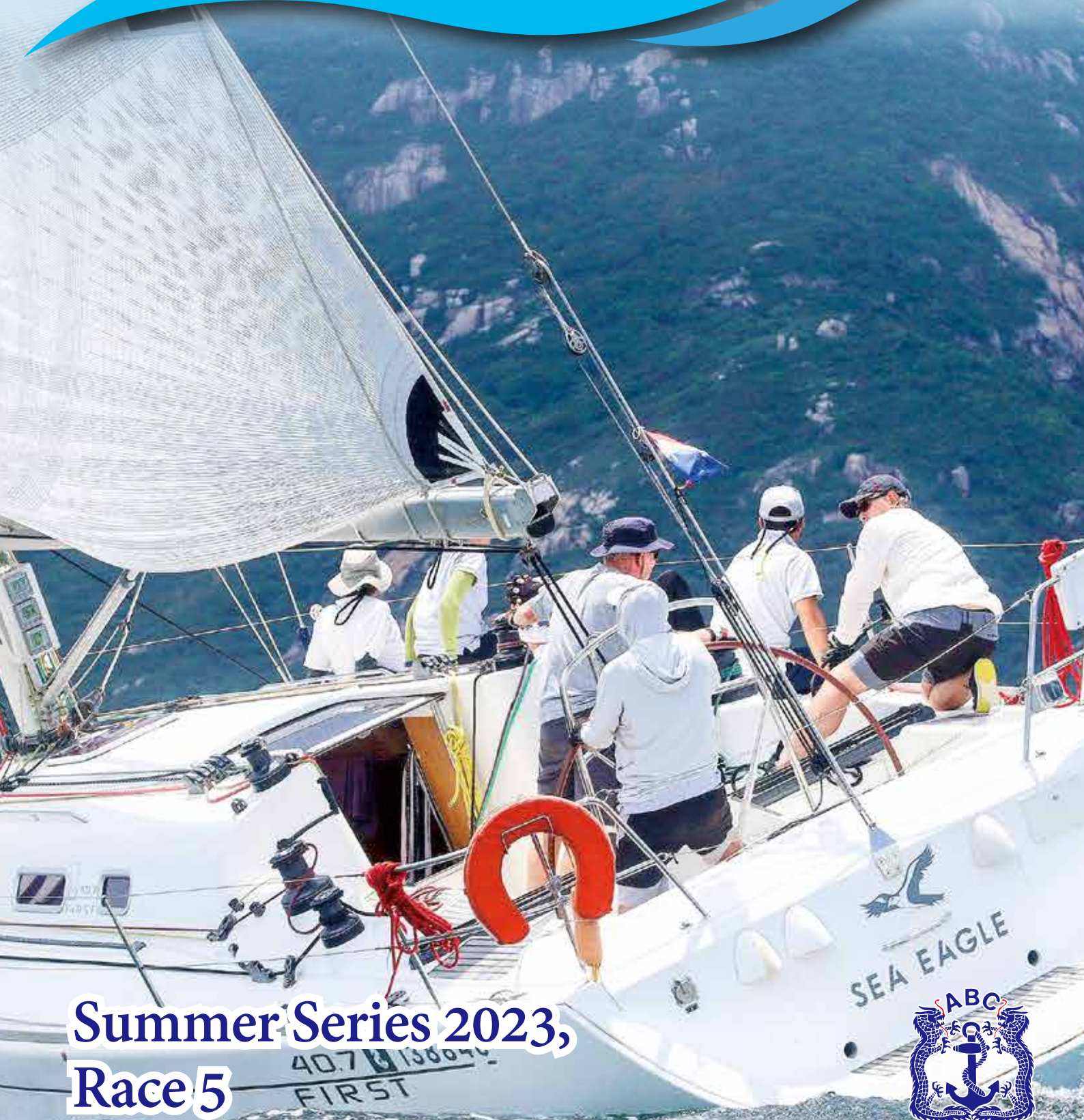


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SAILING CALENDAR

2023 – 2024

August – October 2023

Dates		Holidays	ABC - Yacht Races	Dinghies	Others
August 2023					
Sat	26				RHKYC - Champ of Champs (MI)
Sun	27				RHKYC - Champ of Champs Resail
September 2023					
Sat	2			29er - Open Day Little Palm Beach	
Sat	9				RHKYC Autumn Regatta / DBYC Sunshine Island BBQ
Sun	10			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn Race 1	RHKYC Autumn Regatta
Sat	16				RHKYC CR1: Coastal Race / HHYC Bart's Bash Regatta
Sun	17				RHKYC CR1: Coastal Race
Sat	23		Opening Regatta	29er - GP 1 - LPB Regatta	DBYC Regatta
Sun	24		Opening Regatta	29er - GP 1 - LPB Regatta	RHKYC Autumn Regatta Resail
Sat	30	The day following the Mid Autumn Festival	Autumn Cruise Event	29er Nationals, YW Trials and National Team Trials (LPB) GP2	COA National Macau Race or 3 Days Rally
October 2023					
Sun	1		Autumn Cruise Event	29er Nationals, YW Trials and National Team Trials (LPB) GP2	COA National Macau Race or 3 Days Rally
Mon	2	The day following National Day		29er Nationals, YW Trials and National Team Trials (LPB) GP2	COA National Macau Race or 3 Days Rally
Sat	7				HHYC Port Shelter Regatta
Sun	8		Waglan Series Race 1		HHYC Port Shelter Regatta
Fri	13				RHKYC China Coast Regatta
Sat	14				RHKYC China Coast Regatta / HHYC 24 hr Charity Dinghy Race
Sun	15			ABC Tong Po Chau Autumn Race 2	RHKYC China Coast Regatta / HHYC 24 hr Charity Dinghy Race
Sat	21			HK Optimist Nationals	DBYC - Middle Island
Sun	22		Waglan Series Race 2	HK Optimist Nationals	DBYC - Middle Island
Mon	23	Chung Yeung Festival		HK Optimist Nationals	
Wed	25				RHKYC Vietnam Race
Sat	28		Beneateau Cup HK		RHKYC CR2: Coastal Race (if no Vietnam)
Sun	29				RHKYC CR2: Coastal Race (if no Vietnam)

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

September Remember. October all over

[Traditional Mariner's Typhoon Rhyme]

Part of an old rhyme describing the Hurricane [Typhoon equivalent] season in the Caribbean. Not quite so definitive these days in our region at least, as the two strongest recent Typhoons struck in October. So, for sailors, indeed all members, the Marine Manager's early summer advice in this magazine still applies significantly.

Typhoons aside, Autumn in HK is surely our best season, well from late Sept anyway after the monsoon turns. Then we can enjoy those fine dry sunny days and progressively cooler evenings when it's a joy to be outside and the attraction of Middle Island magnifies.

As ever the F&B Dept is ready to respond to the season with suitable appealing delights. See this edition and watch for E mails for details. One most important function to mention is ABC's renowned Halloween Night on the 28th October. Book early as so many members, young and old, can hardly wait for the fright of the year.

There will be some disturbance in the Main Building during the Autumn as renovation work gets under way. But it's all for the ultimate benefit of members and, needless to say, minimisation of inconvenience to members will be a priority. For more background consult Graham Price or David Rees when you see them.

Children have not been left out as the Playground will have some colourful new [safety] tiles fitted quite soon which will brighten the car park entrance for all.

Autumn and the monsoon transition leads into HK's prime Sailing Season ---indeed the Sailing Calendar year which runs from Sept to Aug is applicable to all Yacht

and Boat Clubs. Copies obtainable from the Marine Office. ABC as usual runs the bellwether event, The Opening Regatta, scheduled for the weekend of 23rd Sept. one not to be missed by keelboat sailors, who share the expressed hope that a favourable wind will by then have set in. Middle Island will see the prize-giving celebration on the Sunday.

That event is aimed to set the stage for the Waglan series of 12 Autumn/Winter Races starting on Sunday 8th Oct and running approx. fortnightly thereafter. New sailors looking for a berth should contact the Marine Office, as boats are often looking for ---keen!---crew.

Dinghy sailors too have their Tong Po Chau Race series to look forward to plus, for those aspiring to international competitions, the 29'er trials at the end of Sept/early Oct. Not forgetting the ever -popular Optimist Nationals from 21st Oct.

The MI Development team and the membership at large have, the hope is, much to look forward to with the expected decision ----at long, long, last---on the EIA submission. Approval is the key to progressing on to eventual commencement of construction. Members can expect to receive an invitation to a Town Hall Meeting later in the Autumn, whatever the news, preceded by the intended next Social Evening.

As the heat retreats, renovation commences, and F&B gear up for Autumn delights members will be able to enjoy a Fresh New Club by the end of the year. With more planned beyond that.

On that note I wish all members the best that the season and ABC have to offer.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

Dear Members,

21 September – the official date for autumn on the Roman calendar – is coming soon; and hopefully cooler weather with it as this summer has been brutal for all.

Luckily – as I write – the few typhoons passing by did not hit us and the Club remained open with no major interruptions, yet we felt that Covid is now really a thing of the past as we suffered a great exodus in July and August, putting pressure on the Club revenue. Anyhow, the new season is about to start, the way it used to be prior to Covid, and September marks the start of our happy times.

Sports sponsorships, Sailability support and more

Let's begin with the greater news, about our sports.

The Four Peaks Race 2024 is sponsored by Solaris Yacht Limited for the second time, and this event has now taken a deeper approach to environmental protection and charitable assistance. Indeed, no printing or plastic in any form will be used for this event, and Sailability Hong Kong will be the recipient of donations through the Club and the race. Please feel free to add to the contributions to Sailability by contacting me.

Still on the great news: The Beneteau Cup, organised by us in conjunction with Simpson Marine, will take place on 28 October (the same day as Halloween). Middle Island will be reserved for the Beneteau Cup, but the entire main clubhouse will, as usual, host the wonderful Halloween event as we know how, for your most delightful entertainment.

Finally, Zurich Watch will this year become – fittingly for a company focused on time – the sponsor of the second biggest dinghy regatta in Hong Kong: the South Side Regatta, which hopes to attract over 100 dinghies for two days of fierce competition.

Looking ahead, the Club – as with every other sailing organisation in Hong Kong – will be somehow involved in the 15th China National Games 2025. Middle Island will be heavily used for a week of events, and some parts of the parking at the clubhouse will probably be needed to support this major international event. I shall keep you informed of any further developments through the Club's usual media.

This latter reminds me: I wonder if you receive our weekly emailed newsletter, or if you have signed up for it. If not, please do contact Cobo immediately to have your email registered, as in the coming months we will send many communications about events.

Be afraid, be very afraid – or really, get ready for Halloween fun!

And back to mentioning 28 October, which this year is sadly not on a Wednesday given the Netflix tv series. The scarily popular ABC Halloween event this year has the theme “Spooky Addams Family” – and we're looking forward to seeing many Morticias, cousin Itts, Uncle Festers and, yes, Wednesdays, dancing with hands hands hands above their heads (yes, that's another Wednesday series reference). Please book very fast to avoid disappointment, as the Club will be extremely busy in that day, with the Beneteau Cup on Middle Island.

Food and beverage

- **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** Autumn Seafood & BBQ Buffet, The Galley & The Patio, with complimentary Wine-Tasting, on Saturday 16 September, 6pm.
- Southeast Asia Food Festival with Free-Flow Options, The Galley & The Patio, on Saturday 23 September, 6pm; featuring a range of Asian-inspired foods from Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

- Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Buffet, with Free-Flow Options, The Galley & The Patio, on Friday, 29 September, 6:30pm.
- Skol! Oktoberfest, The Galley & The Patio, on Saturday 14 October, 6pm. Add just HK\$99 for 2 hours free-flow beer.
- Semi-Buffer Surf & Turf Night with complimentary wine tasting, The Galley & The Patio, on Saturday 21 October, 6pm.

Middle Island Development

Nine years ago, our Middle Island plans took an enormous hit when the Environmental Protection Department classified our long-term development as a “Designated Project”, which therefore had to go through a full Environmental Impact Assessment. The reasons were various, but the size of the reclamation, possible need for dredging, the existing sewage system and the moorings were the roadblocks. In fact, according to them, everything was a huge concern.

After nine years of visual impact, marine life and traffic assessments; considerations of potential changes in tides due to our reclamation, along with concerns about coral; a possible antiquity assessment; the four redesigns of the hard stand; and investigations of the infamous amphioxus, it all came down to “Humm!! Maybe you did not have to do all that”. Indeed, on 30 June 2023, regulations regarding designated projects and reclamation in Hong Kong changed in our favour, placing us outside all restrictions contained in the new ordinance.

Today, the proposed new reclamation occupies an insignificant area of the Deep Water Bay waters. Both reclamation and piling works will not require dredging. The proposed onsite sewage treatment plant has a smaller capacity than the regulation states, as effluents will be discharged via an outfall on the seawall instead

of being reused. The proposed floating pontoon will provide mooring for less than 30 vessels.

So, after all these new infrastructures designs, imposed changes and unstinting work by the Committee, we do not have any Designated Project elements any more, and therefore we hope not to undergo the EIAO process approval. We are now waiting for EPD confirmation, while also moving ahead with section 12a, and are in touch the Town Planning Board for the right to finally build.

Dress with sense while in the Club

I have been reminded by some members that a little too much relaxation of the dress code has been noticed recently.

I understand that we are all suffering from the heatwaves and humid weather, but a little attention needs to be considered while walking in the Club or in the restaurants. Please refrain from going to the bar or the restaurant in bikinis, barefoot, or without at least a t-shirt. I understand this is not in our bye-laws, as I have again been strongly told, but it is more of social consideration than something to be regulated again.

So all that work in the gym to get those wonderful sixpacks has been noticed; and from now on, please do put on at least a t-shirt while having a meal or a drink on the terraces. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Ho! One more thing: it is also polite and cordial to remove hats while inside a venue. Even if your hat is fashionable, it disturbs others who have an older, more traditional education.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

By Graham Price, Chairman, House and Building Committee

Ongoing Work to Improve our Much-loved Clubhouse

Thank you to all members for the positive comments received about the plans for improving our much-loved clubhouse. As with all construction work, sometimes things take a little longer than expected, and so it has been with the replacement of the “services spine” and refurbishment of toilets. We had originally hoped this work would be completed by the end of summer; it will now be nearer the end of the year. I am pleased to say that the contractor has been appointed and work will have started by the time you read this article.

What you will see?

- The Anchor outside the clubhouse will be temporarily covered for protection in its current location;
- Protective hoarding will be constructed in front of the clubhouse, on Shum Wan Road;
- For a limited time, in phases, access to the 2nd and 3rd floor toilets will be interrupted; and
- The final product will be the first part of our new-style renovations, updating the Club’s look and feel.

What can’t you see?

- The contractors will be installing new service pipes from the top of the building to ground level;
- New pipe connections will be made through the exterior wall;

- Once work is complete, all of the old water supply pipes and drainage pipes will be removed; and
- Work will be carried out to completely remodel and modernise the washroom services.

How long will the work take?

The original schedule for all the work was 153 days. For much of that time, the work will be out of sight. We are aiming to have the refurbished washrooms in operation before the start of the pre-Christmas busy season.

What other work is going on?

This is just the first of several initiatives to improve and maintain our beloved clubhouse. We will soon be making improvements to the coffee shop, in particular to improve the acoustics so that it is not so “noisy” inside.

We are also starting the design for an improved main entrance, staircase and reception area, to reinforce the members’ welcome experience that the ABC is known for.



Upcoming Work : Spine & Toilet Renovation Work 2023

Work to be done : The services of the toilets on 3/F and 2/F will be intermittently suspended due to re-routing of pipeline from the roof to the external wall in September 2023. Renovation works for 3/F toilet will be done between October and November and 2/F toilet will be done between November and early December respectively.

What you will see :

During the work : Four-storey hoarding on the external wall on top of the historic anchor.

On completion : Some new pipes and new toilets!

Work Schedule : 20 August 2023 to 20 December 2023

We apologize for any inconvenience it may cause.

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Dear Sailors,

28 October 2023

We are delighted to announce the official date for the 3rd edition of Beneteau Cup Hong Kong that will be held on 28 October 2023.

The Beneteau Cup combines fun racing and friendly socializing and is open to all Beneteau owners whether cruisers, families or racers - all are welcome.

Expect vibrant social event including an evening awards gala dinner with live band in the spectacular scenery of Middle Island ABC.

Save the date and gather the crew! Join us for the most lifestyle regatta in Hong Kong with many attractive awards and build your community with other fellow yachtsmen.

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Congratulations to *Cameron and Chris* - our stars of sailing!



Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure and pride that we bring to you a remarkable achievement by two of our ex-ARA sailors: winning Gold at the WARNEMUNDER week cup in Germany, putting Hong Kong on the highest step of the podium and in the limelight of the world of sailing.

We are very proud to have had these two young men beginning sailing with us years ago, growing to become some of the best Hong Kong dinghy sailors under the auspices of the ARA, to such an extent that the Hong Kong Sailing Institute and Rory Godman (our former Club coach) recruited them to be part of the National Hong Kong 29ers Sailing team.

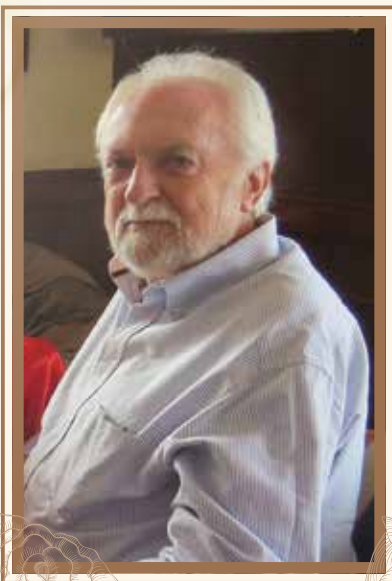
We should all celebrate and commend our two young sailors for their hard work, dedication to the sport of sailing and perseverance as international athletes, without omitting the very professional coaching they received.

They are the stars of Hong Kong today; join us in wishing them even more victories and – why not? – see them at the Olympics in the near future.



“ Cameron and Chris:
CONGRATULATIONS from
all of us at the ABC. ”





Jon Casson

(Words by John Berry, information from Carole, and inputs from Stephen Davies, Chris Simpson and authors of the ABC's "21st Anniversary - 1988", "Time Horizons, 40 years of Aberdeen Boat Club" and "A history of the Aberdeen Boat Club 1967-2017").

ABC regrets to report that Jon Casson passed away suddenly in southwestern France on the evening of Sunday 2 July. The funeral was in France on 7 July, with his wife Carole and their daughter Sara in attendance. Jon was 77.

Born and brought up in Surbiton, south west of London, UK, Jon studied and qualified as a quantity surveyor. After working in various projects and roles in London for five years, Jon and Carole first came to HK on a visit to friends in 1976. They loved it so much that they returned 18 months later in mid-1978. Jon joined the HK Government's Architects' Office of the Public Works Department as a quantity surveyor, working on hospitals (including the Queen Mary Hospital extension), and the development and

refurbishment of schools. Jon later transitioned to work with a contracts consultant.

Carole recalled, *"Jon had always been interested in messing about in boats - dinghies on the Thames, cruising yachts on the Norfolk Broads and a few cross-Channel races from the Hamble but when we discovered the warm waters of the South China Sea and the beautiful HK coastline we were hooked for ever. In HK, it started with a Hobie Cat on Stanley Beach, then a small Yamaha cruising yacht & on to sharing the Peterson 33, Tamarisk. We joined ABC in (March) 1981 and Jon gradually became more involved in the running of the Club through various committees, becoming Commodore in 1987."*

Jon had joined ABC shortly after the official opening of Phase 1 of the Shum Wan Road development in September 1980. This phase consisted of the first two floors of the main clubhouse, carparks, pool and squash courts.

He soon became actively involved in ABC's Phase 2 development, which involved the addition of the third floor and the ground floor coffee shop and kitchen, the terrace above the G/F kitchen, and a children's play area. Using his quantity survey knowledge, Jon put in a huge amount of valuable work for the Club on the project. He joined the General Committee in the early 1980s, and actively supported the planning, design and construction stages of the Phase 2 project. Jon became Vice Commodore in 1986, then Commodore in 1987-88. He stayed on the General Committee until 1990. Jon and Carole were also part of the editorial team for the first ABC history book – *Aberdeen Boat Club Hong Kong 1967-1988*.

Motorsports was another of Jon's enthusiasms, and in the 1979 Rothman's Rally in HK, he was Clerk of the Course. He was also a member of HK Hash from 1979, for a few years. He did one return China Sea crossing, on *Tarquah V* with Carole, Stephen Davies and Elaine Morgan and other ABC members - a voyage with considerably rough seas. In Hong Kong, Jon also sailed with Peter Ford on *Shogun*, and with Eric Liddiard on *Quinella*.

Jon also contributed to race management - following earlier work on cruiser handicapping on a programmable calculator by Stephen Davies, Jon developed his famous spreadsheet that dealt with the ABC Portsmouth Yardstick (performance adjusted handicapping, which was then becoming popular) Club racing results, and post-1986 also for the CHS, (now IRC) results.

As Stephen recalls, Jon's spreadsheet's first major outing came about to handle a formula for working out the results of the motoring division of the 4 Peaks Race in 1986. This was then used pretty much unmodified for the 1987

San Fernando Race; the first outing of the Luzon Cruiser Race, which also allowed the use of engines. Once that had worked so well, Jon adapted the system to handle the sailing results for the ABC winter series results in around 1987 or 1988, and this computerised results system was adopted by the other clubs, with Jon generously sharing his time to help them with their results.

Those days marked an early heyday for the ABC's racing, with up to 30 boats competing in series races, and perhaps 10-15 visiting boats parking on the Club's pontoons, to share post-race beers and stories in the main bar!

Jon became an Honorary Member in the mid '90s and subsequently moved with his family to live in the village of Saint-Crépin-d'Auberoche, a commune in the Dordogne area in Nouvelle-Aquitaine in southwestern France, returning to visit friends in ABC a few years ago.

Carol continued: *"We spent some very happy times at the ABC - on and off the water - it was an important part of our HK lives - this includes daughter Sara too, lots of wonderful memories. Jon's ABC Commodore's flag was beside his coffin, under a photo of him in Race Officer mode, at his funeral."*

Jon Casson, a good friend, member of the Club and the community, sadly departed. Commiserations from ABC.



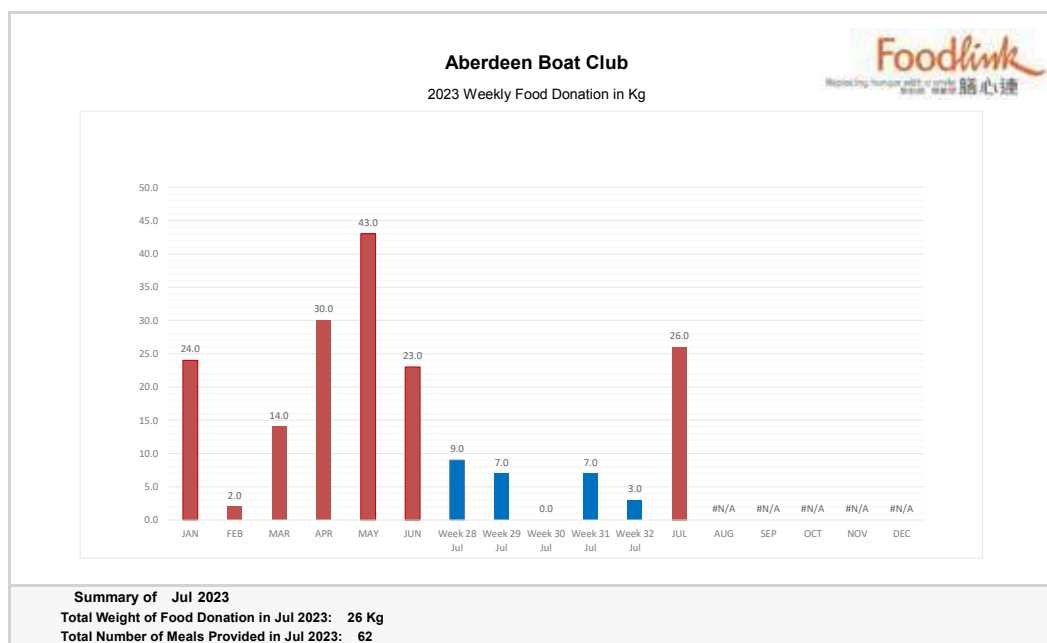


ABC Helping Foodlink: Replacing Hunger with a



You might remember that the ABC started partnering with Foodlink – a local charity delivering surplus food to people in need – when Hong Kong was hit with the severe third wave of covid during January last year. At the time, they had halted distributions of cooked food, and needed help with repackaging rice. We reached out to members, and 40 bags of rice sent to us were repacked within a mere couple of hours.

Since then, we have continued supporting Foodlink, including as the Covid situation eased and they recommenced distributing food to the needy, including to many families in Ap Lei Chau and Aberdeen that rely on food donations. We started by sending them daily packed meals, fully supported by our generous ABC members.





As the situation and business returned to normal and our partnership with Foodlink was starting to grow, we worked with them to donate our leftover cooked food from large functions and buffets to people in need all over Hong Kong. The amounts donated per month have varied, with a recent high of 23kg in June this year – equivalent to 55 meals.

Sadly, amounts like this represent only a fraction of what's needed, as Foodlink notes that over 1.6 million people live below the poverty line

in Hong Kong, and nearly two-thirds of poor households are in the state of "food insecurity". We will further support Foodlink, in turn benefitting many people in need, and would welcome further food donations.

If you would like to help with Foodlink, or indeed be part of any of our various ongoing community support work, please approach any of our staff, Executive Assistant Manager Robin Sherchan (eam@abclubhk.com) or our General Manager, Philippe de Manny.





SUMMER SERIES 2023

Race 5

**Words & Photos By
Fragrant Harbour**



Boss squeezes Five O One at the mark



Crystal off Bluff Head

Light Breeze Before the Storm

Given the anticipated light winds and the high ebbing tide, one course for all was chosen in the vicinity of Bluff Head Light and Castle Rock for Race 5 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Summer Series 2023.

Starting in the usual area between Round Island and Repulse Bay, the course took the fleet past the Tai Tam Club Mark (s), around Castle Rock (s), back to the Tai Tam Club Mark (s), and back to Castle Rock, where the race was shortened for all. Tables for the seafood lunch were pre-booked at Po Toi.

With the ABC's utility boat *Shun Fung* out of commission the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's *Hector Ross* had been made available as the committee boat.

With his normal assistant race officer, Jennifer Li, on leave (although remotely helping with results) the race officer, Alex Johnston, was relatively short-handed on *Hector Ross*, though ably assisted by Dai Fuk and two boat crew from the RHKYC.

With a breeze of barely four knots, Alex avoided laying a windward mark, allowing the fleet greater leeway in escaping Repulse Bay and Round Island.

At 10:30, the four IRC 1 and one IRC 2 (*Zesst*) hit the line, with *Neo One* and *Parnassus* leading the pack.



Sea Eagle in fine form



Jahoo leads, Crystal brings up the rear



Distinctive lines of Next

Five minutes later, with the breeze now six knots from 135 degrees, the eight HKPN A and four HKPN B boats followed. In HKPN A the J/80 *Jahoo!* was almost OCS but just dipped back in time to avoid a penalty, whilst *Easy Breezy II* led HKPN B off the line. Having signed up late for the race, *Triple A* brought up the rear.

In IRC, the Neo Roma 430, *Next*, was the first to round the Tai Tam Club Mark, followed by the Neo 400+, *Neo One*, the Sydney 38, *Manbude*, the Sunfast 3600, *Zesst*, and *Parnassus*.

The J/80 *Jahoo!* was the first HKPN A boat to round the Tai Tam Club Mark and head for Castle Rock, chased by the Beneteau Oceanis 331, *Crystal*, and the Beneteau First 40.7, *Sea Eagle*.

On the horizon, a rainstorm was visibly approaching; it reached the Tai Tam Club Mark just as the Jeanneau SO 409, *Boss*, the Beneteau 43, *Five O One*, and the Dehler 42, *Triple A*, closed on the mark, adding some thrill to their roundings as the wind gusted at 16 knots. The rain had intensified, drenching the crew on the Beneteau Sense 46, *Generations*, as they rounded, as well as the media and Sai Fuk on the *runabout*.

Neo One was the first to cross the shortened finish line in IRC 1, to take line and handicap honours. *Parnassus* beat *Next* on handicap for 2nd. *Manbude* retired shortly after the passing of the storm.

Zesst took the daily double in IRC 2.



Daydream and a squid boat meet

To much celebration, *Jahoo!* comfortably took the gun for line and handicap honours in HKPN A. *Sea Eagle* finished 2nd with *Crystal* 3rd on corrected.

Five O One and the J/80 *J Chi* both retired, the former particularly struggling against the tide in the lighter airs that prevailed after the storm.

The last six boats to finish also struggled before a 6-knot breeze kicked in to see them home. Having persevered, *Water Rabbit* claimed line and handicap honours, followed by *Shun Shui* and *Easy Breezy II* 3rd.

A misunderstanding by *Daydream* saw them initially attempt a second rounding of Castle Rock before being guided by Alex to the finish line. However, on their approach they went too close to a squid boat, briefly snaring its anchor before fortunately freeing themselves.

After a particularly challenging Race 5, race officer Alex was pleased that 14 of the 17 entries had finished. Bottles of wine were then delivered to the revellers on Po Toi, where prizes were awarded to at least those crews in attendance.



Superb conditions south of Hong Kong



HKPN get away



Sea Eagle at lunch

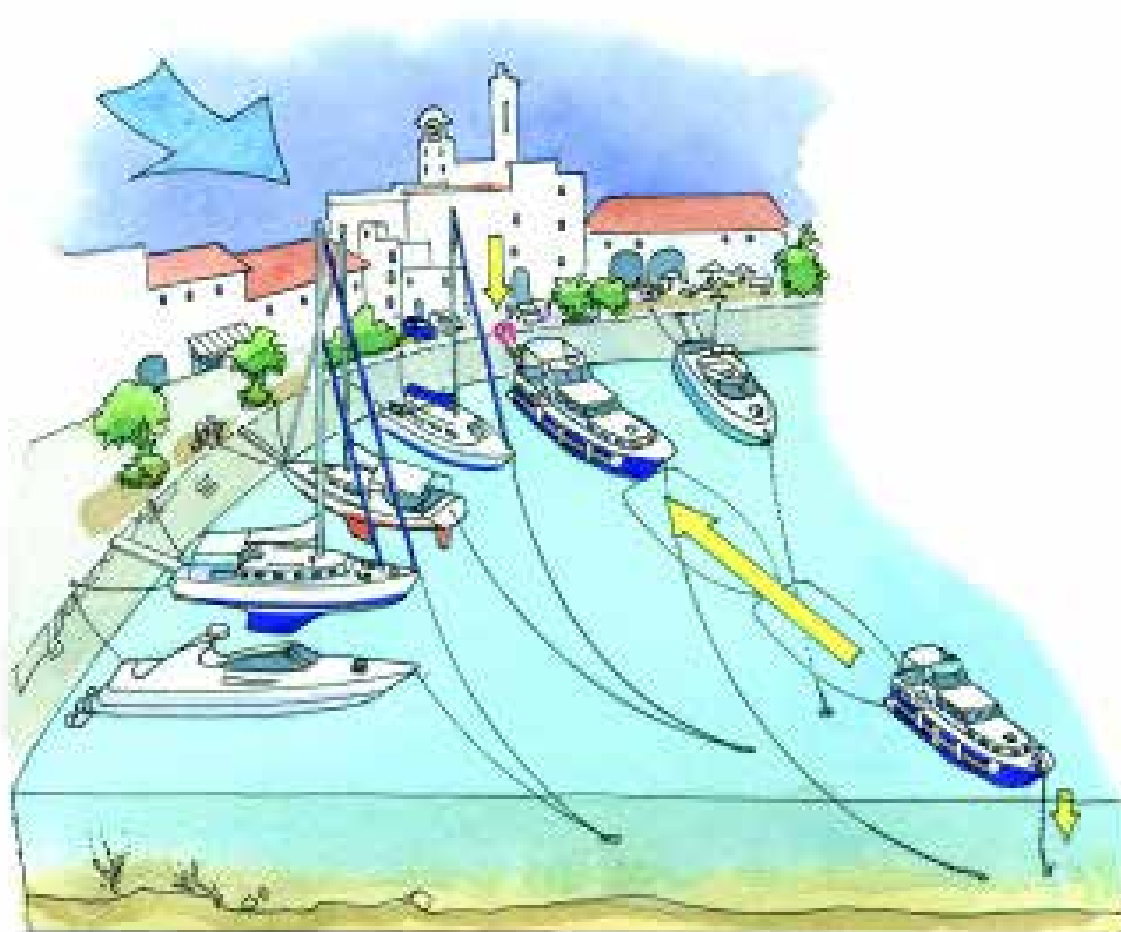
Mediterranean Style Mooring – ABC Middle Island Pontoons

By Alex Johnston – Marine Services Manager. Adapted from the RYA Guidelines.

Mediterranean moorings are usually stern-to, and occasionally bows-to, the pontoon or quay. Boats usually moor stern-to the pontoon for ease of access ashore; however, when unsure of the depth, going bows-to will keep your drives in deeper water. Alongside berthing is normally only available at fuel or waiting pontoons.

Stern lines are used to stay close to the quay or pontoon, whilst either the anchor or a line from the bow holds the boat away. When the quay is high, as in many places, a passerelle or wooden plank, carried by the boat, is used to go ashore. However, the good news is this is not needed for the ABC pontoon at Middle Island, if the boat goes stern-to.

How to berth on a Stern – To Mooring at ABC Middle Island.

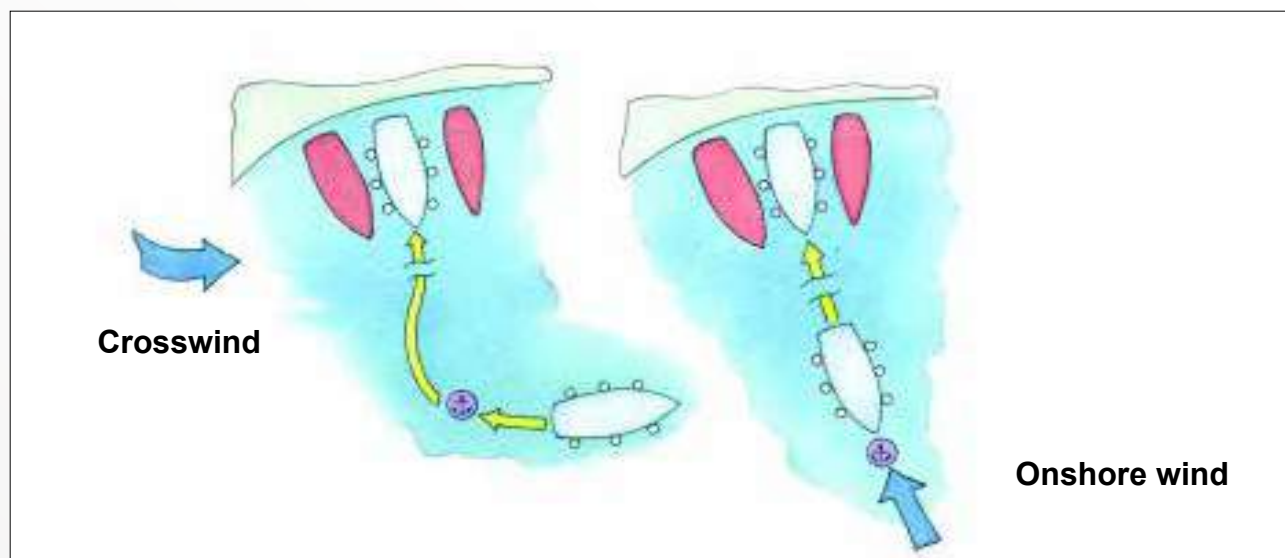


The approach to the Pontoon

Do not use your anchor – sinkers and chains are on the seabed, and will foul your anchor.

Please use the Red Mooring Buoys and the attached lazy mooring lines provided.

- Rig up fenders on both sides of the boat and a large fender on the stern.
- Rig a stern line from both aft quarters – Port and Starboard.
- Prepare the boat bow line & boat hook to pick up the Mooring (Big Red Buoy) bow mooring lazy line.
- Go slowly astern in reverse - about two boat lengths away from the pontoon, pick up the Mooring buoy (Big Red Buoy) bow lazy mooring line and attach your boat bow line, through the loop and back to the boat. One end of your boat bow line should already be attached to the boat.
- One boat length from the pontoon, stop easing the boat bow line. Be ready to ease out more boat bow line, if required.
- Connect the windward stern line to shore, followed by the leeward stern line.
- Once positioned the correct distance from the pontoon, take the strain up on the boat bow line. To ensure the stern stays away from the quay/pontoon - often the stern lines are eased and the boat bow line tightened, then the stern lines made taught again.



Crosswinds

In a crosswind, it may be necessary to initially reverse into wind to get steerageway.

- When slightly upwind of the gap, pick up the mooring buoy (Big Red Buoy) lazy mooring line and attach your boat bow line, and reverse into the space.
- Ensure the leeward side is well fendered, in case you drift onto a downwind boat.

Onshore wind

If the wind is on the bow, treat the stern-to mooring as a normal berthing exercise.

- Pick up the mooring buoy (Big Red Buoy) lazy mooring line and attach your bow line.

- Gently reverse astern into the gap, with the stern lines ready.
- One boat length away from the quay, ensure the boat bow line is sufficiently tight.
- Connect the stern lines.

Leaving the pontoon

- Run your stern lines back on board, around a cleat on the dock.
- Start to leave the pontoon, remove your stern lines; as you move forward, drop one end of your boat bow line and pull it back through the Mooring buoy lazy mooring line loop – **be careful not to run over your boat bow line and foul your prop.**
- Ensure you have sufficient roving fenders on both sides of the vessel to avoid any contact.

Some Important Tips

- **Do not berth your vessel alongside the main section of the ABC MI pontoon.** This prevents all other boats that wish to use the pontoons from going stern-to.
- Please see the below an incorrect example displayed by the white catamaran:



Correct example of boats berthed stern-to on the ABC MI Pontoons:



- **Do not use your anchor – there are mooring blocks and chains on the seabed which your anchor will get fouled on. Please use the Red Mooring Buoys and attached lazy lines provided.**
- If the space looks too small for your vessel, it probably is, so do not try and force your way in. This applies to many power boats, which tend to be much wider in the beam than many sailing yachts.
- If you are on the inside of the pontoon, port side or starboard side – berth as normal as for any pontoon. You do not need to use the Red Mooring buoy/ lazy line.
- Sailing Yachts need to be careful that the rigs to do not get entangled, if alongside each other.
- Always brief your crew first before attempting to dock. Do not try and do the briefing once you start your manoeuvre into the pontoon!!
- Stern-to moorings are used very successfully all over the world, and especially in Europe where space is limited in many harbours and marinas. If you are still not sure how to berth on the new ABC Middle Island Pontoons – **please call Alex Johnston – ABC Marine Services Manager in the Marine & Sailing Office: 2518 9523 – Ext 835.**



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - September

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Elegant and balanced **pale ale** with subtle citrus, stonefruit and pine notes.

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per glass

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Tournon by M. Chapoutier, Landsborough Vineyard, Chardonnay 2021

Tournon by M. Chapoutier, Shays Flat Vineyard, Shiraz 2016

Fresh crisp nose with notes of exotic fruits and slight toasty notes. Supple & fresh, round structure supported by a good balance between solidity and minerality.

"Boasting hints of mint, grilled lamb and black olives, washed down with a shot of espresso. It's medium-bodied and definitely savory, framed by silky tannins and softly dusty on the finish. Smooth and approachable." - Wine Advocate



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - October



OCTOBER
BEER OF THE MONTH

Daws IPA

Daws IPA celebrates the skill of award winning Sussex hop growers Chris and Gill Daws.

Daws is a fine traditional India Pale Ale. A rich resonant multi-hopped pale ale brewed locally from local ingredients. The subtlety of intertwining aromas is perfectly balanced on the palate. Contains barley malt.

5.5% ABV

\$74
PER BOTTLE
500ML



*A taste of **Italy***

Quality wines at a great price for everyday delight

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RICASOLI
1843
Barone Ricasoli, Chianti Classico DOCG, Brolio 2021

"Lovely sweet berry and orange zest aromas that follow through to a medium to full body with crunchy fruit and a stony undertone. A year more of bottle age will make it even better." - James Suckling



Scarbolo, Friulano, Friuli DOC 2020

"Waxed lemons, pomelo zest, crushed stones and some fennel on the nose. It's medium-bodied with tangy acidity and a juicy, zesty palate. White pepper on the finish." - James Suckling

90

\$360 per bottle / \$80 per glass



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September & October Cocktails & Mocktails

PASSION FRUIT PALOMA - \$ 65/\$55

PASSION FRUIT
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MANGO BELLINI - \$75/ \$65

MANGO JUICE
SPARKLING WINE
GRENADINE

MATCHA LATTE - \$50



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LIME JUICE
LYCHEE SYRUP





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Autumn Seafood & BBQ Buffet

with complimentary wine tasting

The Galley & The Patio
Saturday, 16 September, 6pm

BOOKING



To commemorate the arrival of autumn, Chef Paul will be hosting ABC's beloved and appetising BBQ on the Grill – and we invite you to join us! Feast on a wide selection of dishes, ranging from mouth-watering steaks, seafood, and sausages to an assortment of hot and cold items, as well as a carvery station and delectable desserts. And the best part? It's all-you-can-eat, so indulge to your heart's content!

Adult:

HK\$338 only

**Concessionary price for
members over 65 years of age:**

HK\$288 only

Children (3-12 years old):

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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Southeast Asia Food Festival

The Galley & The Patio
Saturday, 23 September, 6pm

This autumn, we have put together a list of must-try foods from various parts of Southeast Asia. Indulge in an array of options, including fresh salads, delectable starters, chilled seafood, and a variety of Asian-inspired dishes from Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines. With unlimited choices available, your taste buds are in for a treat!

Adult:
HK\$318 only

Concessionary price for
members over 65 years of age:
HK\$268 only

Children (3-12 years old):
HK\$218 only



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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Buffet

The Galley & The Patio
Friday, 29 September, 6:30pm

Although the days remain hot, it's time to embrace the arrival of autumn. With the full moon casting its glow and lanterns lighting the way, we'll be serving a lavish dinner that showcases both traditional and contemporary Chinese cuisine. Prepare to be surprised as our talented Chinese chefs demonstrate their creativity and present unexpected dishes.

Adult:
HK\$348 only

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members over 65 years of age:**
HK\$298 only

Children (3-12 years old):
HK\$248 only

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The Galley & The Patio Saturday | 14 October | 6pm

Having originated in Germany over 200 years ago, Oktoberfest has gained worldwide recognition and is now celebrated by beer enthusiasts everywhere. Due to the immense popularity of beer in ABC, we are organising an unforgettable and exciting evening! In addition to a thoughtfully curated selection of ice-cold German and European beers, this year's lively Bavarian celebration will feature authentic German cuisine.

Adult: **HK\$318** only

Concessionary price for members
over 65 years of age: **HK\$258** only

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Add **\$99** for 2 hours free-flow beer

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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Semi-Bufferet Surf & Turf Night

With complimentary Wine-Tasting
**The Galley & The Patio,
Saturday, 21 October, 6pm**

On the buffet table, you'll find a variety of fresh garden salads, scrumptious starters, premium cold-cuts, and tempting desserts. For the main course, you can order from the menu and choose between premium US Beef, Free-Range Chicken, Grass-fed Australian Lamb, with King Prawns, which all come with mouth-watering sides.

Adult: HK\$338 (Beef or Lamb), HK\$288 (Chicken)

Concessionary price for members over 65 years of age:

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Children (3-12 years old): HK\$198 only

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Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Home Wine Delivery September 2023

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday, 16 September) 6pm

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Ruggeri, Giall'Oro Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG – Veneto, Italy "A pleasant Prosecco with fresh, sweet-apple and summer-meadow aromas and flavors. Well-balanced froth on the palate and a touch of sour cream on the finish." - James Suckling (JS 91)	\$138		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Marques de Casa Concha by Concha y Toro, Chardonnay 2021 – BIO BIO Valley, Chile "Textbook chardonnay from Quebrada Seca with a fine touch of minerals, cream and lemons. The bright, zesty acidity has a fine saline character to the medium-bodied palate." -James Suckling (JS 93)	\$160		
Pascal & Nicolas Reverdy, Sancerre Cuvée Terre de Maimbray 2022 – Loire Valley, France This wine boasts character with its intense notes of white flowers and citrus fruit. The palate is energetic and balanced while the finish features pleasing length.	\$210		
Lagar de Cervera, Albarino 2022 – Galicia, Spain Aromatically, it stands out for its marked varietal character and intensity fruit notes - delicious apple and ripe pear- as well as stone fruit, particularly apricot, and hints of lemon peel. Fresh and vibrant on the palate, with excellent structure.	\$225		
Bouchard Pere & Fils, Pouilly Fuisse 2020 – Burgundy, France Delicate bouquet with a variety of floral notes. Deliciously round and fruity on the palate. This wine should be drunk young to enjoy its freshness.	\$308		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
La Violette du Manoir, Cotes de Castillon 2017 – Bordeaux, France "Rich core of plums to the nose. Violets, too. Plush and full on the palate, showing great depth and richness with very juicy, rich plum and blueberry flavors. Supple, sweetly ripe tannins. A blend of old vines, planted in 1958. 92% merlot and 8% cabernet franc. Great value." – James Suckling (JS 92)	\$165		
Cuvelier Los Andes, Coleccion Red Blend 2018 –Mendoza, Argentina "Sweet berry, and hints of dried meat and coffee on the nose follow through to a full body with plenty of fruit, chocolate and hazelnut notes. Chewy and flavorful. 52% malbec, 24% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot, 9% syrah and 4% petit verdot." - James Suckling (JS 92)	\$180		
Concha y Toro, Master Edition 2019 – Central Valley, Chile "Ripe, but fresh, with blackberries, tar and cigars on the nose, as well as some olives and salted plums. This is a generous red with ripe berries and fine-grained tannins that provide pleasure and grip. A hint of tobacco leaf in the finish." -James Suckling (JS 93)	\$295		
La Parcelle du Rocher, St Emilion Grand Cru 2017 – Bordeaux, France "Ripe dark fruit, spices, tar and graphite. Full body. Layers of tannins and a soft texture, together with a rich, savory-fruit component. Intense finish. Saline undertones. 70% merlot, 15% cabernet sauvignon and 15% cabernet franc. From organically grown grapes." - James Suckling (JS 93)	\$308		
Powell & Son, Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2017– South Australia, Australia "Vivid ruby. Pungent, spice-accented scents of ripe red and dark berries, and smoky minerals. Smooth and expansive on the palate, offering juicy cherry-vanilla and boysenberry flavors that are complemented by a hint of peppery spices. Becomes more taut with air and finishes smoky and very long, with building tannins adding shape and grip." - Vinous (VNS 93)	\$365		
Grand Total:			

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Home Wine Delivery October 2023

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday, 21 October) 6pm

SPARKLING	Price	Qty	Amount
Marquise de Leroy-Beauval, Cremant de Bordeaux Brut NV – Bordeaux, France Pale golden color, rich in thin bubbles, regular and lingering bubbles. Reminiscent of white flowers and white fruits aromas such as pear, green apple. Freshness thanks to a beautiful acidity.	\$180		
WHITE WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
Stony Bank, Sauvignon Blanc 2022 – Marlborough, New Zealand The fragrant nose exhibits pleasing aromas supported by mineral notes. The tight and savory palate shows flavors of grapefruit, lemon, and lime citrus, coupled with tropical fruit nuances.	\$125		
Dr Loosen, Dr L Riesling Fruity 2022 – Mosel, Germany Dr. L embodies the elegant and racy style of classic Mosel Riesling. It is refreshing and fruity, with a fine mineral edge that is typical of the region. It is a true ambassador for the Mosel Region.	\$135		
Tournon by M Chapoutier, Landsborough Vineyard Chardonnay 2021 – Victoria, Australia Vibrant golden yellow, with fresh crisp nose with notes of exotic fruits and slight toasty notes. Supple & fresh, round structure supported by a good balance between acidity and minerality.	\$195		
Domaine Vacheron, Sancerre Blanc 2020 – Lorie Valley, France "The 2020 Sancerre is a touch flinty on the nose right now and offers pure fruit reminiscent of gooseberry and boxwood. Conveying a mellow texture within its light-bodied frame." –Vinous (VNS 90)	\$250		
RED WINE	Price	Qty	Amount
The Hedonist, Shiraz 2020 – McLaren Vale, South Australia, "Nicely done. Richly flavored, and long limbed of tannins. Dark fruits, pepper grind, and an exotic spice that alludes to the northern Rhône rather than traditional sweetness of the Vale. A great deal more sophistication than the price tag suggests." - James Halliday (JH 93)	\$155		
Marques de Casa Concha by Concha y Toro, Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 – Central Valley, Chile "Spicy and fresh nose with some olives, cassis and a splash of dark chocolate. The medium- to full-bodied palate is laden with powdery tannins before a savory, juicy finish. A tad saline, too." -James Suckling (JS 93)	\$165		
Lapostolle, Cuvee Alexandre Merlot 2020 – Central Valley, Chile "Quite expressive, showing lots of merlot typicality here, with delicious red plums, cherry pastry and olives. Medium-bodied with elegant red berries and plums on the center-palate, wrapped by firm, chewy tannins." - James Suckling (JS 92)	\$210		
Barone Ricasoli, Brolio Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2020 – Tuscany, Italy 100% Sangiovese. Aged 18 months. Displaying red and dark fruit, spice, and chocolate characters. Intense texture, medium to full bodied with refined tannins and a hint of crushed mineral finish.	\$240		
Bouchard Pere & Fils, Nuits St Georges 2018– Burgundy, France Intense aromas of berry fruit and spices on the nose. Rich, tannic and well structured, this wine develops additional roundness after a few years in bottle. Good ageing potential.	\$450		
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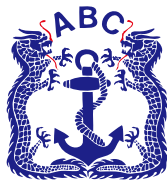
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses (Part A master, Part B engineer)



Part A (Master)

Dates : 16, 17 November 2023
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 : 23, 24 November 2023
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.

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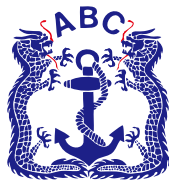
1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the PEAK Examination Centre, Vocational Training Council ("VTC") after completion of the course. Successful candidates after they get the license which issued by Marine Dept. will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative examination. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
3. Examinations are normally held on selected weekdays, you may register your examinations to the PEAK Examination Centre ("VTC") by post or online registration. Document required for the examination application:- a ready examination application form, a copy of your identity document, examination fee HK\$1,100 (HK\$550 for Part A and HK\$550 for Part B), cheque payable to "Vocational Training Council". 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. For applying the examinations to the PEAK Examination Centre ("VTC"), please visit <https://www.peak.edu.hk/exam/en/md> for more information.

Eye test certificate requirement: <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md687.pdf>

Note: Get your eye test certificate before booking the examinations

The address of the PEAK Examination Centre ("VTC"):
VTC Tower, 27 Wood Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Tel. no. 2919 1467 Email : cpdc@vtc.edu.hk

N.B. Before booking and fixing your examination date, you have to allow enough time for finishing all the model questions, so as to prepare the examinations efficiently.



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
() 16, 17 November 2023 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.
() 23, 24 November 2023 Thursday & Friday

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SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER
6:30PM - 10:00PM

	Early Bird Price	Regular Price
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