fifth.

In the intermediate fleet there was some confusion amongst the sailors in race one, as a group of them went to the wrong first mark and were unable to be scored in that race. On top of navigating their way round, these new sailors had to contend with some strong winds on day one. Day two was kinder for this fleet, and William Chen Xu Peng was the top ABC sailor in the intermediate fleet, finishing in 10th place.

In the 29er Class the top four places were taken by ABC or ex-ABC sailors now sailing with the National Team. Douglas Leung and Augustin Clot dominated the strong wind conditions on day one with four race wins. In the lighter winds on Sunday the racing was closer, although Casey Law and Jack Dingemans picked up four race wins. However, Casey and Jack's absence on day one meant it wasn't possible for them to finish on the podium. Juliette Clot and Maddalena Di Salvo put together an impressive string of top 3 results to finish second overall, while Chris Lam and Aaron Dampier finished third overall.

In the other fleets, Foo Yuen Wai finished first in the 2.4mR, Shaan Mutreja first in the Laser 4.7, Stan Picard first in the Laser Radial and Thibault Minne first in Waszp.

With this number of fleets on two race courses, there was a strong army of volunteers required, led by our Race Officers, Barry Truhol and Bonnie Cheng. Our thanks to all the volunteers (listed below), as well as all the ABC staff for supporting this event. We are already looking forward to 2022!









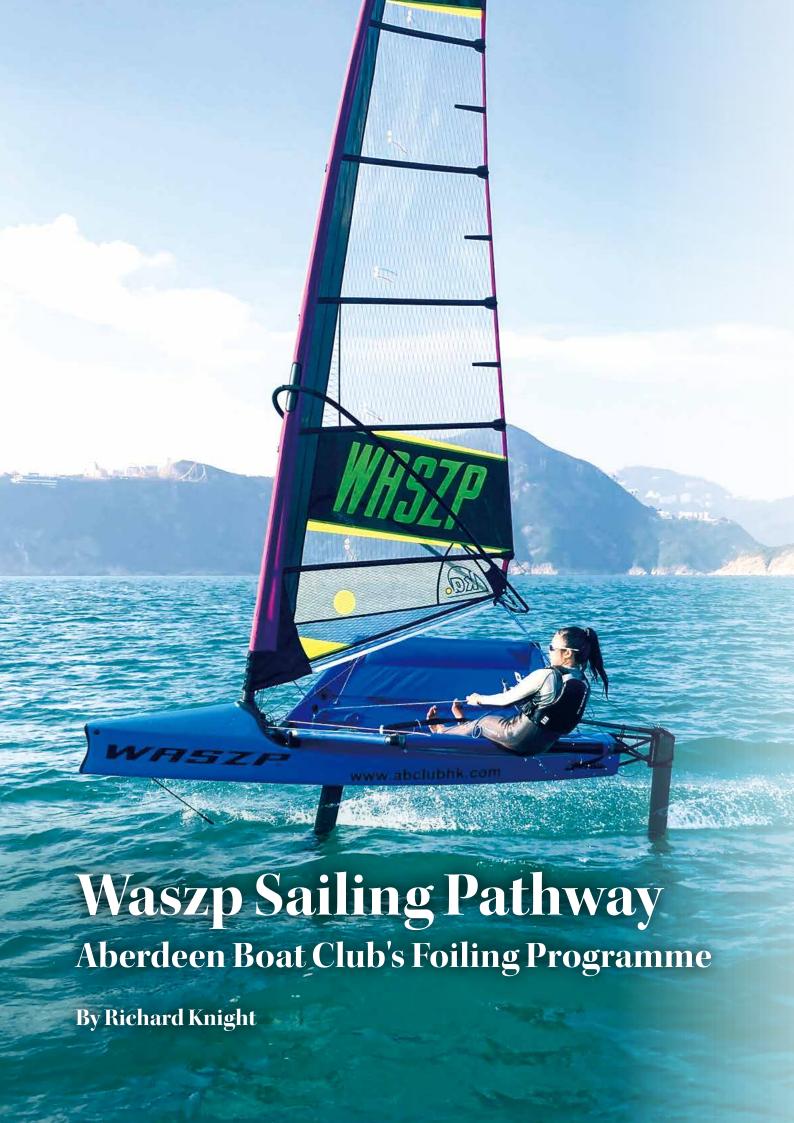
ABC Southside Volunteers:

Adrienne Ogier Jessica Daswani Andrew Blank Kelly Ha Andrew Stanton Ken Chiu Anouska Mutreja Lirit Dampier Barry Truhol Matthew Johnson **Bonnie Cheng** Michael Anderson **Bradley Long** Michael Leary Cecile Martin Monique Ng Claire Oz Wilde Patrick Bruce Cyrus Law Sebastian Oertel Dave Tse Diana Bruce Sheila Chan Donovan Le Roux Stephen Leung Edith Law Steve Wordsworth Ezra Kirk Tristan Stewart Vania Chu Grace Davis William But Ian Hendry

Results: www.abcmiddleisland.com/ southside-regatta

Inge Strompf-Jepsen





Start your foiling experience with us!

The Aberdeen Boat Club has its very own Waszp, with the primary objective of getting more sailors foiling. We will give you an introduction to foiling through 1:1 coaching sessions – and should flying be for you then you can invest in your own craft. We can also offer intermediate and race training. We have four levels of Waszp training available.

Sessions are normally 3hrs in total. They are typically on weekdays, as our coaches are busy with the Racing Academy on weekends.

Minimum Prior Experience

This is a high performance craft; therefore participants should already have experience of high performance dinghy sailing. In practical terms, this means you are comfortable sailing a planning asymmetric spinnaker dinghy, as this is a good starting point for handling this foiling craft.

Sessions are taught on a 1:1 basis. Currently Waszp Training Sessions can be booked by ABC members only. We do recommend signing up with two people per session, as this will give you rest times in the coach boat, particularly when you are starting. The second person does not need to be an ABC member.

Sessions are taught to the level of each participant. Please refer to the Waszp Pathway for more details on each level.

If you would like more details, please visit the webpage https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/waszp or contact Daniel headracecoach@abclubhk.com

ABC Foiling Pathway

	Rigging and Safety
	Launching
Lovel 1	Capsize and recovery
Level 1 Start Foiling	Tack
Start Folling	Short flight
	Landing
	Derigging

	Sustain flight
	Foiling upwind
Level 2 Sustained flight	Introduction to the
	trim control line
	Sailing between the marks
	Sailing downwind





	Foiling Tack
	Foiling Gybe
Level 4	Starting
Foil Racer	Sailing the course and
	finishing the race
	Optimising VMG

VAGLAN SERIES 2021-22 RACE 6

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The morning of Sunday, the 12th of December 2021, was clear and bright as 24 of the 30 registered entries assembled in the vicinity of Round Island, for Race 6 of the Waglan Series 2021-22.

Under the instructions of race officer,
Alex Johnston and his assistant, Jennifer Li,
the Aberdeen Boat Club's committee vessel
Shun Fung dropped anchor, whilst the marine
staff set about laying the windward mark and
start line. The northeasterly was oscillating but
Johnston settled on a mark at a distance of 0.4
nautical miles, bearing 65 degrees, in towards
Repulse Bay. The breeze was averaging between
8 and 10 knots, with a high of 14.





First off on schedule at 1100 was the combined IRC fleet, comprising five boats in IRC 1 and six in IRC 2. The Ker 46, *Zannekin*, was the first to round the windward mark, from where it streaked away to lead the IRC 1 division around the course.

Seas were initially lumpy with 1-metre swells. Around Waglan Island it was even rougher but, as the day wore on, the breeze eased and the swells moderated.

After rounding the windward mark (s), Course 22 sent them through Chesterman Gate, both on the outward and return passage, followed by Castle Rock (p), Tai Tam Club Mark (s), Shek O Rock (s) Sung Kong (p), Waglan (s), Po Toi (p), Castle Rock (s) and finishing off Round Island.

On reaching Sung Kong, Zannekin had already opened a significant lead, and completed the 23.6- nautical mile course 38 minutes ahead of the next boat, in an elapsed time of three hours and 55 seconds.

Positions changed frequently between the J-145C, *Redeye*, and the Bashford 41, *Intrigue*, chased by the J-122E, *Jinn*.













Redeye led the three into the Po Toi Channel. Intrigue sailed closer to Beaufort Island, where its kite briefly collapsed in the island's wind shadow, but still managed to exit first. However, it was overhauled in the run to the finish by Redeye.

Redeye crossed the line in 2nd place, 41 seconds ahead of *Intrigue* with *Jinn* 4th, 88 seconds behind.

Ian Nicolson and crew of *Intrigue* finished 2nd on handicap and afterwards celebrated in style on Middle Island quaffing Carlsbergs and mulled wine at the Commodore's Christmas Cocktails.

Jinn finished 3rd in IRC 1 on handicap, losing out to *Intrigue* by just 17 seconds. *Redeye* was relegated to 4th with *Neo One* 5th.

The Archambault 35, *Red Kite II*, took line and handicap honours in IRC 2, with *Zesst* 2nd and *Ocean's Five* 3rd. With the breeze dying as the afternoon progressed, there was a lengthy wait for the Beneteau First 34.7, *Calamansi*, to finish one hour and 15 minutes after the 4th-placed boat, *Juice*. Parked up some 400 metres from the finish, it took them 40 frustrating minutes to cross the line. *Arcturus* by then had retired.











The HKPN fleet, comprising four HKPN A boats and nine HKPN B, followed the IRC fleet also in a combined start at 1105. Their shorter course of 15.1 nautical miles took them around the windward mark likewise through the Chesterman Gate, both on the outward and inward legs, rounding the Tai Tam Club Mark (s), Fury Rocks (s), before returning to the Round Island finish via the Tai Tam Club Mark (p).

Unfortunately, arriving some 20 minutes late, the start line had closed for both *The Farr Side* and *Chaud Patate* in IRC B.

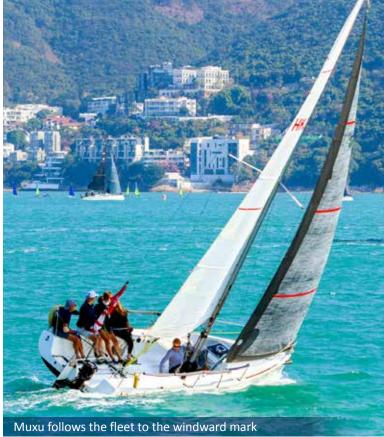
In HKPN A, the Beneteau Oceanis 51.1, Legende II, was the first to round Fury Rocks. Jibulai and the Beneteau Sense 46, Generations, followed in hot pursuit. Legende II took line honours but was relegated to 3rd on handicap. Jibulai crossed the line and corrected out in 2nd place. Despite finishing 3rd, Generations claimed handicap honours.

In HKPN B, the Oceanis 45, Sea Wings, led the fleet around the course, finishing in an elapsed time of 2:49:22, eight minutes ahead of the Variante 37, Rhy & Rue, to also claim handicap honours. Rhy & Rue slipped to 3rd on handicap behind the Oceanis 50, blowers daughter.















With the breeze easing, it was over an hour later that the tail-enders finished. In a very near encounter with the committee vessel on the finish line, *Water Rabbit* tried to shut the door on *Muxu*, but *Muxu* just managed to squeeze through to finish two seconds ahead.

The graceful Hans Christian 41Y, *Bowline*, had spinnaker problems near the Tai Tam Club Mark on the return passage and brought up the rear. Nevertheless, it finished 8th on corrected, ahead of the Dufour 38 Classic *Illusion*.

All in all, a great day on the water, particularly for the early finishers. Once again Covid-19 regulations prevented a formal prize-giving. Race 6 brought to conclusion the first of the Waglan Series 2021-2022 mini-series the results of which are to be released at the end of the Series.

The last six races in the Waglan Series 2021-2022 resume on the 6th of February 2022, and conclude on the 3rd of April 2022, with a possible re-sail on the 10th of April.

A Night of Great Snooker

By Dave Hilling

On the 15 November 2021, the ABC invited the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) to our Club for the return snooker match from June. The majority of the last few snooker evenings between these two teams have been very closely fought, and we are now well accustomed to each other.

Cue-off placed ABC's Wayne Robinson against CK Chan from RHKYC in a very tactical game, as they both played plenty of safety shots in the opening 5 minutes. Then it was who could take those potting chances when they arose, and Wayne just pulled away towards the final colours to take a 1:0 lead.

Next up was ABC's Barry Hill, and he had a very good start with a couple of solid breaks, but Gareth Williams from RHKYC just kept on chipping away with the red balls followed by a colour each time. Now, in a reverse situation to the first game, it was RHKYC that had the better run on the final colours, to bring it back all even at 1:1. It was game on and the tension could be cut with a knife.

Fortunately for the ABC, it was Tong Yun Fat up next – and he showed how to control a snooker match from start to finish perfectly. The result for this match was never in doubt and it was just down to when Marcus Tang from RHKYC had decided there were too many snookers required to continue.

For the final singles match, it was ABC captain Dave Hilling up against the newest of the RHKYC players, Damien Massingham; and they had only played once before in a previous tournament. In a very respectful safety-first approach, both players set out to leave no easy pots, and there were a few excellent snookers to take in for those watching. In the end though it was the ABC that capitalised when it mattered most, so it was 3:1 heading into the curry buffet

Actually there was a 10-15 minute gap between play and the dinner, as such was the quality of play in the 4 matches, we had finished early leading into the break. This allowed though for a good catch up over a couple of drinks, and a very enjoyable leisurely sit down curry for everyone.

Now it was over to the doubles matches, which first put the in-form ABC's Tong Yun Fat with Wayne Robinson against Gareth Williams and Damien Massingham. This was certainly the most exciting match of the evening as it had everything – from great pots, to unbelievable misses, and the lead was continually changing between the two teams. Therefore it was only fitting that this went down to the final two balls, with Damien potting both under a lot of pressure, resulting in wild celebrations from RHKYC.

So heading into the final doubles match it was still all to play for because RHKYC just needed this match to level the overall scores for the evening. Following the previous match, it seemed the momentum was with the RHKYC up until Dave Hilling achieving a break of 16; and then in the following ABC turn, Barry Hill also got a break of 15. After this it was all about steady play and keeping RHKYC at arms' length, which ABC did very well.

What a night of great snooker, and the result of 4:2 also allowed ABC to have their own celebrations, whilst looking back at a job well done. There is just one more snooker night planned for the calendar year, which will be played in the Hong Kong Club in December, and we are all looking forward to this with bated breath.











JANUARY PROMOTIONS

The Galley

New Year's Light Japanese Cuisine with Sake pairing

The Four Peaks Restaurant New Winter Dishes

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The Galley

Modern Chinese New Year's Festive Menu

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Winter Dishes





Wine of the Month Promotion - January & February





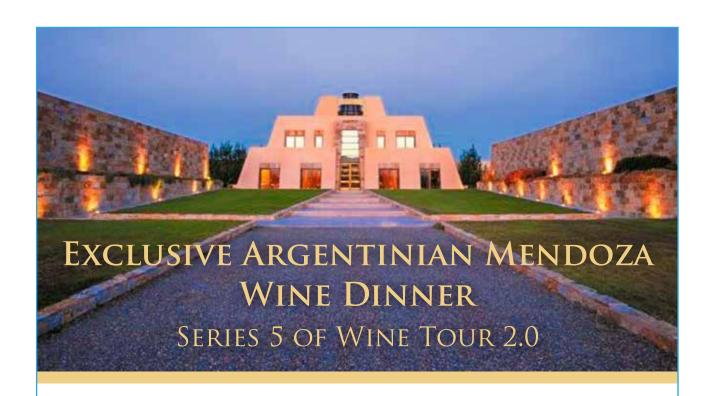
Beer of the Month Promotion - January & February











Robert Parker's

The Wine Advocate awarded perfect 100 scores to South America for the first time with 2 of the Bodega Catena Zapata's wines.

The highlight of the evening will be the highly rated Adrianna Fortuna Terrae Malbec 2018!



Date: Thursday, 13 January

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Function Rooms (Limited Seats)

These events are strictly by invitation on a first come, first served basis and are usually fully booked in advance.

Please email Robin at fnb@abclubhk.com to be included on the Wine Lovers' priority invite list for these exclusive events!

















HK\$288 for adults HK\$138 for senior citizens HK\$188 for children under 12 years

Nyonya cooking is the result of blending Chinese ingredients with various distinct spices and cooking techniques used by the Malay/Indonesian community. This gives rise to Peranakan interpretations of Malay/Indonesian food that are wonderfully tangy, aromatic, spicy and herbal. On this special night you will be able to taste a wide range of dishes including fish head curry, assam laksa, chicken keluak and more... Not to be missed for sure!





Topic: Combating IUU (Illegal, Unregulated, Unreported)
Fishing by fishing vessels poaching in Hong Kong waters
and preserving the marine ecosystem by Gary Stokes,
Director of Operations at OceansAsia.org



3/F The Harbour Room

> Wednesday 19 January

Schedule

7:00pm drinks with nibbles

7:30pm Hard Talk

8:15pm

Q & A, followed by a simple dinner.

After decades of working in marine conservation, co-founders Gary Stokes and Dr. Teale Phelps Bondaroff combined their complementary skills to form OceansAsia in 2019. Gary, a professional photographer and diving instructor, previously served as the Director of Sea Shepherd Asia, and was the founder of Oceanic Love. He honed his skills as an investigator over the course of nearly two decades of investigating and exposing the shark fin industry.

Their mission statement is:

To investigate and research wildlife crimes, exposing and bringing to justice those destroying and polluting marine ecosystems. To uphold the highest level of integrity, relying exclusively on factual, intelligence-based conservation.

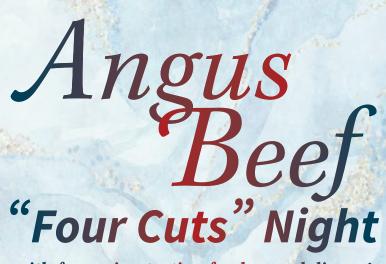
Adults: HK\$228 only

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









with free wine tasting for home delivery!
(Maximum 40pax only)

Saturday, 26 February

7pm

The Galley & The Patio



HK\$388 for adults

HK\$288 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$328 for senior citizens

Taste four cuts of premium
Angus beef, fresh from the grill:
Rib-Eye, New Striploin,
Tenderloin and Rump.
All served with jacket potatoes,
steak fries, corn-on-the-cob,
carrots, broccoli, and salads;
and with your choice of
delectable desserts!



Home Wine Delivery January 2022

Festive Wine Tasting (Saturday 15th January) 6:30-8:30pm

SPARKLING		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Villa Sandi Prosecco Superiore Valdobbiadene DOCG Extra Dry NV – Veneto, I (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) Intense fruit aroma with clear hints of ripe golden apple. Pleasant and elegant f reminiscent of acacia flowers. Fresh, slightly off-dry and soft to the palate and flavourso of the tongue with harmonious finish.	loral sensation	HK\$140		
WHITE WINE		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio DOC 2019/2020 – Alto Adige, Italy Bright, glossy and with a light greenish shimmer. The aromas are very impressive an fruits like peach, melon and fine spice. Elegant with a refreshing acidity and a light smok		HK\$170		
Ogier Artesis Côtes du Rhône Blanc 2019 – Rhone Valley, France (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *Wine Enthusiast 91 points* Superb balance and harmony on the palate where roundness meets freshness with a remark	kably long finish.	HK\$135		
Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – Marlborough, New Zealan (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) A fresh, juicy wine with vibrant acidity and long length on the palate. Ripe flavor wit melon, and grapefruit.		HK\$170		
Chateau Ste. Michelle Chardonnay 2018 – Washington State, USA (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *Natalie Maclean 90 points* A food-friendly wine in a fresh, soft style with bright apple and sweet citrus fruit chara spice and oak nuances.	cter with subtle	HK\$160		
RED WINE		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Le Haut Medoc de Lagrange by Chateau Lagrange 2015 – Bordeaux, France Shiny with good intensity. Aromatic nose revealing fresh berry, red-current, and cherry. and honey ginger-bread. In mouth, it is silky and fresh with supple tannins.	Hints of cloves	HK\$155		
Muga Reserva Red 2017 – Rioja, Spain (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 94 po Nose with vanilla and spiced berry aromas and provides a nice entry for the saturated palate of this wine. Saucy plum, tomato, berry and vanilla flavors finish with textural integral	d but integrated	HK\$255		
Bodega Norton Privada Family Blend 2018 – Mendoza, Argentina (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 93 points, Robert Parker 91 points* A deep red blend with rich aromas of black berries. Rich, smooth and elegant. With a given by the integration of its three blends.	lingering finish	HK\$195		
Chateau Ste. Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Washington State, USA (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *#1 of Top 100 Best Buys 2021 by Wine Enthusiast* Concentrated Washington red fruit in an accessible style. This is an inviting Cab complexity and structure with silky tannins. It's also very versatile with food.	with plenty of	HK\$195		
SWEET WINE		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Michele Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti Nivole DOCG 2020 – Piedmont, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *Best Moscato in the World by Michael Broadbent* Floral, aromas of Moscato, with notes of peach and apricot. Creamy, fragrant, with a pleasant fine bubble and a finish which is particularly fresh.		HK\$190		
Please Note: The listed items do not qualify against minimum monthly F&B charges		Grand Total:		
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Home Wine Delivery February 2022

Festive Wine Tasting (Saturday 26th February) 6:30-8:30pm

WHITE WINE		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Farmhouse White Blend by Cline 2019 – California, USA Blend of Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Muscat, Viognier, Gewurztraminer. This wine is fresh, crisp in flavors of grapefruit and lime with a fresh, clean finish.				
Kono Sauvignon Blanc 2020 - Marlborough, New Zealand Vibrant fruit-driven nose bursting with citrus fruits and herbaceous characters. On palate, lemon zest & guava with notes of currant leaf & fresh bell pepper.				
Tinpot Hut Chardonnay 2016 – Marlborough, New Zealand Bright floral nose with aromatics of ripe stonefruit & hazelnut. On pa palate integrating subtle oak, toasted hazelnuts and ripe white peach &		HK\$195		
Tinpot Hut Barker Vineyard Riesling 2018 – Marlborough, New Fresh citrus aromatics of sweet lime & grapefruit mingle with subtle grapefruit with distinct mineral finish.		HK\$220		
RED WINE		Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Pont du Rhone, Cotes du Rhone Passion Terroirs 2016 – France This wine offers a red fruit bouquet embellished by garrigue notes. Gree	nache, Syrah.	HK\$110		
Bodega Volcanes Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Casablanca Valley, Chile 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah. Bright ruby red in color, fresh and expressive aromas of red & black fruits, spices with hints of smoke & tobacco, which captures the palate with power and finesse; medium-bodied, a smooth texture enveloped in candied fruits, notes of toast, menthol & spices.		HK\$117		
Simonsig Pinotage 2017 – Stellenbosch, South Africa Red cherry, plum & raspberry flavor. A shy sweetness compliments the fruit. Tannins are well integrated with a finishing touch of subtle oak nuances.				
Cline Petite Sirah 2019 – Contra Costa County, California, USA Aroma: Coffee, spice, blackberries and mocha; On palate: blackberries, blueberries, coffee & mocha. Full bodied.		HK\$190		
Cline Ancient Vines Organic Zinfandel 2018 – Contra Costa County California, USA Aroma: Strawberry and vanilla; On palate: strawberry, vanilla and light toast. Medium to full bodied.		HK\$205		
Hauner Antonello Salina Rosso IGT 2011 – Sicily, Italy Rich bouquet of black cherries, blackberries with spicy and toasted notes of vanilla. Silky texture and layered, intense and persistent flavors.				
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