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Redeye, 4th in IRC
Summer Series
Race 5





SAILING CALENDAR

2022 – 2023

September – October 2022

Dates	Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others
September 2022				
Sat 3				RHKYC CR1 - Coastal Race (Short Race)
Sat 10	Mid Autumn Festival			COA Macau Race
Sun 11			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 1	COA Macau Race / HHYC Bart's Bash Regatta; Crew Helm; Ladies Helm
Mon 12	Second Day following Mid Autumn Festival			COA Macau Race
Sat 17				RHKYC Autumn Regatta
Sun 18				RHKYC Autumn Regatta
Sat 24		ABC Opening Regatta		
Sun 25		ABC Opening Regatta		RHKYC Autumn Regatta Resail
October 2022				
Sat 1	National Day	ABC Autumn Cruising Weekend		HHYC HK Match Racing Nationals
Sun 2		ABC Autumn Cruising Weekend		HHYC HK Match Racing Nationals
Tue 4	Chung Yeung Festival			HHYC HK Match Racing Nationals
Sat 8				HHYC Port Shelter Regatta / COA Round Lamma Island Rally
Sun 9		ABC Waglan Series 1		HHYC Port Shelter Regatta
Fri 14				RHKYC China Coast Regatta
Sat 15				RHKYC China Coast Regatta
Sun 16			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn 2	RHKYC China Coast Regatta
Sat 22			HHYC 24 Charity Dinghy Race	
Sun 23		ABC Waglan Series 2	HHYC 24 Charity Dinghy Race	
Thu 27				RHKYC Hainan Race
Sat 29		Beneteau Cup		RHKYC CR Sub 1 - Coastal Race (if no Hainan) / HHYC Winter Monsoon Series D1
Sun 30		Beneteau Cup		RHKYC CR Sub 1 - Coastal Race (if no Hainan)

Notes:

- Sailors should note that the calendar is a forward-planning guide and that whilst the intent is that dates are firm and should remain so, they are unavoidably subject to change, possibly at short notice, weather being but one factor. Dates of events at other clubs in particular are beyond ABC's control. Please refer to the respective Club website for the latest information.
- The organizing authority is listed before event.
- If a Club is mentioned in brackets after a race it is the joint racing host/supporting club.
- Sundays and public holidays are in red.



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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore

*There is absolutely nothing half
so much worth doing as simply
messing about in boats: As Rat said
to Mole.*

[Kenneth Grahame]



This famous quote, now a cliché, is a fairly good summation of the magnetic attraction of ABC as a *Boating Club*. A boat being a floating vessel whether propelled by sail, engine or human muscle, of which many types can be found at the Club.

Including, with arrivals coincident with the publication of this issue, two brand new speedy 18 pax Catamaran ferries to add to ABC's fleet of workboats. One being a replacement for an ageing vessel and the other an addition. They will be put into service to, from and around Middle Island plus sundry other duties including Race support. In other words an exciting enhancement of the Club's waterborne services to Boating members.

A detailed description of these eye-catching vessels is provided in the article by Alex Johnston,

Marine Services Manager whose lateral thinking homed in on an unusual opportunity in a renowned small boat yard in Croatia. Well-constructed quality additions which will, I am sure, prove very appealing to members. On whose behalf, of course, the long-term investment has been made. There will be a ceremonial naming at a date to be announced after installation of the engines, and completion of the Mardep Licensing.

This edition sees the onset of Autumn leaving the last Race of the popular Summer Series and the successful prize-giving on 28th August, astern. Looking ahead the Monsoon transition will bring a welcome relief from the recent extreme heat and with it the traditional stronger sailing conditions after the new Season's Racing Calendar gets under way with the Opening Regatta over the weekend of 24th Sept. Copies of the Sailing Calendar for 2022/23 are available from the Club's Marine Office, one date to mark being 9th October for the first in the new Waglan Series. And another special, the Beneteau Cup which we are again proud to partner, over the Halloween weekend, deferred from May because of the then Covid restrictions.

On the social front to welcome back returnees Autumn brings with it several new menu selections, Moon cakes and earlier than usual the Lantern Festival Buffet on Saturday 10th Sept. Further ahead at the end of this period *Halloween!* Watch the website for much more to come.

And so, on the assumption that there will be no further tightening of Covid restrictions, much to look forward to during what is always-----well, climate pattern shifts permitting, still will be----- NE Asia's finest weather season.

With those hopes in mind I wish all members the very best of what the Club has to offer in the coming two months.



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New ABC Ferry & MI Sampan

By Alex Johnston, Marine Services Manager

The ABC Marine Assets Sub Committee, in conjunction with the Marine & Sailing & General Committees is pleased to introduce two brand new vessels to the ABC fleet. Both vessels are identical in nature and design – being catamarans, specifically designed for moving passengers in comfort and safety, combined with superb stability and maneuverability, due to their twin hull design. The vessels were built in the Agena Maren yard in Croatia, where they have already established an excellent reputation in the Adriatic and Aegean Seas in the eastern Mediterranean for moving passengers between the islands. The company has also built semi – submersibles for the leisure industry all over the world with over seventy vessels built to date, in addition to the passenger catamarans.

In addition the vessels have a drop down bow ramp enabling passengers to embark/disembark onto docks, pontoons and even beaches bow

on, as well traditional alongside berthing. This enables the passengers to be able to move efficiently and safely while using the vessels. One vessel will be used as a ferry between the main club in Aberdeen and the Middle Island facility, while the other as a sampan for extended new locations in Deepwater & Repulse Bay. As both vessels are identical, they will take in turns on weekly basis, doing alternative roles, to keep the vessels engines and systems operating at both high and low speeds. The vessels will also be used in a third role as a Dinghy Committee boat for the clubs Dinghy Regattas, when fitted with a removable flag halyard rack.

More details of the new extended ABC Ferry & Sampan service with new pick up/drop off locations for ABC members to be revealed in due course, before the vessels are operational by the end of September!

The vessel statistics are as follows:

- Built in the Agena Maren Yard in Croatia to full Marine European CE standards.
- Length: 9.60 m/31.68 ft.
- Wide: 3.30 m/10.80 ft.
- Fitted with two Mercury Outboards 115 BHP rotational & counter rotational engines.
- Speed: max 20 knots plus, depending on sea state and weather conditions.
- Capacity: 17 passengers + 1 crew member: X 18 in total.
- Adjustable vessel access bow on ramp for passengers – docks, pontoons and even beaches!
- Fuel tank: 2 x 103 litres in built tanks.
- Payload: Approx. 2,800KG.
- Fitted with port, starboard and transom roll down weather protection.
- Windless, anchor & chain locker.



The vessels will be commissioned in the Hong Kong Shipyard in Tsing Yi, before being licensed with the HK Marine Dept and finally sea trials before becoming operational at ABC in September 22.

Stability test in the Agena Maren Yard in Croatia – April 22. This will be done also in HK with the outboard engines fitted for the HK Marine Dept vessel licenses.



Bow image, showing the vessels adjustable passenger access ramp. Windless & anchor on the port side.

Rear View of vessel showing passenger seating, Driver's seat and the retractable weather covers. The seats will be fitted with cushions, as well as the standard life jackets and other required safety equipment.



Look out for these exciting new ABC vessels down at the club soon !



HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Major Improvements to the Clubhouse, Coming Soon

By Graham Price, Chairman, House and Building Committee

I promised to update you on our plans for revitalising our main clubhouse. But first, may I thank the few members who have written in with comments and suggestions, we will do our best to address your ideas! May I remind those of you reading this column that the Aberdeen Boat Club is run by members for members, so please feel free to express your views and join in the discussion.

As I write this, we are about to receive, from consultants, important information about the structure of our clubhouse, and a structural analysis confirming that we can make further openings through some of the structural walls. This will allow us to install new pipework and also to make apertures for doorways where none were before. We are also confirming the structural requirements for work we hope to do in the future, namely installing a passenger lift to access the upper floors of the Club.

Behind the scenes, we will be installing a new air conditioning chiller unit on the roof in

September. This is made more difficult as we have to use a crane to lift the new unit from Sham Wan Road, and so there are many permits and permissions needed. However, such essential maintenance is for your comfort on these hot steamy summer days.

The next stage of works will be a replacement of what we term the "infrastructure backbone" – the pipes which carry clean and waste water, along with fires services, between the street and our building. We are doing this to replace existing old pipework and to ensure that we have the necessary infrastructure for the future. This work will also include modernisation of the 2nd and 3rd floor washrooms. We do not have a firm time line, but this work will take place in the next 1 to 2 years.

We have been working on plans for major improvements to the clubhouse, and these are complicated by the many government requirements and regulations which must be satisfied. In particular, we

cannot undertake any structural work on the upper floors unless and until we install barrier-free access – i.e. a lift, and toilets and changing rooms enabling "disabled access". All this work must be done as one project, and hence has to be fully financed before it can start.

We will, in the months leading up to the AGM, be finalising our proposals, both for the project and for its finance. I am pleased to say that the General Committee have agreed to "ring fence" a substantial sum of money to "kick off" the necessary funding.

In the near future, however, we expect to be starting on some major improvements to the Club entrance and 1st floor – the upper car park and swimming pool level. Although these improvements occur step by step, they are all co-ordinated as components of a larger plan to improve our main clubhouse. I hope you, the members, will approve, and feel that it is money "well spent".

If you have comments and suggestions, please email me at: rearcommodore.house@abclubhk.com.



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Sep - Dec



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HKSF Improver Level 3 (6 days)

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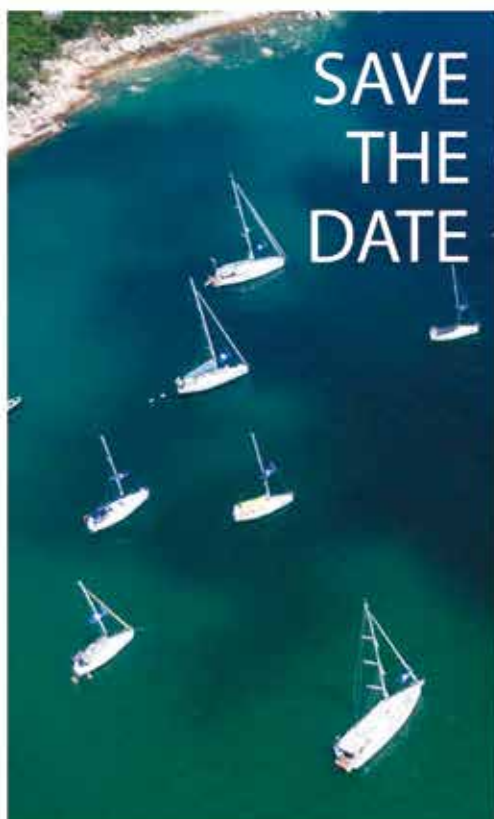
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(Left) Casey Law & Jack Dingemans – Finished 6th Overall, 4th Youth Boat & 2nd Non-European Team

ALUMNI OF ABC TRAINING IMPRESS IN EUROPEAN REGATTAS

This summer, Hong Kong 29er sailors delivered strong performances in two prestigious events in Europe – and their achievements are especially notable for the Club, as all had trained and competed with Aberdeen Racing Academy.



The first of these events was Kiel Week, in Germany, which is one of the largest sailing events in the world, and now in its 141st year. It was held from 18-21 June, with the 29er division featuring 127 teams from all of the world. Here are the finishing positions of our Hong Kong sailors:

Rank 10 – Casey Law & Jack Dingemans
 Rank 45 – Juliette Clot & Tiffany Mak
 Rank 52 – Emily Polson & Maddalena di Salvo
 Rank 66 – Cameron Law & Chris Lam

The second event was the 29er European Championships at Rungsted, Denmark, from 27 June to 5 July. Here, after 6 days of racing against 165 boats, the team achieved the following results:

- Casey Law & Jack Dingemans – Finished 6th Overall, 4th Youth Boat & 2nd Non-European Team
- Emily Polson & Maddalena di Salvo – Finished 39th Overall & 4th Female crew
- Cameron Law & Chris Lam – Finished 35th in Silver Fleet
- Juliette Clot & Tiffany Mak – Finished 38th in Silver Fleet & 15th Female crew

These sailors have been training hard with the Hong Kong Sports Institute in preparation for the summer races in Europe, and the results not only reflect the amount of training, but also the dedication of these sailors – particularly as Covid-related measures during the last 2 years have reduced their preparation time.



Sailors from the Laser class, 29er class and 49er class currently training with the Hong Kong Sports Institute.



*Lamma to Cheung Chau
and the Mystery of the Missing Rabbit*

Summer Series 2022

Race 4

**Words & Photos By
Fragrant Harbour**

The Aberdeen Boat Club's Summer Series is popular among sailors from the south side of Hong Kong Island, Discovery Bay and even Causeway Bay. The seven-race series – reduced to six this year, with Race 3 having been cancelled because of Typhoon Chaba – began on 5 June and is scheduled to end on August 2022.

The series is less demanding than the Club's 12-race Waglan Series in the winter months, and features long courses and organised lunches ashore not far from the finish line. In fact, it is also known as The Restaurant Series as wine, beer, squid and scallops make for an excellent ending to a day's racing, especially when temperatures reach 34 degrees as they did for Race 4, on Sunday 17 July 2022.



HKPN start, Crystal leads



Stefan Filip helms Neo One to the finish



Jibulai near Lamma Island

At 1030, racing began southeast of Lamma Island, off Tung O Wan, in 12 knots of southwesterly breeze. Five IRC boats crossed the line with, surprisingly, *Intrigue* way behind. Prior to the start, skipper Thierry Barot had circled the committee boat, and seemed to be having difficulty reading the courses. Nevertheless, the Bashford 41 was soon chasing the frontrunners, *Next*, *Neo One* and *Redeye*, headed for the rounding mark, P1 Buoy.

Sadly, and although entered, five IRC boats did not compete, which depleted the two IRC divisions somewhat. Missing were some of the series' stalwarts – *Gambit*, *Red Kite II* and *Zesst*.



Nightshift and Redeye round P1 Buoy



Redeye leads Nightshift

Next off the line at 1035 were the two HKPN divisions – eight boats in A and four in B. *blowers daughter* passed within inches of the committee boat but, once in the clear, gave chase to *Rhye & Rue*, Francis Ma's *Crystal*, and Sunny Wong's *Jibulai*. Missing from the A fleet was the numberless, *Legende II*. Also missing was James Barker's competitive *J Chi*.

Both IRC and HKPN sailed Course 45, with the only difference being that the faster boats, after rounding P1 Buoy, did a dog leg to a Club mark and then back up to Cheung Chau Rock, left to port, and on to a finish off the pagoda on the westernmost tip of Cheung Chau.

The breeze held at 12 knots. The committee boat was on station at 1215 and the first boat home in the fine conditions was Eddy Lee's *Next* at 12:35:10, in an elapsed time of two hours, five minutes and 10 seconds. On handicap, IRC A was won by *Next*, with *Intrigue* in 2nd and *Neo One* in 3rd. *DBX2* did not compete. IRC B was won by *Nightshift* which finished at 12:52:45. Four boats in this division did not compete.



Blowers daughter too close to the committee boat



Tipsy Easy gets close to Next

In HKPN A, *Ding Dong* reached the finish at 12:44:59, and was the third boat to finish the race. On correction, *Crystal* scored a deserved victory with *Ding Dong* in 2nd and *Jibulai* in 3rd. *Five O One* led the HKPN B fleet home and collected 1st in division on handicap, with *Rhy & Rue* in 2nd and *Shun Shui* 3rd.

With 17 boats finished, the plight of the Japanese crew on *Water Rabbit* became a concern. Where were they, the management team wondered? Sai Fok was duly sent to the other side of Cheung Chau Island to see if he could locate them. They were coming around Cheung Chau Rock, he radio-ed. A quick telephone call by the RO confirmed that they were still in the race, and wanted to finish.

Picking up speed towards the line, *Water Rabbit* took a horn in an elapsed time of four hours, three minutes and 12 seconds. Perhaps they did the longer course by mistake . . .



Pagoda at Cheung Chau finish



The J-80, JeNa PaBe, finishes



Intrigue finishes

From the finish it was a right turn and into Cheung Chau Typhoon Shelter, to be ferried ashore by Sai Fok in the Club's sampan for a delicious seafood lunch at Baccarat. The race officer, Alex Johnston, joined the sailors for a brief prize-giving in the restaurant.

Summer Series 2022

Next Sizzles in Scorchio Conditions

Race 5

**Words & Photos By
Fragrant Harbour**

Sunday 31 July was another scorcher, with temperatures in the mid-30s all around the territory. According to the Observatory, Hong Kong had experienced 10 days with temperatures of 35 degrees or higher and 21 hot weather warnings – the most ever for a single month.

In fact, the next day (1 August) the Observatory was able to declare July 2022 the hottest month since records began in 1884.

There was little respite out on the water. At 0950, between Ocean Park and Round Island, the sea was flat calm and there was virtually no wind. Would race officer, Alex Johnston, abandon Race 5 of the seven-race Summer Series 2022?

Race 3, on 3 July, had already been cancelled due to Typhoon Chaba; and another cancellation would be a big disappointment for the 30 boats that had entered the series. What to do? Raise the AP and wait?

Thankfully, by 1010, the wind had begun to fill in from the south, and Johnston felt confident enough to welcome the 23 boats that had gathered around *Shun Fung*, and confirm the 1030 start for IRC Divisions 1 & 2. Just in case there would not be enough wind, he decided on Course 33 (short) which consisted of a Round Island start, no windward mark, through a Chesterman gate, passing between Beaufort Island and Castle Rock, and a finish off the Tin Hau Temple on Po Toi Island. Distance – six nautical miles.



Tipsy Easy passes Beaufort Island



Gambit crosses on the horn



James Barker near the committee boat



Neo One, 3rd in IRC

The pin was set towards the little island of Tau Chau and, at 1035 the countdown began for five IRC 1 and three IRC 2 Division boats. *Next* had a good start and so did the courageous *Gambit* close to the committee boat.

Next off was the eight-strong HKPN A fleet, together with seven HKPN B boats. *J Chi*, helmed by James Barker, slipped past *Shun Fung's* boarding platform with inches to spare!

The breeze increased a knot or two and soon the boats were well on their way, passing through the Chesterman gate, staying clear of the Traffic Separation Scheme, and making for Castle Rock, quicker than expected. Race management had to move quickly to lay the finish line in time!

Within the hour, Eddy Lee and his crew on the new Neo 430, *Next*, stormed home in an elapsed time of 51 minutes and six seconds, with Stefan Fillip's *Neo One* in hot pursuit.

On handicap, *Next* claimed the double in IRC 1, with Thierry Barot's *Intrigue* in 2nd and *Neo One*, 3rd. IRC 2 was won by *Nightshift*, followed by the Archambault 35 *Ocean's Five* and the venerable *Gambit* in 3rd.



Intrigue and Nightshift reach Castle Rock



Redeye, 4th in IRC





Colourful kite of Calamansi

HKPN A was won by an improved *Crystal*, followed by the J-80, *JeNa PaBe* and Thomas Wong's *Ding Dong* in 3rd. The HKPN B Division winner was Stephanie Leung's *To the Moon*, ahead of *J Chi* and – surprise, surprise – *Water Rabbit* in one hour, 32 minutes and 18 seconds! Last boat home was *Triple A*.

From the finish, it was a short hop to an anchorage in Po Toi (Nam Tam Wan), and a visit to Ming Kee Seafood for prawns and beer, and delicious squid takeaway. At the mini-prizegiving in the restaurant, bottles of wine were awarded to *Next*, *Nightshift*, *Ding Dong* and *Rhye & Rue*.



Next powers to victory



To the Moon wins HKPN B



Ocean's Five, 2nd by 4 seconds

No Limits for Sailability Hong Kong

Words & Photos By Barry Hill,
Chairman, Sailability Hong Kong



Mo Han approaching Shelter Cove

Sailability Hong Kong Limited (Sailability) is very pleased to announce the arrival of a new flagship named Mo Han thanks to a very generous donation by the Li Ka Shing Foundation. Mo Han means 'no limits' in Chinese.



Sailability Sailors Celebrate their Special Day

Mo Han has been designed as a therapeutic platform for people with disabilities, to be used not only for sailing but for whole person development. With the acquisition of *Mo Han*, the beneficiaries of Sailability's programmes will develop team working and big boat handling skills in a way that was previously not possible.

The 40-foot Solaris cruiser is equipped with 3 cabins, and is licensed for 14 passengers and crew. She has a deck which can accommodate wheelchair access from the stern and includes several layout and sail handling modifications to allow efficient operation by sailors with disabilities and other people on Sailability's programmes.

Built in Aquileia, Italy, and transported to Hong Kong on the Beluga Ace vehicle carrier, *Mo Han* arrived in Hong Kong on 1 July 2022. After fitting out at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club boatyard she sailed into Hebe Haven on Saturday 23 July. She was accompanied from Victoria Harbour by members of the Solarista Club, plus boats from the Sailability fleet who provided a joyous welcome for the final stages. Sylvia Leung and Foo Yuen Wai were on board *Mo Han* for the maiden voyage. Sylvia described the journey, "It was a hot day with a blue sky and white clouds. Sailing through the waves was wonderful and when the Sailability boats met us near the entrance to Port Shelter it was an emotional, unforgettable moment on board". Foo said *Mo Han* will add further to Sailability's inclusiveness and sailing her was "like a dream come true!"



Leung Wun Wa presents John Berry with the Mo Han Inauguration Plaque



Dignitaries with the Mo Han Flag

Speaking at the ceremony to mark *Mo Han's* arrival, Sailability Chairman Barry Hill said, "The arrival of *Mo Han* is a significant milestone in Sailability's history and was made possible by the generous donation of the Li Ka Shing Foundation and the support of Solarista Club members who have pledged funding to cover its initial operational costs". He added that the yacht's arrival was a "sparkling day" and thanked everyone at Hebe Haven Yacht Club for helping Sailability to operate from their base at the club.

Transforming *Mo Han* from an idea to reality has taken over a year. Enrico Zanella of Solaris Yachts Asia, has been pivotal throughout, leading the project with Italian flair and energy, and providing advice and solutions regarding the on-board sailing provisions for people with disabilities. Italian Consul to Hong Kong Clemente Contestabile also visited HHYC and said he was very proud of the Italian connection with this project.

John Berry represented the ABC at the ceremony and was presented with a *Mo Han* Inauguration Day plaque by Sailability sailor Leung Wun Wa.

It is the intention for *Mo Han* to be used for competitions in many of the established sailing events organized by Aberdeen Boat Club, Cruiser Owners Association, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

In his closing remarks on 23 July, Barry Hill thanked Mike and Kay Rawbone, who founded Sailability in 2009. Starting with just 2 boats, Sailability now has a fleet of 37 boats and has helped over 6,000 people in Hong Kong take to the water. He said "Mike, who did so much for Sailability, would be looking down on us with a big beaming smile" and Kay worked "tirelessly" to make Sailability what it is today. He said, "to all our Sailability sailors - you make us very proud."



Mo Han Delivery Crew



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





Amazing Long Pots and Unbelievable Misses

By Dave Hilling

On the 18 August, after what was hopefully the last-ever enforced gap in the snooker calendar due to Covid restrictions, the ABC had the long-awaited return snooker match at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC). They have recently had their snooker table reclothed, and it was certainly looking in excellent condition. So as long as we could match the quality of the table with the snooker played, everyone would be fine.

First up for the ABC was Nick Horvath, against CK Chan from the RHKYC, and this game did not disappoint in the slightest. Nick started off strongly with some solid potting, only for CK to race back into contention and then build up a good lead heading into the final colours. In fact, Nick had to pull out three special shots in a row on the final blue, pink and then black to ensure a 1:0 lead. Next was ABC's Wayne Robinson vs David Fan, and again each player took it in turns to lead during the game, exchanging both good shots and a few fouls along the way. As in

the first game, this one also went down to the black ball, but it was Wayne who just had the final say, to make it 2:0 to the ABC.

ABC captain Dave Hilling then played off against Alfred Lau, who had narrowly beaten him a couple of years back. The way the game started, it looked highly unlikely there would be a different result this time, as Alfred kept on potting and Dave kept on fouling. As it came down to the colours, Alfred had a commanding lead of 23 points, with only 25 points left on the table. However, in a reversal of fortunes, Alfred could not pot any of the final balls, and Dave produced a stunning comeback to finish with the pink followed by the black ball.

With the first three games all going down to the black, there was plenty of banter that every game from now on should be decided on the black ball. But Tong Yun Fat for the ABC had no intention to leave it so late in his game to snatch victory, and simply blew away Marcus

Tang of the RHKYC. There were no long breaks, but each time Fat stepped up to take his turn he consistently potted a red followed by colour. So, it was 4:0 to the ABC and then on to the half-time dinner kindly arranged by RHKYC snooker convener Gordon Robinson, despite his absence on the evening.

The doubles matches then took place after the dinner, with Tong Fun Fat's fine form continuing, along with Wayne Robinson also providing some fine pots for the ABC. Again, with the points gap just too insurmountable for the RHKYC, they conceded to move us on to the final game of the evening. This game also had it all, from amazing long pots, to unbelievable misses and a fair number of fouls thrown in. It was, however, down to the two in-form players of this game, Alfred Lau and Dave Hilling, exchanging blows down into the final colours. However, as Dave had done in his early singles match, he stepped up a gear on the colour balls, cumulating in an outrageous long pot on the pink to seal the victory.

Overall, this made it a slightly flattering 6:0 to the ABC, however we all knew that this match was far closer than the score line suggested. With three games going down to the final black (two of those requiring stunning comebacks) and the final match going down to the pink, the ABC certainly did not have it all our own way.

What a night – and so great to be playing snooker matches again. We will look to invite RHKYC back to the ABC for the return match, either towards the end of this year or early next year, when for sure they will be raring for payback.



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SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS

The Galley
Traditional Spanish Cuisine
The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Autumn Dishes

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Traditional German Cuisine
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Cocktails & Mocktail



New York Sour
Lemon Juice, Bourbon,
Red Wine, Syrup

\$60



Caipiroska
Lemon Juice, Passionfruit,
Vodka, Syrup, Splash of Soda

\$60



Berries Tea
Syrup, Ice,
Special Tea

\$50



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - September

BEER OF THE MONTH

Icy Lotus
(White IPA)

冰山雪蓮

Character
White IPA: light malts, strong hops. Orange peel, passion fruit lychee, moderately bitter aftertaste.

特性
橘子，熱情果，荔枝，檸檬香味，中度回甘。

ABV 5.4%
IBV 60

\$60
/BOTTLE




Wine of the Month

Louis Jadot Beaujolais-Villages "Combes aux Jacques" 2021

An easy-drinking wine made with high quality grapes grown in the southern part of Beaujolais. Soils are light, and allow a light, fresh expression of Gamay. The grapes are handpicked in whole bunches and cold soaking is longer than usual for Beaujolais. This fruit-forward, juicy wine has expressive aromas and flavors of strawberries and black cherries with spice notes.

\$315 per bottle,
\$70 per glass



Louis Jadot Mâcon-Villages Blanc 2020

A bright and fresh Chardonnay from the warm Macon in southern Burgundy. Sourced from some of the best sites in the Macon Villages zone, this is an invitingly crisp wine with a light and bright, poised palate. The limestone soils that dominate the region produce defined citrus fruit as well as a gentle, stony freshness. Unoaked, this is a Burgundy Chardonnay for everyone and delicious quality for the price.

\$315 per bottle,
\$70 per glass




Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - October

BEER OF THE MONTH

Höss VON HERZEN. AUS HOFFEN.

Doppel Hirsch

A unique, blended specialty beer using wild yeasts and fruits in the Liefmans cellars, combining the natural juices of strawberry, raspberry, cherry, blueberry and juniper berry. A sweet and fruity beer-sparkling and refreshing with a soft head.

Type: Doppelbock dark
Colour: dark brown, slightly reddish
Taste: Full-bodied, mellow and velvety with light hop bitter

Caption: 22
Alcohol: 7.2%
VAT: 18.5%

\$68
/BOTTLE




Wine of the Month
October 2022

Tyrrell's Hunter Valley Semillon 2021
Hunter Valley, Australia

The nose is vibrant with an abundance of citrus fruits and floral elements. The palate is medium bodied, yet intense, with great length and a brisk acidity.

Tyrrell's Rufus Stone Heathcote Shiraz 2019
Heathcote, Australia

A wonderfully fragrant, intoxicating aroma of dark berries and white pepper. The palate is medium to full bodied with fruit intensity, impeccably long and balanced.

\$78/ glass

\$360/ Bottle







TOKYO IZAKAYA NIGHT

— with free-flow options! —

Saturday, 17 September, 6pm

Izakayas are informal Japanese bars renowned for their drinks and snacks, and this evening you can enjoy Izakaya dishes featuring premium yakitori of beef, lamb, pork and seafood. Plus there's a live Ramen & Tempura station; and if your appetite's still not sated, tantalise your tastebuds with our talented pastry chef's heavenly desserts.

Adults:
HK\$297 only

**Concessionary price
for members over 65 of age:**
HK\$247 only

**Children
(3-12 years old):**
HK\$197 only

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F&B PROMOTION

LAMB ON A SPIT & CHICKEN SHAWARMA EVENING

WITH COMPLIMENTARY WINE-TASTING FOR HOME DELIVERY

THE GALLEY & THE PATIO
SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 6PM

It's time to welcome the Autumn, and savour one of the Club's perennially popular roasts. This evening we will have a full lamb on a spit, along with chicken shawarma on the grill complemented by sumptuous sides on buffet. To make the night especially memorable, there are also delectable Middle-Eastern desserts.

Adults:

HK\$298 only

Concessionary price
for members over 65 years of age:

HK\$248

Children (3-12 years old):

HK\$198 only



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Sensational Seafood & BBQ Buffet

The Galley & The Patio
Saturday, 8 October, 6pm

An autumnal Saturday evening is the perfect time to savour the ABC BBQ seafood buffet: a magnificent spread cooked to perfection by our chef Paul at a live cooking station. Also choose from a variety of cold and hot dishes, with carvery; and decadent desserts.

Adults:

HK\$298 only

Concessionary price for
members over 65 years of age:

HK\$248 only

Children (3-12 years old):

HK\$198 only



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F&B PROMOTION

Semi-Bufferet *with Premium Meats*

and Complimentary Wine-Tasting for home delivery

The Galley & The Patio
Saturday, 22 October, 6pm

The expansive ABC buffet features fresh garden salads, starters, premium cold-cuts and delicious desserts. You can also order mains from the menu: choice of premium US Nebraska 1855 Beef, Free-range Chicken, Grass-fed Australian Lamb, Grass fed farm Pork & Sashimi-grade Scotland Salmon with appetising sides.

Adults:

HK\$298 (Beef & Lamb)

HK\$288 (Salmon)

HK\$268 (Chicken & Pork)

Concessionary price
for members over 65 years of age:

HK\$258 (Beef & Lamb)

HK\$248 (Salmon)

HK\$228 (Chicken & Pork)

Children (3-12 years old):

HK\$198 with same choice
of mains in kids portions OR
may order à la carte

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HALLOWEEN 2022

GET READY TO RUN FROM THE CHINESE VAMPIRES

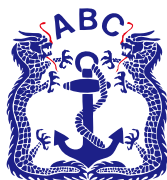
6:30pm - 10:00pm
Saturday, 29 October

	Early Bird Offer #	Regular Price
Children Ticket:	\$198 pp	\$198 pp
Adult Ticket:	\$298 pp	\$398 pp

Early bird offer - Available to the first 50 children & adult

Enquiry/Purchase Ticket:
Pls call 2552 8182 or Email to booking@abclubhk.com

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



Part A (Master)

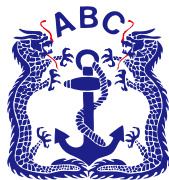
Dates : 3, 4 November 2022
Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Syllabus : Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.
Cost : HK\$2,200 for member/person/course. HK\$2,800 for non-member/person/course.

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

Notes:

- 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.
- Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
- 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.
- Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
- 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.
- 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)

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

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

Fax: _____ Email: _____

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

Please debit my account with \$2,200. -

For Non-Member please include a cheque with \$2,800. Payable to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.
Address: 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Signature

Date

Part B (Engineer)

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

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

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enroll me on the course for Part B (Engineer) to be held at 7:00pm – 10:30pm.
() 10, 11 November 2022 Thursday & Friday

Please debit my account with \$2,200. -

For Non-Member please include a cheque with \$2,800. Payable to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.
Address : 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Signature

Date

Home Wine Delivery September 2022

Wine Tasting (Saturday, 24 September) 6:30-8:30pm

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Ruffino Prosecco DOC NV – Veneto, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) Intense fruity apple and pear aromas and a white and yellow floral finish. The lively effervescence leads to an upbeat and youthful rhythm. Luminous finish ribbed with savory overtones.	HK\$165		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Trimbach Gewurztraminer 2017 – Alsace, France (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 91 points* Bright pale gold with aromas of cinnamon, nutmeg, lychee and rose petals. Rich, intense, luscious and well balanced with a dry, spicy finish. Perfectly pairs with Asian and fusion cuisines as well as spicy entrees.	HK\$250		
Alois Lageder Chardonnay 2020 – Alto Adige, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 93 points (2019)* Bright pear and cucumber nose, the creamy and green notes slightly in conflict on the light, fresh palate. Quite a spritz of natural carbon dioxide.	HK\$203		
Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – Marlborough, New Zealand (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *Tasting Panel 93 points* This wine offers aromas and flavors of dried herbs, grapefruit peel, and mineral notes. Enjoy it with a plate of raw oysters and freshly-squeezed lemon.	HK\$185		
Suntory Japan Premium Koshu White Wine 2019 – Yamanashi, Japan (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *SAKURA Japan Women's Wine Awards – Double Gold* Japan Premium Koshu is crafted using an indigenous Japanese grape that has a thousand-year-old history of being cultivated for its gentle and delicate flavors. This wine is highly regarded around the world for its expression of "Japanese beauty."	HK\$338		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Grand Bateau Le Phare Medoc Rouge 2019 – Bordeaux, France (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) Grand Bateau is a project from the team at the famed Château Beychevelle in Saint-Julien. The wines are designed to be open and approachable upon release, with fresh, bright fruit flavors and an easy drinking, everyday style.	HK\$210		
Bibi Graetz Casamatta Rosso 2019 – Toscana, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 90 points (2018)* It is a pure transparent Sangiovese with plenty cherry and raspberry, nice acidity which helps with food and a round medium body with low tannins and a vibrant and surprising aftertaste.	HK\$180		
Querciabella Chianti Classico DOCG 2018 – Toscana, Italy (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *Vinous 93 points, Wine & Spirits 92 points * This wine combines fruit from high-elevation vineyards on three soil types to give flavors of pure red cherry laced with soft notes of tobacco and herbs. Scents of pink petals add lift, and the wine stays integrated through a fresh, vibrant finish.	HK\$300		
Yalumba Distinguished Sites Cigar Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Barossa, Australia (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) *James Sucklings 94 points* Really impressive depth and poise, this offers aromas of blueberries, cassis, chocolate and dark plums, ahead of a deeply rich palate that is bathed in ripe, fleshy cabernet fruit. The tannins serve the wine well.	HK\$315		
SWEET WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
天領飛驒桃酒 Tenryou Peach Liqueur 500ml – Gifu, Japan (Buy 6 get 1 FREE) Using thousands of peach from Hida to make this peach liqueur, sweet and fresh. The smell of peach is all surrounding in the mouth. Serve it cold and it will taste even better.	HK\$276		
Grand Total :			

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

Member Name: Mr. / Ms / Mrs. Membership Number: _____

Tel No: (Office) _____ (Home) _____

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by email at bar@abclubhk.com

FREE delivery will be offered for purchase over HK\$1,800,
 Allow 3 working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability

Wine Tasting (Saturday, 22 October) 6:30-8:30pm

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Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

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