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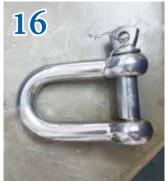
Dates	S	Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others		
	March 2022						
Sat	5				HHYC Monsoon Spring 2		
Sun	6		ABC Waglan 10	HHYC Dinghy Winter 5	RHKYC Ladies Helm		
Sat	12			RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival	RHKYC China Sea 200 Dash		
Sun	13			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 1 / RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival	RHKYC China Sea 200 Dash		
Sat	19				COA Solaris Pasta Rally / HHYC Monsoon Spring 3		
Sun	20		ABC Waglan 11				
Sat	26			HKSF Festival of Sports	HHYC Monsoon Spring 4		
Sun	27			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 2 / HKSF Festival of Sports	RHKYC Po Toi Challenge		
			A	pril 2022			
Sat	2				HHYC Monsoon Spring Resail		
Sun	3		ABC Waglan 12	RHKYC Post-Christmas 4			
Tues	5	Ching Ming Festival					
Sat	9				HHYC Monsoon Spring 5		
Sun	10		ABC Waglan Resail				
Wed	13				Rolex China Sea Race Starts		
Fri	15	Good Friday					
Sat	16	Holy Saturday					
Sun	17	Easter Sunday					
Mon	18	Easter Monday					
Sat	23				HHYC Single / Double Handed Race		
Sun	24			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 3			
Sat	30				RHKYC Tomes Cup		
			M	lay 2022			
Sun	1	Labour Day			RHKYC Nations' Cup		
Mon	2						
Sat	7		ABC Classic Yacht Rally		RHKYC Inter-Class Festival / COA Mirs Bay Seafood Rally		
Sun	8	Buddha's Birthday	ABC Classic Yacht Rally		RHKYC Inter-Class Festival		
Mon	9						
Sat	14				RHKYC Spring Regatta		
Sun	15			ABC Dinghy Cruiser Challenge	RHKYC Spring Regatta		
Sat	21			HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta	RHKYC Summer Cup		
Sun	22			ABC Tong Po Chau Spring 4 / HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta	RHKYC Summer Cup		
Sat	28		Beneteau Cup				
Sun	29		Beneteau Cup		RHKYC Spring Regatta Resail / PT Challenge Resail		













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Chris Pooley
Commodore

It was one of those March days When the sun shines hot and The wind blows cold.

[Dickens --- Great Expectations]

March: typically a month of weather contrasts in the Northern Hemisphere, HK included, both daily and particularly so at the beginning and end, with the Vernal Equinox marking---more accurately causing--- the seasonal change on the 20th. Although for HK the more significant meteorological event is the later Monsoon transition. Following February's late fierce winter burst that change will be most welcome.

The March full moon, known as the Worm Moon ---because, so says the Old Farmers' Almanac, that's when earthworms emerge from the thawing soil--- is on the 18th. That date occurrence leads to the Paschal Moon on 16th April and hence a late Easter Sunday on the 17th. For a detailed explanation of that causation see the adjoining article headed Easter Date Definition.

The April Moon incidentally, according to that same Almanac, is named the Pink Moon in line with the blossoming of the moss pink or phlox; again, with apologies to antipodeans, all very much N. Hemisphere----but that's where we in HK live!

Meanwhile, after the false dawn in December, everyday life continues to be disrupted by regulatory reactions to the mild Omicron variant. That includes, unavoidably, many Club events. All group sailing events have been cancelled --- not least and most sadly despite best efforts the Four Peaks Race --- as well a number of F&B functions, including the annual Staff Party which has been

postponed. As this event is much prized by staff we may need to requisition Middle Island one sunny day later in the year.....Despite all of that, to date --- at the time of writing! - the main Club and that haven of fresh open air health Middle Island remain open and welcoming during daylight hours. This is in no small measure thanks to the diligence of GM, Managers and staff in steering the Club through the labyrinthine regulations, and by a combination of Education and leadership by example, achieving 96% vaccination coverage of staff. Only 3 medically exempt staff remain unvaccinated, a truly worthy accomplishment. That keeps ABC both open and solidly within the Category D camp. Of course there are frustrations for members; ferry and pontoon boarding restrictions and so on but please bear in mind and understand that these are beyond ABC's control and be considerate----staff also suffer from these same frustrations.

On that subject please note that the GM has just ordered a large stock of self-testing Covid kits available from the shop at a modest price. Given the tendency at large for panic buying his foresight could prove a real boon to members. This will be announced and reminded on E-letters which go out twice a week: F&B each Thursday and Racing and Sport on Fridays. Periodically members complain they were not aware of certain events or issues---sometimes found to be due to unadvised changes of E-mail addresses. So if changing your E-mail address please be sure to advise the Club.

This edition covers the period through the Ching Ming and Easter holidays up to the end of April, by which time let us all hope, fervently, that the Tiger is then free to roar to the relief and benefit of the entire Community. Meanwhile let's just get on with life and make the best of it.

Easter Sunday---Date Definition

The date of Easter Sunday varies annually being in some way lunar-linked. But how, and why, exactly?

A recent UK Telegraph article reporting on a new initiative by the Christian Churches to fix the date for Easter Sunday gave a common erroneous definition viz: "the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox around 21st March " Not so.

The methodology for the calculation still in use today provides a fascinating insight into Theological

and Astronomical history [much too detailed for this article] and stems from the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD convened by Christian Bishops to reach consensus on issues within the Church. A major agenda item was a new definition for Easter Sunday to unshackle it from the [then erratic] Jewish calendar, so as to maintain the date in

the same Spring Season with the same relationship to the preceding Astronomical Full Moon that occurred at the time of the Resurrection in 30 AD.

The defined Astronomical Full Moon [AFM] occurs at one instant in time, which may well be in daylight [and on two dates around the world] and so is unsuitable as a benchmark for calculating Easter Sunday. Thus in order to establish an agreed set of future dates for Easter the astronomers calculated the approximate dates [which in fact are surprisingly accurate] for the AFM for each year from AD 325 to AD 4099, and called these Ecclesiastical Full Moons [EFM].

Taking this a step further they defined the Paschal Full Moon [PFM] as the first EFM after

20th March, the date of the Vernal Equinox in 325AD, and listed PFM dates up to 4099 in tabular form on a 19 year cycle for use in setting the date for Easter in the Christian Church. Julian Calendar dates being the reference at that time.

The precise definition became, and remains:-

The first ECM after 20th March each year is the Paschal Full Moon [PFM]. Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the PSM for the year.

And so it came about with dates ranging between

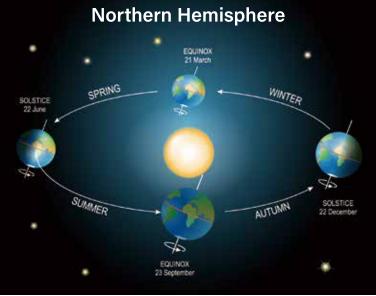
22nd March and 25th April each year all set in accordance with the PFM Table ever since.

However the Julian Calendar overcompensates the leap year adjustment against the Tropical Year [actual orbital time around the sun]. So some 1200 years later Easter Sunday had drifted significantly out of

Sunday had drifted significantly out of Season, leading Pope Gregory and his team of Astronomers in 1582 to establish his eponymous Calendar by re-calculating the Leap year adjustment. They did this by omitting 3 Leap Days every 400 years and removing 10 days from the Calendar in one stroke [leading to riots in some countries because of the 'theft' of lifespan]

The PFM date Table adjusted, after 1583 to Gregorian Calendar dates is still in use and will remain so until the Christian Churches are able to agree to a fixed date. The last attempt in 2001 fizzled out

It will not escape the notice of Antipodeans that the whole concept is totally Northern Hemisphere biased!







Philippe de Manny General Manager

MORE COVID, LESS FUN

Here it is – another Easter season coming up, and our good friend COVID still lurking around, dictating his way of life, and us bowing to his will.

At the time I am writing this article, social media rumours and newspapers (often the same thing) seem to indicate that this cheerless situation might well last until May or June.

Yes again this year, Easter celebrations and fun might be seriously compromised.

In January and February, Omicron triggered record high infections throughout the city, leading to very strict closure and operation restrictions being imposed on clubs. Unbelievably, the Hong Kong Jockey Cub even closed all its facilities for 2 weeks, giving in to fear regarding corporate responsibility compliance if even one case would have hit them. When you see this, it really shows how weak we have become in the face of adversity. It is no longer a matter of what to do for good, but a matter of what to do for face.

For us, the early closing of the restaurants this time round was a real blow to our business. Last year at a similar time we did go through a similar closure; but this time takeaways did not pick up well, and even our day-time business went down 20%. Notwithstanding the sporting activities completely stalled, giving Middle Island a feeling of a ghost town; and finally the halt to private functions hit us a lot. Even the staff party had to be cancelled, or rescheduled is the better word.

THANKS TO ABC MEMBERS

Nevertheless, amidst this misery some positive points happened in January, and are here to bring a little cheer to some of us. (Sorry for those who can never be happy; we have even less to give these days.)

When the Club opted to operate under TYPE D MODE, it was expected by some that we would have a revolution, in fact, it was the opposite. Many members were very supportive of it, and even suggested the Club be more stringent with Health and Safety and stop guests coming. This D mode allowed the Club to keep a bit more flexibility in its operations, in terms of table size, function operation (well, when the ban was lifted); and finally it prepared the Club for the mandatory Government vaccine pass taking effected on 24 February.

With an extremely large number of vaccinated members, the transition to the vaccine pass operation has been very smooth, with no issue with the updated Leave Home Safe app showing the vaccine records, or the paper records from some exempted members. Of course, we had some resisting, complaining, resigning; but the number is so low it proves that once again ABC members were on top of things and will do everything they need to be good citizens – and I thank you for that.

AGING FLEET

Our two wonderful little ferries taking you to Middle Island are now really showing signs of ageing; and no more hull fixing, engine changing or structural repair will change their fate. The usage of these boats is extreme; you will see them only taking you to the Middle Island, but in fact their duties are far wider than just ferrying people. These boats do racing duties, delivery of goods and food, assist in mooring maintenance; and for the less lucky of you, sometimes even towing in emergencies. They will sadly have to go very soon, and the Club Assets Committee is actively reviewing options to replace

one or two of them – looking at faster, bigger and long-lasting vessels. More on this in the coming magazine in May.

SUGGESTION FROM MEMBERS; MORE WELCOME



Recently, one member suggested bringing one of the wood-fire pizza ovens from Middle Island to the Coffee Shop. However, what at first seems to be a great idea is not practical for many reasons. The space needed for such an oven would "kill" many tables as these ovens are so big that one would need a counter top for the preparation of pizzas and other dishes (lasagna, roasted chicken, leg of lamb etc.); plus there would be a need to keep a safe distance between the operating oven and Members, especially children. So I am afraid this idea will be dropped.

I received another suggestion: to add an electric car charging station. A few clubs have added such stations; and this is again a great idea, for which we are still considering options. But but our main issue is again space – the regulations for such charging space have to be to 21st century norms, and require a 10 metre by 5 metre area plus the electrical connection. That is a real challenge considering that we have to keep by law a certain amount of spaces, and that would "kill" at least 2 spaces.

Another suggestion was to stop all guests entering during these COVID times. Yet after various situations over the last two years, it appears that guests are no more dangerous than Members, as long as they can show their vaccination records, and our outlets are not overcrowded.

The last suggestion I received that deserves attention is to remind members under compulsory testing not to come to the Club; and this was acted upon in February.

Do send me your suggestions; they are very useful to us and often fill a gap that we may have missed.

CAR PARKING

As promised in the previous Horizons, I will now give some explanation about the parking spaces. Many members complained that the car spaces are too small, or that we do not have enough, especially on weekends. The car parking at the ABC dates from the early 80s, when cars were of normal size, is extremely controlled by the Buildings Department, and the number of spaces required is stated in our lease article. Now here is the conundrum: if we increase the size of our parking spaces, we cannot have the minimum required parking spaces according to our lease. We have had to fight for two years the Buildings Department, the Transportation Department and the HAB, when we faced an alleged breach of the parking space. In fact, one of the storerooms built in the early 90s was never really declared, so we had to rectify that. Once that was done, it took 2 years to have the entire parking re-licensed, numbers applied, and drawings done by proper recognised authorised persons, as they are called by the government.

We were even asked by the Transport Department to increase our parking spaces, and it took some time to make them understand that if we do so that we cannot keep our numbers, and then the HAB and BD will object. It really took a enormous effort to have the car parking re-licensed and approved, and I am sorry to say we are not able to either increase the size of the space nor the numbers. So please, when we ask you to park within the lines, there is a reason.



STAFF PROMOTIONS

Normally, every year at the staff party, the longest serving staff, best employees of the year and promotions are announced. There was no special long service award this year, but in light of the last 2 years of performances all staff have been elected to "best staff of the year" with an equally comfortable LAI SEE this year. Now let's talk about the promotions, so that you can congratulate those who have achieved promotion through their dedication:



Sherchan, Robin
Executive Assistant Manager



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Lam, Ka Leong (Henry)
Deputy F&B Manager



Sherchan, Pragati (Lal) Assistant F&B Manager



Yeung, Pui Wa (Amy) Front Desk Supervisor



Gurung, Sandipa Sous-Chef MI



Choi, Pui Kei Coffee Shop Head Chef



Lin, Wing WahSenior Chef de Party



Lee, Kai Wing (Harry) Receiving & Issuing Officer



Choi, Hon Lam Pastry Head-chef



Lam, Ka Yuen Junior Head Waiter



Gauchan, Shamine Senior Waitress



Gurung, Mausam Waiter



Li, Fu Shing
Technician





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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

YOU CAN BE A Contributor



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.

You don't need to be a good writer - it's our job to edit and ensure' text is shipshape; you just need to send us an article and supply some photos, we'll do the rest.

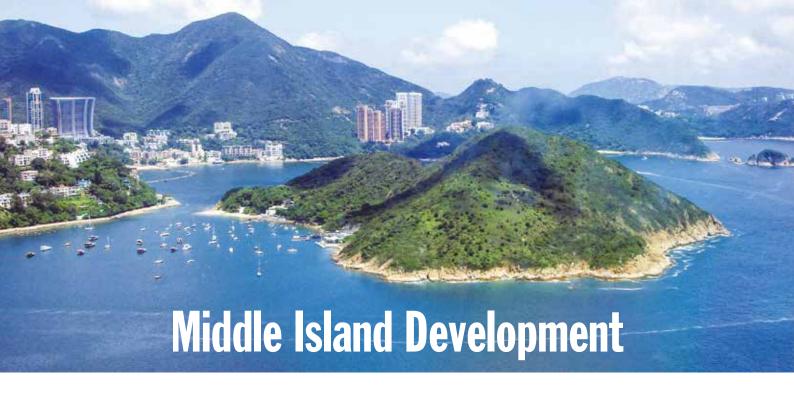
Then, await publication: and fame at last!

If you have any ideas in mind, please contact us at info@linkupdesign.com.









It is time to provide members with an update on the progress of our work for the development of Middle Island.

The Development Committee is conscious that progress on the overall development has not been as fast as was originally envisaged, and that members will be understandably disappointed not to see any visible work being undertaken. There are good reasons for this, which have not been within our control but which have had a direct impact on proceeding with the considerable Government approvals upon which the construction work is dependent.

The delay to our original programme for the development is now more than 4 years – arising primarily from substantial additional approval requirements, the need to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and, more recently, major redesign work arising from the discovery of the protected species amphioxus.

By the end of 2016, the majority of the technical submissions had been prepared and submitted to various Government Departments for their review. The general response from Government on the technical details of the scheme was favourable; but in 2017 we were advised that more work was needed to verify the robustness of the design of the new sea wall and the impact on the environment. This necessitated the preparation of an EIA report, which is a major piece of work requiring specialist input, to respond to a Project Brief prepared by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This work has been ongoing for the last three

years and included an ecological survey of the seabed, which found the presence of amphioxus.

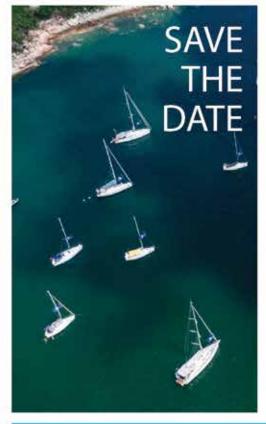
Amphioxus is a small lancelet-type fish, growing up to 5 cm in length, which lives in shallow sand habitats and is a protected species in Hong Kong, China and Japan. Because it was present in the work site, there was a requirement for mitigation measures to be presented to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). An alternative piled deck design was prepared, and submitted to AFCD in May 2021. Since then, the new design has been subject to detailed scrutiny by AFCD and EPD, and was found to be acceptable at the beginning of this year.

I am now pleased to advise members that the revised, 600-page EIA report is now being finalised, and is scheduled for submission to EPD in May 2022. This will then initiate the statutory process for approval of the EIA, which is provisionally scheduled for November 2022. Following this, it will be necessary to prepare and submit a formal planning application for the development.

In conclusion, the Development Committee wish to assure members that we will continue to expedite the approval process within the constraints laid down by the Government. It is planned to hold a Town Hall Meeting later this year, to provide a further update on all aspects of the development proposals.

Barry Hill Chairman Development Committee

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BENETEAU CUP - HONG KONG 2022

Beneteau Cup Hong Kong is back in 2022!

Reserve the date in your nautical calendars for the second edition of this flagship sailing event.

Beneteau Cup Hong Kong welcomes all Beneteau Sailboat owners to join!

Expect fun island racing, great prizes, gala dinner and an epic farewell sunset party!

Full details coming soon.

Event Partner and Host: Aberdeen Boat Club

Venue: Middle Island





Register your interest at www.beneteaucuphk.com



WASZP SAILING PATHWAY

Aberdeen Boat Club's Foiling Programme

By Richard Knight

We are excited to see more and more members getting their first flight experience with us so we thought we would profile this new programme again.

To get started sailors will need to have experience and be comfortable sailing a planning asymmetric spinnaker dinghy as this is a good starting point for handling this foiling craft. It is also an advantage to have had single handed Laser sailing experience to give you the mainsheet and small boat tacking and gybing experience.

Our foiling sessions start with 1:1 coaching sessions and with the right conditions you should flying in the first session. It normally takes 3 to 4 sessions to get through the first 2 levels of the pathway.

Once you are hooked you can then consider investing in your own craft. We can also offer intermediate and race training. In total we have four levels of Waszp training available.

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

If you would like more details you can visit the webpage

https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/waszp or contact Daniel headracecoach@abclubhk.com

AB	C Foiling Pathway
	Rigging and Safety
	Launching
	Capsize and recovery
Level 1	Tack
Start Foiling	Short flight
	Landing
	Derigging
	Sustain flight
	Foiling upwind
Level 2	Introduction to the trim control
Sustained flight	line
	Sailing between the marks
	Sailing downwind
	Race mode Flight on both tacks
	Foiling around the course
Level 3	Using trim controls around the course
Race Intro	Starting techniques
	Understanding the apparent wind angles
	Foiling Tack
	Foiling Gybe
Level 4	Starting
Foil Racer	Sailing the course and finishing
	the race
	Optimizing VMG





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We should have been looking forward to a busy Spring, including the Easter school holiday programme for Junior and Youth sailors, but alas the COVID wave strikes again. At the time of writing, daily case numbers are still rising, and sadly we don't have any indication as to when we might be able to get back on the water. In the meantime, we thought it would be timely to provide an update on what has been happening lately.

New Dinghies



The Club continues to invest in the watersports programme, and many of you may have noticed the addition of three Quest dinghies in Autumn last year. This brings our fleet to nine boats. Six of these are capable of using symmetric or asymmetric spinnakers, and adding trapeze for the crew. Given the various setups, this means we can run any course from the Hong Kong Sailing Federation Scheme.

The phased replacement of the 20-year-old Pico dinghies continues with the more modern Zest dinghy. The Club has already introduced six of these at Middle Island and we had six more on

order, one of which was delivered in January. The disruption of global supply chains has delayed production, which means the next five will not arrive until July or August. In the meantime we will keep the Picos going that bit longer!

New RIB

As part of the increased demand for training and coaching, the Club also invested in a new RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) to increase the capacity and reliability of our operations. This new RIB was also impacted by COVID related slowdowns, but it finally arrived in January and was commissioned shortly afterwards. This RIB is manufactured by XS RIBs in the UK. This is the same builder that made Tornado RIBs, before production was moved to China. This brings the total number of RIBs owned



by the Club to nine. However, the Club's two aged AVON RIBs, ABC 15 & 16, have a limited number of operational days left in them, so it is more likely it will end up being a replacement for one of these. At 5.4m long with a 60hp Mercury engine and 7-person capacity, the new XS RIB appears to tick all the boxes. We look forward to putting it to operational use once we re-open.



New Kayaks

The Club has ordered six kayaks, three of which will be replacements and three will be additions to the fleet. The kayaks are the Feelfree brand, similar to the blue kayaks that have been long serving at ABC Middle Island. The good news is that manufacturer has stock, and they are expected to arrive in two months' time. Bring on the summer!

Sale of the 2000 dinghies

As advertised last month, the (Laser) 2000 dinghies were up for sale and four ABC members expressed their interest in purchasing them. At the time of writing, we are going through the stages to complete this process, and hopefully the members will soon be out sailing their dinghies.

Middle Island Classroom

Just before Chinese New Year, the Middle Island Classroom – which also functions as an office and sail storage area – had a mini make over, specifically the floor. Since this required us to completely empty the room, we also took the opportunity for a major spring clean in the classroom, and outside in the storage area. This is still an ongoing project, but it is the perfect time to



get on with it. Although some of the changes may not be noticeable, it was well needed as our fleets have grown and we have more equipment to keep them going.



Slipway Cleaning

Given the difficulties in shipping over the past two years, the Club's normal supply of environmental slipway cleaning product was no longer available. In the meantime, we have continued to keep the slipway clear by using the high-pressure washer. Unfortunately, this is not ideal for the slipway as it increases the erosion of the concrete of the slipway, and is a time-consuming way to work.

We are now in the trial phase of a new product that is produced with all-natural ingredients and is fully biodegradable. An Italian made product used in marinas in Europe, called Zero S.F. 120, is now being trialed. Their most popular products

in Hong Kong are floor cleaners, particularly for pet owners as the product is not harmful should the pets decide to walk on or lick the floor immediately after cleaning!

We hope that this product will make it easier to keep the slipway clear and

help us reduce the amount to time the pressure washer is needed. We will still be at the mercy of the tides, as we can't clean the slipway while it is underwater!

ABC Pontoon Labels 2022



A reminder to all boating members: in order to use the club pontoons, you will need to have an ABC Pontoon label for 2022 – Green for this year. While a large number of members have already renewed their labels, there are still some boats using the club pontoons on a regular basis who need to renew for 2022. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated as this system was introduced last year by the Marine & Sailing Committee in 2021, to ensure fair access for all ABC member boat owners from Tenders to Superyachts. The application form can be downloaded off the ABC Club website – Marine/ Pontoon:

https://www.abclubhk.com//Pontoon.aspx

Tender Pontoon Parking Area – East end of the Main Club pontoon – next to the HK Marine Police Base.

A reminder that all Tenders who use this section of the pontoon must have 2022 pontoon label

(green), and sign in when they arrive. A number of members are failing to do this; thank you to those who are. A reminder below of a few requirements.

Berthing times & Sign In:

- Members to enter name, membership number and arrival time in a record schedule, on a clipboard in the white box on the pontoon.
- Tender berthing area limited to small boats (tenders) of up to 4m LOA.
- ABC Pontoon label 2022 version required.
- Berthing only Mondays to Fridays.
- From 06:00 to 18:00.
- Three hours max per stay only.
- No berthing Weekends and Public Holidays.
- After 18:00 to 06:00, no restrictions all week and weekends in the marked space.
 This space must be cleared, especially at weekends, by 06:00.

Commercial Vessel Charters

All members are again reminded that running a commercial business – including the chartering of private/commercial vessels for activities and profit, and operating through the Club is strictly forbidden. All members are reminded that this contravenes the ABC Bye Laws and the Club Mooring Agreement, if a boat also currently resides on a Club mooring.

Both the Club's Bye Laws and the ABC Club Mooring Agreement are very clear on this matter. If commercial business activities are found to be operating through the Club, then appropriate action will be taken against those concerned, who continue to ignore the Club rules. ABC is bound by its Private Recreational Government Lease, in which any commercial activity on the Club premises, including the pontoons at Main Club, Middle Island or the Club moorings is strictly forbidden. Your understanding and compliance is greatly appreciated, as any breech of these rules places both the Club and the leasing of the Club moorings from the HK Marine Department at risk.



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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

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ABC Marine Typhoon PREPARATIONS

The ABC Marine Office would like to take this opportunity to remind you to make the necessary typhoon preparations ahead of the 2022 storm season here in HK, such as inspecting your mooring lines, swivels and shackles. These should be replaced, if required, as part of your regular repair and maintenance of your vessel on a mooring.

However it has been brought to our attention that some boats are not currently using the correct equipment on club moorings, especially for those boats on open water swing moorings.

There should be a galvanised shackle attached to the ring on the top of the buoy, then the swivel, then another shackle onto your mooring lines, which should have a metal thimble. Some moorings have the swivel attached directly to the ring on top of the buoy, which is not correct and results in wear/stress. There have been boats lost off moorings in past typhoons due to this incorrect practice.

All components in system should be galvanised – not stainless steel, which becomes brittle over time when exposed to the marine environment:

The correct method of attachment to a mooring buoy is, for example: buoy ring – shackle – swivel – shackle to the mooring lines, with a metal thimble to prevent wear and tear on a particular spot. This allows movement of all of the components in the mooring system, which absorbs excessive energy. Please see the example picture.

Please note that the shackles should also be wired through the pin and shackle body to prevent the pin becoming unwound when under load. Please do not use plastic cable ties, to protect the marine environment.



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Some other important reminders

- Ensure that your vessel has sufficient fenders on both sides of the vessel if moored in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter (TYS). Powerboats which have high freeboards should have fenders at both at deck and water level, to prevent contact with other vessels.
- Place extra storm mooring lines with suitable chaff protection through the fairleads on the deck of your vessel. You will require extra lines on to your mooring buoys, fore and aft – if in the Aberdeen TYS. Top tip – use washing up liquid to provide some lubricant through the fairleads.
- All loose equipment such as tenders, paddle boards or other loose equipment or belongings etc are securely tied down or stowed below. During a storm these will be blown away causing damage to either your vessel or others in the vicinity.
- All sails on yachts should be secure
 with extra lines over the main sail cover or
 remove it entirely. Boats with furling jibs
 should also drop the sail and stow below
 especially if on an open water mooring
 which is more exposed to the weather. If a
 furling jib becomes loose during the storm,
 it will flog in the wind and potentially put
 the yachts mast and rig at risk, due to the
 excessive stress.

- Yachts should place halyards forward to act as additional security for the rig. If secured to the base of the mast, they will hit the rig and chafe in the high winds.
- All hatches and openings in the hull are closed securely and are watertight.
- Make sure all cockpit and deck gunnels are clear to allow excessive water to drain.
- Once the T3 is hoisted all club ferry and club sampan service will be suspended until the T3 is lowered.
- If you have any additional questions with your vessel Typhoon preparations – please contact Alex: Marine Services Manager in the ABC Marine & Sailing Office.

IMPORTANT:

For club moorings in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, please <u>DO NOT</u> tie your mooring buoy(S) with an adjacent mooring. This puts additional load and stress onto your mooring system. The buoys need to be able to move to absorb the energy when the wind or sea state is high.

Super Typhoons and large Tropical Storms are nothing new, as history does in fact repeat itself, which is outlined in the following 1988 Horizons archive article on next page. Unfortunately, with the increase in global warming, large intense Typhoons and Tropical Storms are going to become more frequent, intense and powerful in their nature in the South China Sea and the Pacific ... so ignore typhoon preparations for your own vessel at your peril!



Typhoons

n the twenty-one years of the ABC's history, almost every summer has brought tropical cyclones of various levels of intensity. Most have blown through or passed close by without causing too much disruption or mishap but there have been a few typhoons that are not easily forgotten: "Rose" in 1971, "Hope" in 1979 and "Ellen" in 1983. Typhoons on the scale of these three grand ladies are fortunately rare and most boat owners and Club members treat these events with a mixture of caution and as an excuse for a party!

In keeping with the tradition of the ABC the original Nissen hut clubhouse was, either by choice or coincidence, almost typhoonproof; the clubhouse may have been but not the old outhouse which blew down during Rose. Afloat, there have been more problems and the first floating clubhouse (the former HK Water Ski Association clubhouse) sank without trace in Deep Water Bay during Rose.

As time progressed, the construction of the Shum Wan sea walls and the allocation of moorings within the typhoon shelter greatly helped to reduce casualties during storms. It certainly contributed to the peace of mind of all the boaties and helped the Club income at the same time. However, as we were to find out later, no matter how circumspect man may think he is, nature finds a way of showing she still maintains the upper hand.

The present clubhouse opened in 1980 and has so far withstood the effect of all tropical cyclones affecting Hong Kong





over the past eight years without major damage. Whether another cyclone of high wind speeds will damage the redeveloped Club as it is now fitted with new enlarged plate glass windows and sliding doors remains to be seen. When first built, the clubhouse had folding doors and small window panes and these withstood all that Ellen could deliver in September 1983, but of course we must remember that the surface area was smaller and the fittings were less sophisticated than our current building.

Between 1967 and 1980 Shum Wan Bay was severely affected by four major typhoons and boat damage was scattered and various. Club members were then mooring their craft in separate locations and the individual



experiences are too numerous to detail here. Since the Club opened its new clubhouse in 1980, the only major typhoon has been Ellen in September 1983. She was truly catastrophic for many of our boat-owners.

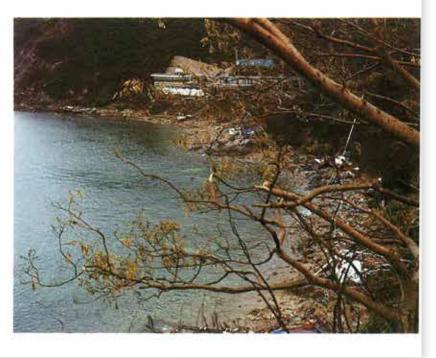
In Deep Water Bay, well over 50% of the boats were lost. The only ones which stayed on the moorings were the Yamahas, and even then the majority suffered some damage. One Yamaha 26 was knocked about to such an extent that glass from a mirror in the cabin was found in the battery compartment at the rear! They were the lucky ones. Many boats were crushed on the rocks at Middle Island or washed onto the Hong Kong Country Club foreshore and wrecked beyond recovery. By the time the owners could get to them the looters had already been at work and had stripped many of the boats of anything valuable.

John Laine's Seabird went down at her mooring as did a Taipan which went down in the middle of Deep Water Bay with only her mast head visible at low water mark. She became a well-known shipping hazard until she was recovered.

In Tai Tam Bay, the force of the storm made *Arawa* drag on her mooring for about 70 yards. She collided with just about every other boat moored in the bay. She finally settled with her decks about three inches above the waterline!

However, it was in the typhoon shelter that Ellen wreaked most damage. The forces of nature won the day and







Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter



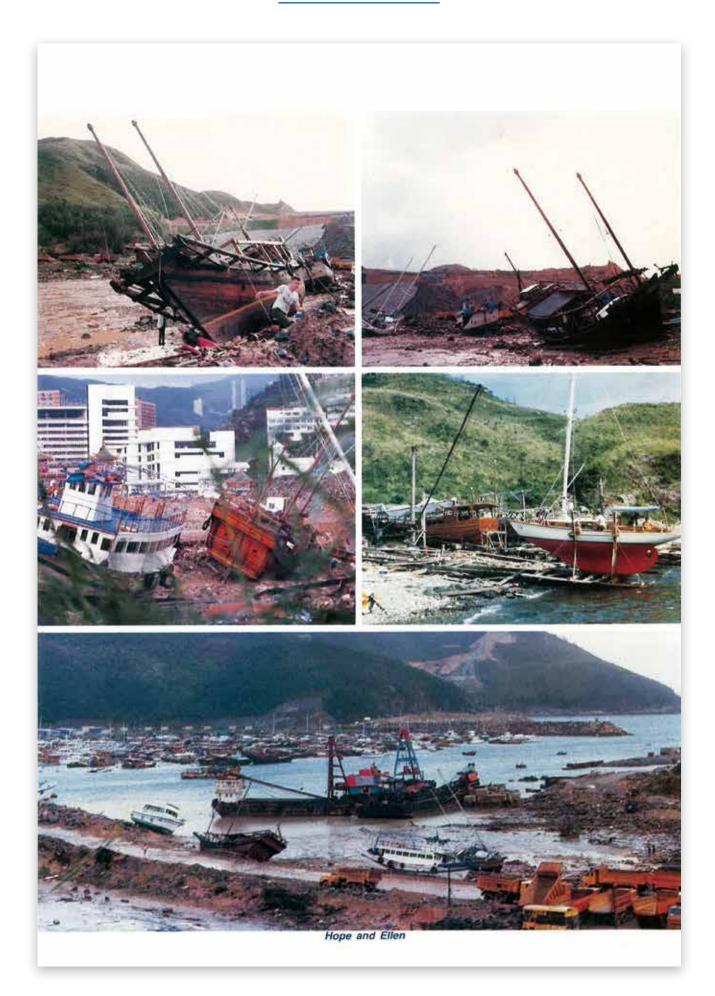
a 200 metre section of the Eastern sea wall was washed away allowing the enormous waves caused by the storm to roll through the typhoon shelter and take everything in their path. At the time of the typhoon, a new road was being constructed to Ocean Park and there were giant boulders along the sea wall weighing several tons. The force of the wind and waves was enough to lift these rocks and throw them in the air to a height of 50-60 feet!

The night-long storm caused launches, junks and fishing ves-

sels to smash into each other and by daylight a scene of utter carnage was apparent. Virtually all the boats that had been on the fairway side of the moorings had disappeared or were nothing more than wrecks half submerged in the water. The Club manager lost his cabin cruiser and it was not found until several months later when the Jumbo Floating Restaurant was being moved for servicing. The cabin cruiser was firmly lodged underneath it, together with several other craft. By this time the insurance company had already paid up. Even during a

storm of Ellen's magnitude the clubhouse received only minor damage and the Aberdeen Marina next door fared even better. All the boats on their moorings survived without problem due to the construction of the pontoons.

In the five years since Typhoon Ellen, we have seen typhoons heading towards Hong Kong but each one has bypassed the area by enough margin to leave us unscathed. Such respite is always enjoyable but one unfortunate result is the relaxation of preparedness by all members of the public, including boat-owners.





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



Part A (Master)

Dates : 21, 22 April 2022; 18, 19 August 2022; 3, 4 November 2022

Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Syllabus : Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire &

gas precautions.

Cost : HK\$2,200 for member/person/course. HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates : 28, 29 April 2022; 25, 26 August 2022; 10, 11 November 2022

Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Syllabus : Engine general construction, Diesel & Petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, Lubrication,

cooling & pumps, transmission systems, operation & maintenance, fire & gas precautions.

Cost : HK\$2,200 for member/person/course. HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.

Notes:

- 1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the H.K. Marine Dept. after completion of the course. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
- 2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
- 3. Examinations are normally held on selected Thursdays, you may register your exams. to the Marine Dept. by post or in person. Document required for the examination application:- a ready examination application form, one photo, a copy of your identity document, Eye-sight exam. Report from a registered doctor or Part I or Part II Registered Optometrist., examination fee HK\$1,255, cheque payable to "The "Government of the HKSAR" (Candidate must take both Part A (master) & Part B (engineer) exam together in the first attempt). There will be a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 20 students/ course. If there is insufficient support for a course, that course will be cancelled and those already enrolled will be informed accordingly. Members who responded to the initial inquiry and whose names are held on file will be given priority.
- 4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
- 5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by email mbs@abclubhk.com or by post or hand to the Admin Office of the Club.
- 6. Website information for apply the exam. in the Marine Dept.

Website for Exam Date: https://www.mardep.gov.hk/e_files/en/pub_services/npvo2.html

(Please book your exams. earlier, the suggest exam. date is 6-8 weeks from the date the 1st part of the course is attended.)

Examination Application: https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf

 $Eyesight\ Exam.\ Report:\ https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md687.pdf$

Online application: https://ebs.mardep.gov.hk/en/services_seafarer_examination_services.php

The address of the Marine Dept.: Seafarers' Certification Section

Marine Department, 3/F Harbour Building,

38 Pier Road, Central, HK.

Telephone: 2852 4941 Fax: 2541 6754



Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses Application form

Part A (Master)				
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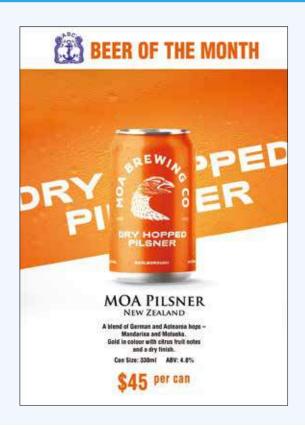


Receiving 5% discount

For all takeaway orders, extra box charges will be waived during the evening dine-in ban period



Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - March





Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - April











Saturday, 12 March • 12noon onwards

HK\$299 for adults

HK\$199 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$239 for senior citizens

Add HK\$149 for 2-hour free-flow of wines and beers.



We are bringing back the USDA Premium "Wang Gal Bi" Beef on BBQ (limited to 1 serving per adult) with a wide range of Korean delicacies!

These dishes will be complemented by the Tokyo Ramen Station.

And if that's not enough, choose from an abundance of fine Korean & Japanese savoury dishes!





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Not only is Mediterranean cuisine famously healthy, with its high proportion of healthy fats.

It's also highly regarded worldwide for being a delectable cuisine,
as you'll discover this evening! Join us, to enjoy an expansive array of appetizers, salads,
fresh grilled seafoods, meats and poultry, infused with Mediterranean herbs and cooking style.
Especially if you're a gourmet with a passion for wellness, this is not to be missed!







Delhi - Chennai Curry Lunch

- Saturday, 9 April
- 12noon onwards
- The Galley & The Patio

Once again, our chefs have scoured recipes from southern India, to create a mouth-watering range of authentic, savo aury delights. Plus there will be a roti canai & dosa station, with our perennially popular, extra-long buffet spread!

HK\$277 for adults,

HK\$177 for children aged 3-12 years.

HK\$227 for senior citizens



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ocktails & Mocktails of the Month

1. Mexican

Tequila, Sugar, Jalapeno, Basil, Lime Juice **\$60** (alcoholic) **\$55** (non-alcoholic)

2. Michelada

Bloody Merry, Mexican Beer \$55 (alcoholic) \$45 (non-alcoholic)

3. Fruit Picante

Non-alcohol gin, Syrup, Lime Juice, Bitter, Chomay, Tajine, Sugar, Mango \$60 (alcoholic) \$55 (non-alcoholic)

4. Agua de Jamaica (Hibiscus Ice-Tea)

Tea, Sugar, Lemon Zest, Rum **\$45** (alcoholic) **\$40** (non-alcoholic)



1. Lemonade Spritzer

Pineapple Juice, Lemon Juice, Honey, Lemon, Soda, Gin \$55 (alcoholic) \$40 (non-alcoholic)

2. Gin Sour

Lemon Juice, Egg White **\$60** (alcoholic) **\$50** (non-alcoholic)

3. Ouzini

\$60 (alcoholic) **\$50** (non-alcoholic)

4. Mint Surprise

Mint Green Tea, Mint Leaves, Maple Syrup, Cucumber, Limes, Tonic Water \$50 (alcoholic) \$45 (non-alcoholic)



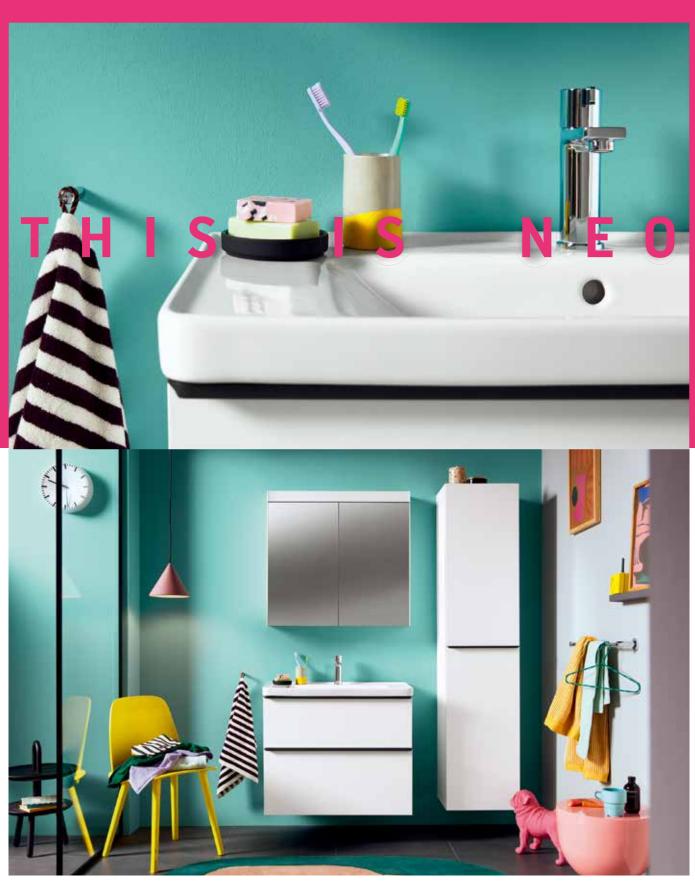
Home Wine Delivery March 2022

SPARKLING		Bottle \$	Qty	Amount	
opff Cremant D'Alsace Cuvee Julien Brut N.V., Alsace, France ry and elegant Crémant, showing hints of quince and white flowers, fine bubbles with good length and weight.		HK \$160			
Alta Alella Mirgin Cava Reserva Rose 2018, Barcelona, Spain Fresh, light and clean aromas of citrus, peach and wood smoke lead to a crisp palate. Smoky orange and tangerine flavors finish with latent toast, hard spice and spent yeast notes.		HK \$165			
WHITE WINE			Qty	Amount	
Dopff au Moulin Gewurztraminer 2019, Alsace, France Expression of spice and candied fruits with a full, fleshy and ripe fruit palate balanced by freshness giving great length.					
Made from vines growing between the communes of Lugny and Viré, this wine is	Jean Loron Macon Villages "Chateau de Mirande" Blanc 2020, Burgundy, France Made from vines growing between the communes of Lugny and Viré, this wine is a perfect balance of roundness and intensity. Suffused with spicy, floral and fruity notes that linger pleasantly to the finish.				
Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt RK Riesling Trocken QbA 2018, Mosel, Germany It is a golden dry Riesling with yellow-flesh fruit aromas mainly evoking peach and apricot, as well as stimulating redcurrant and blackcurrant scents. The taste is well-balanced, fruity and supple with a fine minerality and an invigorating finish.		HK \$150			
Fabio Oberto Roero Arneis 2018, Pidemont, Italy The nose presents lemon, pineapple, peach and apricot notes with floral hints. On the palate, it is fresh, full-bodied, with mineral notes and a persistent finish.		HK \$115			
RED WINE		Bottle \$	Qty	Amount	
Vina Cobos Felino Malbec 2019/20, Mendoza, Argentina Ruby red and violet tones, delights the nose with tones of fresh red fruit. The palate is broad and fruity, with notes of strawberry, cassis and plum. Malbec denied by its round tannins and good concentration.					
Mano a Mano Venta La Ossa 2017, Castilla, Spain This wine combines fruit and floral aromas, and it has a very marked balsamic and mineral sensation that makes it a fresh, complex, elegant and unique wine. On the palate, it is round, tasty and long, leaving a balsamic and floral after taste, making it a very pleasant wine to drink. Jean Loron St Amour - Domaine Des Billards 2019, Beaujolais, France In the glass, an intense and dense garnet red color characterizes this solar vintage. The aromas of small red fruits combined with a spicy note of chocolate is unveiled quickly. In the mouth, the attack is round and supple, then a generous structure with beautiful melted tannins persists for a long time. The pleasant finish offers notes of strawberries and raspberries.		HK \$220			
		HK \$165			
Chateau de Caraguilhes "Tian Ran" Rouge 2020, Languedoc, France (organic) This wine, produced with 100% Cinsault grapes, is made in the Natural wine philosophy. The colour is delicate with hints of violet. The nose shows intense notes of thyme and rosemary, opening up a little more to produce more subtle aromas of peony and raspberry. The palate is delicate, fruity and generous at the same time.		HK \$180			
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Home Wine Delivery April 2022

SPARKLING		Bottle \$	Qty	Amount	
Roger Goulart Cava Rose Brut 2019, Spain With more than 15 months of ageing, the nose is powerfully strong, with hints of red fruits and a powerful meaty background of gumdrops and red liquorice. In mouth it displays strength, freshness and a light sickly-sweet touch, a quite lively yet elegant and highly refreshing acidity, as well as a potent red fruit bouquet and a fairly consistent finish.		HK \$180			
Loredan Gasparini Prosecco Superiore Asolo D.O.C.G. N.V., Venegazzu del Montello, Italy The bouquet is citrus notes, and fresh white flowers; very elegant, fruity aromas supported by a mine note. The palate is dry and well structure, very persistent on the finish.	ral	HK \$160			
WHITE WINE		Bottle \$	Qty	Amount	
Bodegas Benegas "Clara Benegas" Chardonnay 2019, Mendoza, Argentina Elegant notes of peach, pineapple and white flowers. Great body and structure. The entry into the mouth is refreshing, exhibiting a delicate structure in the middle of the mouth. Lo finish of balanced acidity.	ng	HK \$145			
Tyrrell's Hunter Valley Semillon 2020/21, Hunter Valley, Australia The nose is clean with a hint of lemon richness, the palate continues with fresh citrus and concentrated grapefruit flavours. The finish is pleasing with a balance of fruit and soft acid.		HK \$195			
Alta Alella PB (Pansa Blanca) 2020, Barcelona, Spain Very intense nose, Floral notes and aromas of green fruits predominate with a background of green almond, fennel and ripe lemon. Voluminous with a sweetish entry on the palate, recalling the fruitiness with a saline point. Good acidity and a lingering aftertaste.		HK \$130			
Collavini Collio Pinot Grigio 2020, Friuli, Italy The nose offers flowery and characteristic sensations with hints of citrus fruits. In the mouth it is well balanced, silky and savoury and elegance is the main feature.		HK \$180			
RED WINE		Bottle \$	Qty	Amount	
Bodegas Benegas "Juan Benegas" Malbec 2019, Mendoza, Argentina Fresh red fruit, such as strawberries and plums, is the first olfactory sensation that this wine preser us. Then, typical spicy notes of the First Zone of Mendoza and the characteristic floral notes of the U Valley are discovered. The short stint in the barrel gives it vanilla and caramel. Consistent wine at the entrance, the evolution of sweet and ripe tannins that accompany the fresh fr stand out in the middle of the mouth, giving it a delicate and smooth volume, with balanced acidity a medium persistence.	co uit	HK \$145			
Atalayas de Golban "Viridiana" Tempranillo 2018, Ribera del Duero, Spain Bouquet recalling forest fruits interwoven with spicy notes. On the palate, it is a light and fresh wine with a wide range of tastes of red fruits and a smooth mid-palate. It is a young, lively and easy-drinking wine.		HK \$135			
Vina Cobos Felino Cabernet Sauvignon 2020, Mendoza, Argentina On the nose, the aromas of forest fruits are complemented by spicy notes. The flavours on the pala are round and concentrated, supported by firm tannins that indicate maturity and balance.	ate	HK \$165			
Tyrrell's Hunter Valley Shiraz 2019, Hunter Valley, Australia Vibrant purple colour, with a lifted nose showing bright red fruits and confectionary spice. The palate medium bodied with good depth of flavour yet still lively and fresh. Soft, savoury tannins and a crunc acidity adds to the wines complexity.		HK \$195			
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