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Regatta 2022





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Sat 5				COA Double Handed Challenge
Sun 6			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 3	
Sat 12				HHYC Monsoon Series D2
Sun 13		ABC Waglan Series 3 & 4		
Sat 19				RHKYC Around the Island Race
Sun 20				
Sat 26				RHKYC Lipton Trophy / HHYC Winter Monsoon Series D3
Sun 27		ABC Waglan Series 5		
December 2022				
Sat 3			ABC Southside Regatta	HHYC Winter Monsoon Series D4
Sun 4			ABC Southside Regatta	
Fri 9				RHKYC CR2 - Coastal Race
Sat 10				RHKYC CR2 - Coastal Race / HHYC Winter Monsoon Series Final / COA Christmas Cup
Sun 11		ABC Waglan Series 6		
Sat 17				HHYC Christmas Rally
Sun 18			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 4	RHKYC YMC Alma Mater Race
Sun 25	Christmas Day			
Mon 26	Boxing Day			
Tue 27	Second Day following Christmas Day			
January 2023				
Sun 1	New Year's Day			
Mon 2				RHKYC 69F Foiling Week (2 to 12 Jan)
Sat 7				RHKYC HKRNV / COA New Year Speed Cruise
Sat 14				HHYC Kowloon Cup
Sun 15		ABC Waglan Series 7		HHYC Kowloon Cup
Sat 21	Chinese New Year			
Sun 22				COA CNY Macau Race
Mon 23	Chinese New Year Second Day			COA CNY Macau Race
Tue 24	Chinese New Year Third Day			COA CNY Macau Race
February 2023				
Sat 4		ABC Four Peaks Race		RHKYC CR3 - Coastal Race (short)
Sun 5		ABC Four Peaks Race		
Sun 12		ABC Valentines Race & Ladies Helm		
Sat 18			RHKYC Hong Kong Race Week - 14 to 19 Feb	
Sat 25				HHYC Monsoon Spring D1
Sun 26		ABC Waglan Series 8 & 9		



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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore

TAO Miao (豆苗) the Herald of the Festive Season.

[C.J. Pooley—2022]



With pleasing coincidence, HK's finest vegetable comes into to Season to match HK's best weather and most active social Season and remains available until its finish at CNY. A group of us enjoyed the first taste on Po Toi last week in splendid weather courtesy of ABC's junk. What could be a better start to the Festive and culinary pleasures to come over the next two months? And where better to enjoy those occasions than within ABC and its neighbouring waters? Blessings indeed. Junk bookings can be made with Cobo, but do plan ahead, dates evaporate rapidly!

By the time this edition reaches readers younger members will have had a scary start to those events on our famed Halloween night. That same weekend will feature this year's Beneteau Cup Regatta and the showcase party on MI, ABC being the proud partner for Beneteau's Asian flagship event. The detailed report and photos will appear in the January Edition of Horizons.

Last month's newsletter mentioned the, then, upcoming Opening Regatta and first

Waglan Race which, given the well-established NE Monsoon, got the Sailing Season off to a cracking start. For details, and photos, see David Robinson's article in the following pages. Much more sailing to come during [and beyond] the next two months including:- four more Waglan Races with No.6 on 11th December culminating in the 'not to be missed' Commodore's Drinks on MI; and ABC's Premier Dinghy Regatta the 'Southside' over the weekend of 3rd-4th December---volunteer assistants welcome. Incidentally ABC's RYA Approved Power Boat Course qualifies graduates to assist on RIB helming duties. As for the weather, what a welcome change from the sweltering heat of the long summer months, with much more of the same to come and enjoyment for all whether on the water or just lounging and gorging on ABC's 'Tropical Isle'.

November will see the entry into service of the two new Catamarans described in the last Edition, with a Naming Ceremony on a date to be announced by E mail. The same applies to the host of Festive FnB and function events with dates outlined in this Edition, again early bookings are advisable.

On a less pleasing note, it has become clear that ABC's operations are beginning to feel the pinch of inflationary pressures reinforcing the need for good husbandry in all cost areas and the avoidance of unnecessary or wasteful expenditure. ABC's Managers are of course up to the task, and members will not suffer any impairment of the Festive fun to come.

With that in mind I wish all members, in particular new joiners, the full enjoyment of all the Club has to offer----ashore and afloat----during the Festive Season.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

DEAR MEMBERS,

At the time I'm writing this short letter, we are gearing up for Halloween and preparing for the big festive season ahead. One thing that can be said is that my team did not hold back on the Halloween decorations. As I was coming back from a long leave mid-October, I could see the Club already looking creepy – with dead bodies all over, stains on the walls, graffiti on the steps and spider webs hanging from the chandeliers and ceiling. I thought to myself, "I haven't been gone for that long, have I?" Anyway, that reflect the comments I received from some members complimenting the enthusiasm of our management team while I was away. So maybe, to do the Club a service, I should go on holiday more often.

FESTIVE SEASON

The Christmas brochure should follow this issue of *Horizons* shortly, so get yourself ready to book your events, as even before we have it printed bookings are coming in. The usual Santa's visit special lunch during December, extensive take away orders, bubbly specials and Christmas celebration days will be available.

Please book in advance, as it is always popular: **the Commodore Drinks on Middle Island on 11 December** will start right after the Waglan race number 6, that is to say around 3pm, depending on the wind. To be able to prepare enough mulled wine, turkey and minced pies, it is essential that we have an approximative number of guests.

As for New Year's Eve, we present to you this year a Round The World Glam and Glitz Pop, Fizz and Clink night! The main costume theme is "80s Boogie Wonderland". We will honour New Year's traditions and times from other countries by hosting an 'Around the World' party that highlights

how other cultures ring in the New Year. So get your wigs, platform shoes and glittering outfits for our yearly Club big bang event.

NOTICE OF AGM <https://www.abclubhk.com//AGM2021.aspx>

Once again, the Annual General Meeting will be held, on Tuesday 29 November at 7:00pm in the Harbour Room. Please be reminded that end of business hours on Monday 31 October was the deadline to receive all nominations for General Committee Members election. By 7 November, you should have received all final documents for the AGM, including regarding a proxy if you cannot attend.

NEW BOATS

The long awaited, two new work/passenger boats we had built in Croatia will finally be commissioned, and hopefully licensed by MARDEP this November, before starting operations. They will provide comfortable and fast transit to Middle Island, and are part of the modernisation of our fleet that started with *Shum Fung*. The plan is to have scheduled pick-ups from Repulse Bay and VRC for one of them, while the other will have Club work duties and take members from the main clubhouse to Middle Island. The old *Invicta* is now retired, and soon the not younger *Cheoy Lee* will follow suit.

The next step in this fleet modernisation plan will be the replacement of *ABC 5*. This is the little tender we use in the harbour to take you to your boat and back. That little tender has been with us for over 40 years, and was used "in the good old days" as dinghy race committee boat. It has served the Club well, but as for all of us one day, it is time for retirement.

SOCCER WORLD CUP

On Sunday 18 December, the Club will broadcast the World Cup Final from 9:30pm to 1:30am.

This will take place in Harbour Room, with 2 screens, 4 hours free flow of wine, beer and soft drinks with nibbles at HK\$298 per ahead. Please book your seats now, as we have a maximum of 80 spaces permitted.

Lastly, let me on behalf of the entire ABC team wish you all a fantastic festive season and a wonderful 2023 New Year, with no more Covid nonsense coming out of my emails.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

CLUB DEVELOPMENT TOWN HALL MEETING

Date: Saturday, 19 November 2022

Time: 11am with morning snacks

Venue: Middle Island

The Development committee invites you to a town hall meeting to give you a full update on the situation and what happened the last 2 years and the way forward. Ferries to Middle Island will start at 9:30, light refreshment will be available on site.

There will be a presentation with an onsite visual simulation of the future extend of the development plans closing with a Q&A session. You are welcome to send your question in advance so that we may be ready to give you a better answer.

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OPENING REGATTA 2022

WORDS AND PHOTOS BY FRAGRANT HARBOUR



HKPN start

Although somewhat hazy, the seasons had changed for the first day of the Aberdeen Boat Club's annual Opening Regatta 2022, this year held on Saturday, the 24th of September 2022. A 15- to 16- knot northeaster, from 65 degrees, had kicked in providing a steady breeze throughout the day.

Having observed the laying of the windward marks, the committee boat, *Shun Fung*, headed back towards the southeast corner of Lamma, where the anchor was dropped. Distance to the outer black mark for the IRC fleet was 1.2 nautical miles and 1.1 nautical miles to the yellow mark for HKPN.

With the course set up, race officer, Alex Johnston, ably assisted by Howie Suen, proceeded with the first warning signal for the IRC fleet at 1055. Approaching the line in a combined start of four IRC Division 1 and six IRC Division 2 boats, the Jeanneau 3600, *Zesst*, got shut out at the committee boat end by the J-99, *Juice*. The Mills King 40, *Witchcraft*, led IRC 1 over the line along with the Bashford 41, *Intrigue*, in IRC 2, on three laps of the first of their three windward / leeward.

Five minutes later, the combined HKPN fleet followed comprising four boats in HKPN A, and four in HKPN B. *Jibulai* in Division A and *Boss* in



Division B led off the line on the first of their two races, involving two laps of the inner course.

Unfortunately, a port starboard collision between *Arcturus* and *Gambit* saw them both retire. *Gambit* was badly severely damaged amidships and will be out of action for several months – very frustrating at the start of the sailing season, according to helmsman Gideon Mowser.

Numerous boats had problems with their kites at the leeward mark, including the X-41, *Full Tilt*, in IRC 2, which subsequently retired. *Marmalade*, a Bavaria 42, had similar problems when it got too close to the Lamma shoreline before the crew

managed to release the guys and avoid disaster. It also retired.

The IRC fleet completed three races with the competition between *Witchcraft* and the Neo Roma 43, *Next*, particularly fierce. Less than two minutes, on elapsed time, separating the two in all three races, in favour of *Witchcraft*. *Next* was leading around the top mark of the third lap in Race 2 only to be overhauled. *Witchcraft* finished with three daily doubles and *Next* three 2nd places. The J-145C, *Redeye*, notched up three 3rd places in IRC 1.

Intrigue took line honours in all three IRC 2 races, but was relegated to 2nd place in all three by Andy Pidden's *Juice*. *Zesst* finished 3rd in Race 1, followed by two 4th places while *Full Tilt* claimed 3rd on handicap in Races 2 and 3.

In HKPN, *XT* took line honours in their Race 1, finishing 2nd on corrected behind the Beneteau Oceanis 46, *Jibulai*, while the Sun Odyssey 40.3, *Scintilla*, placed 3rd. *Scintilla* beat *XT* to the line in Race 2 but, likewise, was relegated to 2nd behind *Jibulai* on handicap, with *XT* 3rd.

In HKPN B, the Beneteau Oceanis 50, *blowers daughter*, claimed both line and handicap honours in both races. The Sun Odyssey 409, *Boss*, finished 2nd and the Beneteau 43, *Five O One*, 3rd in both.

With racing over the fleets headed back to ABC's Middle Island facility to recover and plot for Sunday's Island Race.

A 10- to 11-knot easterly from 105 degrees was blowing early on Sunday, the 25th of September 2022, when *Shun Fung* dropped its hook between Round Island and Repulse Bay for Race 4 of the Opening Regatta 2022.

The long Course 19, of 23.6 nautical miles, was selected for IRC taking the fleet through the Chesterman Gate, passing Castle Rock to starboard, before an anti-clockwise rounding of Po Toi, exiting through the channel between Fury Rocks and Sung Kong, rounding Waglan Island anti-clockwise and out to TCS2 before returning to the finish at Round Island via the Chesterman Gate.

The HKPN fleet was given a shorter, 15.1-nautical-mile course (Course 22), taking them through the Chesterman Gate, around the Tai Tam Club Mark both on the way out and return, rounding Fury Rocks (s) and back to the Round Island finish.

With no windward mark laid, IRC were again first off on schedule at 1100 in a combined start involving five IRC 1 boats, joined on Sunday by Glen Smith's new Grand Soleil 44, *Wild Card*, and the five remaining IRC 2 entries, including the J-122, *Jinn*. *Next* in IRC 1 and *Intrigue* in IRC 2 were among the front-runners.

Five minutes later the four HKPN A boats and five HKPN B boats followed, including *Shun Shui* and *Easy Breezy II*, with *XT* and *Scintilla* in HKPN A, and *Shun Shui* in HKPN B amongst the leaders.



JeNa PaBe leads *blowers daughter* around the windward mark

There were considerable swells off Sung Kong where the IRC leaders *Next*, *Neo One* and *Witchcraft* met up with the HKPN leaders, *XT*, *Jibulai* and *Scintilla* rounding Fury Rocks. Having rounded the rocks and bringing up the rear in HKPN, *Five O One* encountered spinnaker and headsail issues and subsequently retired.

Conditions appeared to be easing as the fleet approached the finish. Eddy Lee's *Next* took line honours in IRC 1 but was relegated to 3rd on handicap, beaten by *Redeye* in 2nd, and winner *Witchcraft*. With four bullets *Witchcraft* claimed overall ahead of *Next* and *Redeye*.

Intrigue took line honours in IRC 2 finishing 2nd on handicap, beaten on corrected by *Juice* with *Jinn* 3rd. *Juice*, also with four bullets, took the series with *Intrigue* 2nd and *Zesst* 3rd.

The Grand Soleil 40, *XT*, claimed line honours in HKPN A to finish 2nd on handicap, just nine seconds behind *Jibulai* which, with three bullets, also claimed overall. *Scintilla* finished 3rd and 3rd overall with *XT* 2nd overall.

Boss finished 33 seconds ahead of *Shun Shui* in HKPN B, but positions were reversed on handicap. *Blowers daughter* crossed 3rd for 3rd on handicap to claim overall with *Boss* 2nd and *Five O One* 3rd overall.



Juice claims 1st overall IRC 2



Colourful finish

The prize-giving was held at Middle Island where the ABC's commodore, Chris Pooley, was on hand to present plenty of Box Steam Brewery's craft ales and other awards to the winners. A sumptuous buffet, with free flow drinks, concluded a great start to the 2022-23 sailing season.

The 22 entries were lower than hoped for but highlight the recent emigration trends of both boat owners and crew; a situation that will, hopefully, be reversed as Covid restrictions are eased.



Aurelien Lagrange
serves with a smile

SUMMER SERIES 2022

Race 6

Words & Photos By Fragrant Harbour

Last year – same race, same series – the selected course took the 24-strong fleet westwards around Cheung Chau Rock and back to Yung Shue Wan on Lamma Island. This year, the same number of boats headed southeast, finished at Castle Rock, and made their way to the (genuine) Lamma Hilton in Sok Kwu Wan for a post-race lunch and celebration. The series, despite restrictions and sailors departing Hong Kong, has maintained its popularity thanks to a simple and suitable format.

June, July and August are always hot months in Hong Kong; and July this year was, according to the Observatory, the hottest on record. Thus, when the winds are light, provisions within the Standard Sailing Instructions to shorten course are not only sensible but also contribute to the general appeal of the seven-race Summer Series.



This is what happened on 14 August, when predictions of a Force 2, maybe 3, had race officer, Alex Johnston, concerned about the slower boats missing lunch. Course 38 seemed like a good idea, but after suggestions from passing experts, Alex graciously set Course 41 for the IRC division and Course 35 for HKPN. The faster boats would round a club mark off Tai Tam Bay, while the slower boats would head directly to Castle Rock before returning to a finish off Round Island.

With a strong ebb from a high of 2.53 metres, this arrangement made a lot of sense and would allow for a shortening of both courses at Castle Rock if the wind didn't co-operate. Given that the RO chose to drop Chesterman Gate, the estimated distance for the IRC boats was a little under 12.7 nautical miles, and a little under 8.4 nautical miles for HKPN.

From the committee boat, *Hector Ross*, on loan from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the RO welcomed everyone at 10:10 and got racing underway at 10:25 in a 3.5-knot southeasterly. At the one-minute gun, *Intrigue* and *Neo One* crossed the line, clearly having got their timing wrong. The five other IRC boats got it right, and the RO recalled the two 'offenders' on Channel 72.

Next away were the 17 HKPN boats in a clear start, although there was quite a lot of bunching and *To the Moon* had problems 'rounding' the committee boat.

The four fleets made their way slowly past the Cheshire Home, but there were a lot of soft spots to contend with. Boats wallowed but, generally, kept going in the right direction while the 26-foot *Water Rabbit* showed that, when it comes to performance, a crew of eight is better than seven.



Moving quickly past Bluff Head, *Hector Ross* approached Castle Rock, where the RO decided to take stock of the situation. Astern, *Neo One* was into the Beaufort Channel (Sheung Sze Mun) but still some distance from the Tai Tam mark. The HKPN boats were way back, off Stanley Bay.

It was quite obvious that the race had to be shortened. Anchor was dropped east of Castle Rock, thereby setting the finish line. By this time (12:05), the tide was beginning to ebb, and it became evident that Johnston had made the right call.

First across the line at 12:13:54 was Francis Ma and crew on *Crystal*, followed a minute later by Thomas Wong's *Ding Dong*.

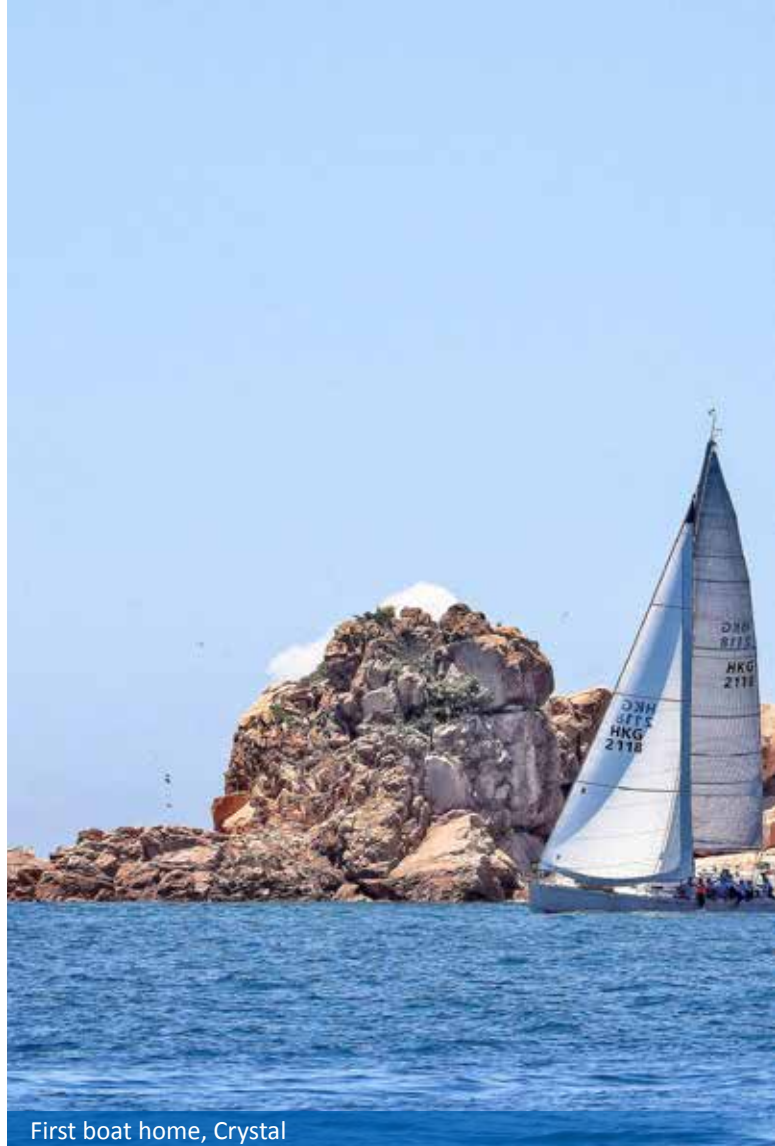
The 'dog leg' to the Tai Tam mark meant a good 30 minutes of extra time for the IRC boats. Having to do two roundings, as per the original course, would have added one, perhaps two, hours to their time in the 2-3 knots of breeze and ebbing tide.

On handicap, *Intrigue* won IRC 1, followed by *Next* and *Neo One*. *Nightshift* won IRC 2, with *Gambit* in 2nd.

In the nine-strong HKPN A Division, Ben Chong and crew did well to record a 1st on handicap, with Andy Leung's *Triple A* 2nd and *Crystal* 3rd. Having recovered well, *To the Moon* finished in an elapsed time of one hour, 46 minutes and 33 seconds to HKPN B handicap honours, followed by *Boss* and James Barker's *J-80*, *J Chi*.

Last boat home, after three hours of racing, was the Beneteau First 50, *Tipsy Easy*.

A respectable gathering of boats and crews in Sok Kwu Wan rounded off a hot but enjoyable Race 6, with Alex Johnston presenting quality wines to the division winners.



First boat home, *Crystal*



Ferried to the Lamma Hilton



JeNa PaBe, HKPN A winner



Approaching the finish, Gambit



Rhy & Rue, 5th in HKPN B





Heading for the windward mark

SUMMER SERIES 2022

Race 7

Words & Photos By Fragrant Harbour

Not a lot of wind forecast, but spirits were high among crews gathering off Middle Island for the final of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Summer Series 2022. This seven-race series provides friendly competition and convivial lunches, with an overall prize-giving following the last race at the club's Middle Island base. It's an agreeable format given the rigours of sailing during Hong Kong's hot summer months.

Race 7 of this year's series was held on 28 August. The committee boat, *Shun Fung*, back in action after repairs to its steering, dropped anchor off Middle Island in 12 metres of water. After some discussion, race officer Alex Johnston and assistant Jennifer Li decided on Course 41 (L) for both IRC divisions and Course 30 (S) for HKPN. Sai Fuk was sent off in the club's P4 sampan to lay a windward mark at 255 degrees.



The two Neos reach Castle Rock



10th in HKPN A, Momentai

Wind strength? A little light, but enough to get everyone on their way. Wind direction? From the southwest, which would allow a nice reach to Bluff Head. The finish would be off Middle Island with a provision, in the sailing instructions, to shorten at Castle Rock, if the wind died.

Johnston welcomed all boats at 10:10, announced the courses and, as always, warned everyone to stay out of the East Lamma Channel's Traffic Separation Scheme, adding that, "commercial traffic has right of way in the TSS"

At 10:30, nine IRC boats had a clear start. Gliding away from the line, they made for the windward mark with the two Neo racing machines – *Next* and *Neo One* – leading the way.

Five minutes later, the two HKPN divisions – A and B – received their starting signal. Some crossed the line, others went backwards towards Repulse Bay, *Boss*, *Sea Eagle* and *XT* among them. Very unfortunate but, through patience and

determination, all 15 HKPN entries eventually got going and inched towards the windward mark.

From there, some boats went inside Round Island, others went further out into the channel. But progress was slow until the breeze picked up off Stanley Bay and the leading IRC boats started to gather speed towards their Tai Tam club mark. So, too, did the front runners in HKPN.

Assessing the situation near Beaufort Island, the RO could see the slower boats were struggling. Far in the distance, half a dozen boats appeared to be getting very close to the TSS and a container ship was sounding its horn. So Johnston made the decision, there and then, to shorten the course and lay the finish line between the committee boat and Castle Rock. *Shun Fung* dropped anchor at 12:00 just as *Next* and *Neo One* rounded Bluff Head.



Intrigue crosses the finish



Triple A and Topsy Easy



Momentai and Triple A



Winner of HKPN A, JeNa PaBe

At about this time, the breeze veered to the southeast and started to build. HKPN A entry *Ding Dong* took full advantage, and claimed line honours at 12:07:16 ahead of the plucky J/80, *JeNa PaBe*. *Crystal* followed shortly thereafter.

Next pipped *Neo One* by two seconds, finishing at 12:22:13. On handicap, though, *Neo One* claimed 1st in IRC 1, with *Next* in 2nd and *Intrigue* 3rd. In the IRC 2 division, *Nightshift* filled top slot, *Gambit* took 2nd and *Zesst* 3rd.

HKPN A was won by *JeNa PaBe* and, in 2nd came *Ding Dong*, while *Crystal* scored a 3rd. The determined Japanese crew on *Water Rabbit* scored a deserved victory in HKPN B, ahead of *Rhy & Rue* and *Boss*.

Shun Shui was the last boat home, at 13:16:16.

After a lively sail back to Middle Island in a 12-knot southeasterly, the happy crews made their way to the bar and the celebrations began. At 16:00, commodore Chris Pooley welcomed everyone, handing over to RO Alex Johnston to announce the winners of Race 7 and the series.

Overall winner of the IRC 1 Division was a jubilant Thierry Barot and his *Intrigue* crew. Eddy Lee's *Next* placed 2nd and Stefan Fillip's *Neo One* 3rd. IRC 2 saw *Nightshift* claim series honours, with *Gambit* in 2nd and *Ocean's Five* 3rd.



IRC 1 series winner, Intrigue



IRC 2 series winner, Nightshift



Eddy Lee and crew



HKPN B winner, Water Rabbit



Not one, but two bottles



Jennifer and Alex, photobombed

Series winner in HKPN A was *Crystal*, with *Ding Dong* taking 2nd and *JeNa PaBe* 3rd. Philippe Moriau's *Rhy & Rue* was division winner for the series in HKPN B, with John Berry's *Five O One* in 2nd and Fukushima Kunihiro's *Water Rabbit* a deserved 3rd.

The passing of Typhoon Chaba saw the cancellation of Race 3 but, even with six races to count, the series lived up to its reputation. Dates for the Summer Series 2023 will be announced soon.

WAGLAN SERIES 2022 RACE 1

WORDS AND PHOTOS
BY FRAGRANT HARBOUR

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You could feel it. Autumn had arrived. Warm, not too humid and temperatures below 30 degrees – hail the Northeast Monsoon. And if you're a sailor, you will understand what 12-15 knots of breeze, luminous seas and white caps mean. Nothing could be better, and that's how it was south of Hong Kong on Sunday, the 9th of October 2022.

The committee boat, *Shun Fung*, dropped anchor off Middle Island at 1000 while race officer, Alex Johnston, and assistant race officer, Jennifer Li, discussed courses for the various fleets. Simple decision : both IRC A & B would sail Course 22 (long) and both HKPN 1 & 2 would sail Course 20 (short). Both IRC divisions would start together at 1100; both HKPN divisions would follow at 1105.

"All boats, all boats, this is the ABC committee boat, ABC committee boat. Welcome to Race 1 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Waglan Series 2022," said Johnston over the VHF. "Racing today will follow the club's new sailing instructions, issued earlier this month . . ." He went on to announce the two courses and advised all communications between competitors and race management should be on Channel 72. He also said the prize-giving would be in the Waglan Bar – a welcome reversion to pre-Covid times!



Juggerknot has an ordered start



Thierry Barot helms Intrigue



Sam Sakai helms Juice



Red Kite II returns to racing



Witchcraft and Next off Shek O

Ten minutes later, at 1050, an orange flag and gun let the 19 assembled boats know that racing was about to begin. At 1055 the countdown began for IRC and at 1100 a gun saw a lively start with *Intrigue*, *Next* and *Witchcraft* leading the fleet. *Ding Dong*, too, made its mark nearer the committee boat. All 12 boats clear and heading for the windward mark set in towards Repulse Bay.

Five minutes later four HKPN A and three HKPN B boats had a clean start with, as so often, *Water Rabbit* within touching distance of the committee boat. All clear but with a reduced breeze meant it took some time for the seven slower boats to leave the starting area. Missing from the entries was *Shun Shui* and Sunny Leung's colourful crew on *Jibulai*.

Once around Castle Rock, the faster boats sheeted in before rounding a Tai Tam mark, passing Cape d'Aguilar and riding big swells in the eastern approaches. Leaving Shek O Rock to starboard, *Witchcraft*, with Gordon Gregor and Nick Burns co-helming, led the way with Eddy Lee's *Next* in hot pursuit. It was then on to Sung Kong Island (left to port), Waglan Island (left to starboard), Po Toi and Castle Rock, before passing through the Chesterman Gate and on to the finish off Round Island.



Juggerknot approaches the Tai Tam Mark



Zesst rounds Shek O Rock



Redeye chases Intrigue at the Tai Tam Mark



Ocean's Five leads the pack



6th in IRC 2, Ocean's Five

The slower boats went through the Chesterman Gate, left Castle Rock to port, into the Beaufort Channel (Sheung Sze Mun) and on to Fury Rocks (s), back through the Po Toi Channel (Lo Chau Mun), rounding Castle Rock, through Chesterman Gate and on to the committee boat stationed off Round Island.

On board *Shung Fung*, the RO and his assistants were preparing for the finishers when suddenly the VHF crackled to life: "Committee boat, committee boat, this is *Zesst*. We have been dismasted. We are near Waglan Island and need assistance."

Johnston quickly despatched Sai Fuk in *ABC 14* to tow them out of immediate danger and radioed the maintenance staff back at the club for wire cutters.

In the meantime, *Legende II* crossed the line at 13:29:46 to claim line and handicap honours in HKPN A. Next came the plucky J-80, *JeNa PaBe*, at 13:49:59 followed by *Boss*.

The first IRC A boat home was *Next*, only to be beaten on handicap by *Witchcraft*. In 3rd was a very well sailed *Arcturus+*. In IRC B, *Intrigue* took a deserved line and handicap honours, with *Ding Dong* in 2nd and *Juggerknot* 3rd. *Zesst*, in the circumstances, and having cut away its mast, retired.

Slow but sure wins the race applied to *Water Rabbit* which claimed 1st on handicap in HKPN B, ahead of *Easy Breezy II* and Gilles Detanger's *Muxu*.

The next race in the Waglan Series, Race 2, is scheduled for Sunday, the 23rd of October 2022.



IRC 1 winner, *Witchcraft*



Tight matches, a re-spotted black, and massive pies

By Dave Hilling

On the 28 September, the Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC) invited the ABC for a night of snooker, and this was the third time the clubs have played in recent years. Both the previous matches ended in draws, with 3:3 scores, and therefore everyone knew this would be a very competitive night of snooker.

With the HKCC having two tables we were able to get two matches underway at the same time, so on table one we had Adrian Lynch for the ABC vs Kenji for HKCC. Both players had a number of very good shots early on and everything looked evenly matched, however Kenji continued to get the better run of the table. At one point there was even a cushion snooker for Adrian to negotiate, and unfortunately with some games it does not matter what you do, you can't match good fortune from your opponent. So, first blood to HKCC.

On the other table, ABC's Wayne Robinson was up against Lee from the HKCC; and this was a close match throughout with the lead changing hands multiple times. The game went all the way down to the black ball, and when Lee potted it there were congratulatory handshakes as both players thought it was all over. Then a second look at the scoreboard revealed that the scores were exactly tied, and in snooker this then requires a re-spotted black to see who pots it first. I can't actually recall the last time this happened in a competitive match for the ABC; and in this game it was Wayne who had the final composure to make it 1:1.

The next round of matches saw ABC's Tong Yun Fat vs Hugh from the HKCC; and on the other

table ABC captain Dave Hilling against Tim from the HKCC. Fat showed his consistent potting throughout and comfortably provided a solid frame win. Things were not so straightforward on the other table, with a lot of safety play and this match also going down to the black ball. This time no re-spotted black, but an unexpected miss by Tim on a tight cut on the black cost him this game, so after the singles matches it was 3:1 to the ABC.

Normally the dinner would follow, but it was decided to push on and simultaneously have both the doubles matches first, then move onto dinner. HKCC brought in their captain, Mukesh; and he must have been hungry because at his first visit to the table he made the highest break of the evening, followed by another big break on his next turn. Even Fat's and Wayne's skills were not able to claw the match back, so it was down to Dave and Adrian to try and win in their game. Unfortunately, they also came up against an inspired Kenji for their doubles match, and once the pink ball was potted there was no chance of a comeback.

Final score for the night was a very familiar 3:3, and the third draw out of three matches between the two clubs. It was time for the dinner and no one needed to worry about going hungry as there were two massive meat pies, chips and vegetables, followed by two huge rhubarb pies for dessert. The food was all excellent, but next time I will need to bring the entire ABC snooker squad along to finish the amount of food we had. The return match at the ABC will be early next year, so let us see if it will be another draw or if one team can just edge it.



2022-2023 WAGLAN SERIES

Race 1: 9 Oct

Race 2: 23 Oct

Race 3 & 4: 13 Nov

Race 5: 27 Nov

Race 6: 11 Dec



Race 7: 15 Jan

Race 8 & 9: 26 Feb

Race 10: 12 Mar

Race 11: 26 Mar

Race 12: 2 Apr

Resail: 16 Apr





SOUTHSIDE REGATTA

3 & 4 DECEMBER 2022



ENTRY DEADLINE - 28 November 2022
ENQUIRIES sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com
Notice of Race and Online entry form available at:
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NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS

The Galley
Festive Indian Cuisine
The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Autumn Dishes

DECEMBER PROMOTIONS

The Galley
Christmas Delicacies
The Four Peaks Restaurant
Christmas Delicacies



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**New Series
Starting Soon!**



Wine Tour Around the World 3.0

Priority list open to
All New ABC members
as of 2021 and 2022!

*If you can't travel (easily) to the exotic wineries to sip the wines
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**Launch date to be announced soon
to all registered wine-loving members!**

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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - November



\$33 / bottle

KINGFISHER
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Lager Beer

WINE OF THE MONTH IL BORRO

The Borro is situated in the Valdarno valley, in a wide natural basin where the famous Arno River flows, and is dominated by Pratomagno's Apennine mountain range. In origin, in the XII Century, it was a castle which was strategically built over a rock spur on a cliff (the Tuscan word "borro" in fact refers to a ravine formed in the bed of a torrent) and all this made it an unconquerable stronghold.

IL Borro Lamelle 2020/2021

- Fresh Yellow Fruits
- Mineral Notes
- Well-balanced acidity
- Good liquidity

IL Borro Pian di Nova 2018

- Round notes
- Tastes of red berry fruit
- Full bodied
- Smooth tannins

**\$360 / BOTTLE
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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - December



2022

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\$48

A taste of France

Great value wines suitable for everyday enjoyment.

Domaine Lebrun, Pouilly-Fumé 2020

Have all the character of their flinty clay soils, displaying complex aromas of citrus fruit, tropical fruit and mineral hints of gun-flint. Together with good acidity, excellent fatness and length are always to be enjoyed on the palate.

Château Peymouton, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2018

"Raspberries and blueberries, as well as herbal and earthy notes. Medium-bodied with dusty tannins. Savory and quite firm. Clean finish. Slightly lean. Wait and see." - James Suckling

\$399 per bottle / \$89 per glass



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THANKSGIVING *Sparkling* DINNER 2022

THE FOUR PEAKS
RESTAURANT

THURSDAY,
24 NOVEMBER,

7:00PM

While Thanksgiving Day is a traditional US holiday, at ABC we also make it an event to mark the beginning of the festive season with friends and family! There will be a very special menu, as we celebrate the good things in life, with trademark ABC camaraderie.

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

Kids (12-18 years old) **HK\$298**, Children (under 12 years old) **HK\$198**

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To reserve for your family and friends, call reception at 2552 8182 or email booking@abclubhk.com

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F&B PROMOTION



Shabu Shabu

SHINJUKU HOTPOT NIGHT

THE GALLEY & THE PATIO
SATURDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 6:00PM

All you can eat Shabu Shabu hotpot (Japanese style hotpot), featuring a wide selection of premium seafood and meat dishes.



Adults

\$298 only



Concessionary price for
members over 65 years of age



\$248 only



Children
(3-12 years old)

\$198 only

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WORLD CUP Final Celebration

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The 3/F Function Room
Sunday, 18 December - 9:30pm to 1:30am

No matter which team you support,
join us to enjoy the climax of the tournament held just once every four years!

Our die-hard soccer fan Thomas will help celebrate the match
to decide the 2022 World Cup Champions,
during a night replete with 4 hours free flow wines, beers and nibbles!

Adults: HK\$298 only



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F&B PROMOTION



BOOGIE WONDERLAND

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
ROUND THE WORLD GLAM AND GLITZ,
POP, FIZZ AND CLINK NIGHT.

ABC Main Clubhouse
Saturday, 31 December, 8pm onwards

For this New Year's Eve, we present to you a Round The World Glam and Glitz Pop, Fizz, Clink night!

The main costume theme is "80s Boogie Wonderland".

We'll honour New Year traditions and times from other countries,
by holding an 'Around the World' party that highlights ways other cultures ring in the New Year.

ABC food fare, standard drink all night, every hour worldwide sparkling cocktail.

\$1,088 for adults inclusive of canapes, buffet, free-flow drinks
(red & white wines, spirits, beers) and champagne for toasting at midnight

OR

\$888 for adults inclusive of canapes,
buffet and champagne for toasting at midnight

\$388 for children under 12 years



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Home Wine Delivery November 2022

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Ruggeri, Prosecco DOC Argeo – Veneto, Italy "A fresh, fruity sparkling with aromas of acacia, white peach, sliced apple and lemon. Medium bubbles and crisp acidity with a rounded finish." - James Suckling (JS 90)	\$108		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
St Urbans Hof, Piesporter Goldtroepfchen Riesling Kabinett 2018 – Mosel, German "An elegant version, with elderflower, white raspberry and candied orange notes, underscored by prominent minerality and vibrant acidity. Shows lots of energy." - Wine Spectator (WS 91)	\$240		
Domaine Delaporte, Sancerre Chavignol 2021 – Loire Valley, France Pale gold with green hints, with fresh acidity and crispy lemon flavours balancing the minerality, delicate and lively purity. Well balanced and ends with a clean lingering finish.	\$218		
Bouchard Pere & Fils, Beaune 1er Cru Beaune du Chateau Blanc Domaine 2018 – Beaune, Burgundy, France "Aromas of ripe cooked apples, honey and candied lemons follow through to a full body with a beautiful, dense palate and just the right amount of bitter lemon and honeysuckle on the finish." - James Suckling (JS 93)	\$358		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Banshee, Pinot Noir 2018 – Sonoma Country, California, USA "Red plum, sweet cherry, vanilla richness and floral notes with curranty intensity and poise. Very pretty." - Decanter (DC 89)	\$185		
Barone Ricasoli, Brolio Chianti Classico DOCG 2019 – Tuscany, Italy "A succulent, fruity red with dried-cherry and orange-peel aromas and flavors. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine yet round tannins and a juicy, fruity finish." - James Suckling (JS 91)	\$215		
Chateau Grand Village, Bordeaux Superieur 2014 – Bordeaux, France "Plenty of chocolate, berry and spice character. Medium body and a juicy finish. Lovely texture." - James Suckling (JS90-91)	\$190		
Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – Central Valley, Chile "A rich and deep expression of blackcurrants and blackberries with hints of red pepper, tobacco and cocoa powder, following through to a full body with powerful but fine, seamless tannins. A dash of petit verdot here. Compact and bright." - James Suckling (JS 94)	\$215		
La Rioja Alta, Vina Ardanza Reserva 2015 – La Rioja, Spain "A rich nose of raspberry, crushed strawberry, blueberry, coconut, cedar and sweet spice. It's medium to full-bodied with fine tannins and fresh acidity. Creamy, balanced and layered with vibrant, spicy character. Long and polished. 80% tempranillo and 20% garnacha." - James Suckling (JS 96)	\$320		
Powell & Son, Barossa Valley Shiraz 2019 – South Australia, Australia The Barossa Valley Shiraz is generous in its dark plum and blackberry fruits. Notes of tar and graphite follow with hints of dried herbs and tobacco. The palate is rounded and supple with dark fruits and a supple tannin backbone which brings with it coffee ground and cedar flavours. The wine finishes with generous dark fruits and white pepper spice.	\$235		
	Grand Total :		

****Please Note: The listed items do not qualify against minimum monthly F&B charges****

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Membership Number:

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WINE ORDER FORM



Ca'del Bosco
Cuvee Prestige Edizione 44
Region: Lombardia, Italy
750ML

Juicy array of peaches, melon, lemons and pear blossom with honey and biscuit undertones. Light to medium body with crisp acidity and fine bubbles.

Price 320 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Gosset
Cuvee Extra Brut
Region: Champagne, France
750ML RP 91

The nose is very precise, mixing fragrances of white flowers like acacia, hawthorn with flavoursome notes of pear. The palate with notes of juicy fruit and delicate flowers, with a crisp minerality.

Price 336 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



William Hill
Napa Valley Chardonnay 2020
Region: Napa Valley, USA
750ML

Aromas of ripe Anjou pear and creme brulee complement layers of ripe peach, golden apple and lemon shortbread on the palate. The velvety mouthfeel is balanced by bright acidity that carries through a fresh finish with a hint of spice.

Price 260 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Bay Of Fires
Chardonnay 2020
Region: Tasmania, Australia
750ML

With aromas of spice, fresh white peach and lemon zest. A hint of toasty oak and a note of lemon curd when at young. The flavours of stone fruit and grapefruit mix well with a creamy mouthfeel that adds wonderful complexity

Price 275 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Dog Point
Sauvignon Blanc Section 94 2016
Region: Marlborough, New Zealand
750ML RP 92+

A complex full-bodied style of Sauvignon Blanc with a chalky minerality and fresh herbal influence, complimented by a vibrant acidity which gives the wine focus.

Price 310 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Chateau La Nerthe
Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc 2019
Region: Rhone, France
750ML RP 91

Subtle scents of pencil shavings and toasted almonds accent lime and tangerine notes on the nose. It's a medium to full-bodied, generous wine that has enough structure to keep it refreshing on the long, citrusy finish.

Price 510 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Stoney Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon 2017
 Region: Tasmania, Australia
 750ML JH 93

It begins with plenty of dark fruit and a flashing herbaceousness, currants and blueberries. The length is solid and layers nicely with time. Oak texture is fine and well integrated.

Price 260 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Pegasus Bay
Pinot Noir 2019
 Region: Waipara, New Zealand.
 750ML BC 95 JS 96

Dark berry, cassis, violet, mixed spice, new leather and spicy oak flavours supported by firm, ripe tannins.

Price 330 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Louis M Martini
Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
 Region: Napa Valley, USA
 750ML JS 93

This wine delivers flavors of blackberry, cherry, dark chocolate and graham cracker that make for approachable experience.

Price 348 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____



Chevalier de Lascombes
Margaux 2nd Wine 2017
 Region: Bordeaux, France
 750ML JS 91

Aromatic and bright with cedar, tobacco and currants. Hints of citrus. Medium body, refined and very pretty.

Price 398 Quantity _____ Subtotal _____

ORDERING INFORMATION

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- Delivery service will be available on Monday to Saturday between 12:00-18:00 (not applicable on Sunday and public holidays).
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses (Part A master, Part B engineer)



Part A (Master)

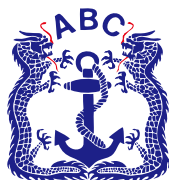
Dates : 3, 4 November 2022
Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Syllabus : Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.
Cost : HK\$2,200 for member/person/course. HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates : 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.
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses

Application form

Part A (Master)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s): _____

Account number: _____ Telephone: (Mobile) _____ (Office): _____

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Please enroll me on the course for Part A (Masters) to be held at 7:00pm – 10:30pm
() 3, 4 November 2022 Thursday & Friday

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Signature

Date

Part B (Engineer)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s): _____

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