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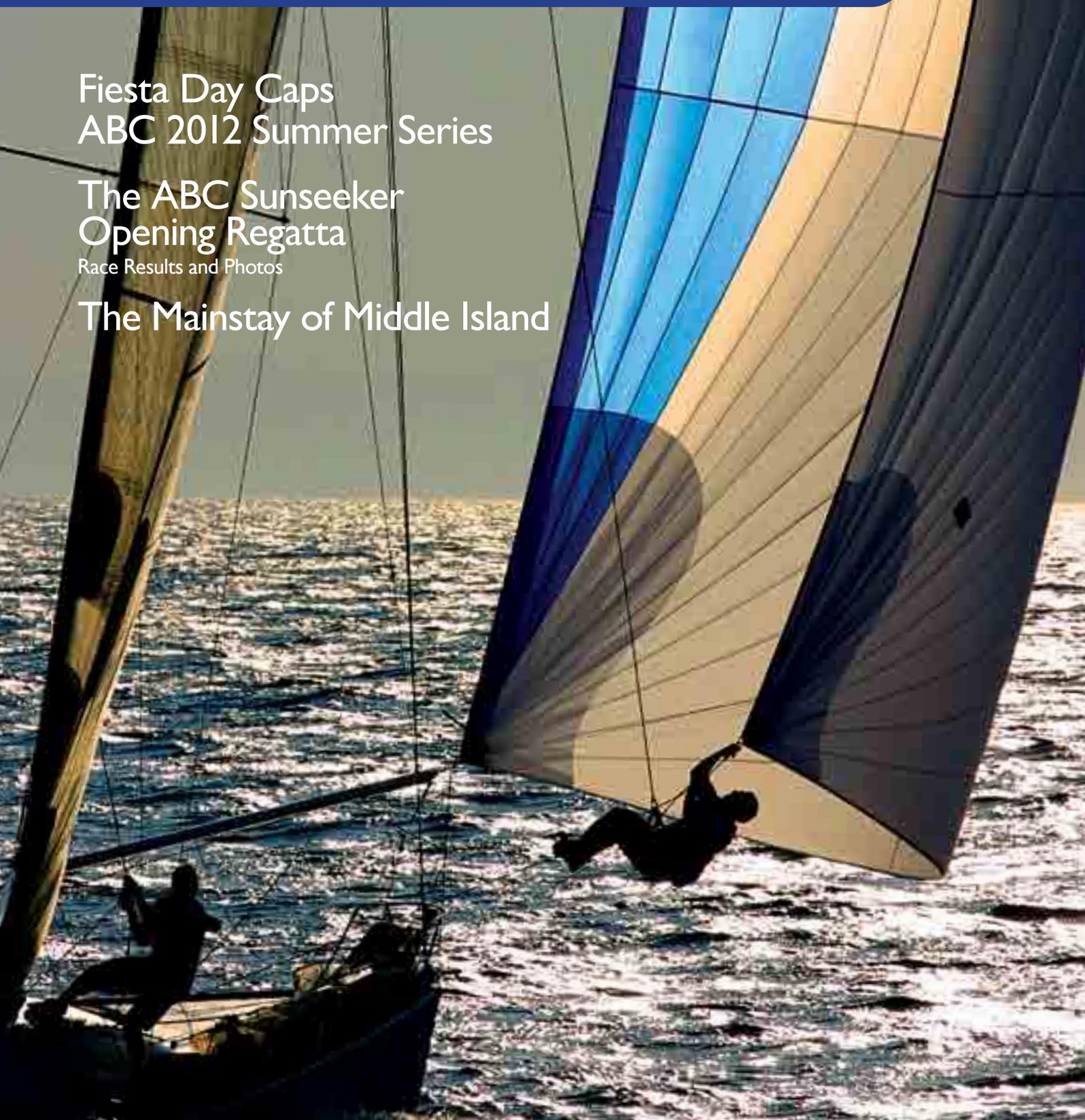
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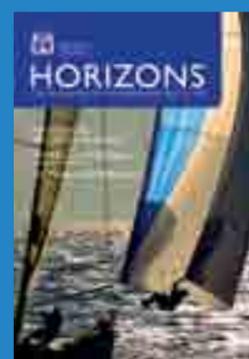
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## Commodore's Letter

I'm keenly anticipating getting into the best boating period of the year - September to January, when the winds firm up and the air cools, dries and crispens.

That said, August's sailing calendar was still saturated, with most days having sail training and each Sunday hosting either the Dinghy Summer Series or Cruiser Summer Series. September began with the two-day Sunseeker Opening Regatta. If boating overload were possible, we may have achieved it. However, less than ideal conditions foiled the ABC vs. Mandarin Sport Fishing Club fishing tournament, with unusually strong winds postponing it until later this year. Conversely, a lack of wind plagued some dinghy races.

The final cruiser Summer Series No. 6 race was held alongside and as part of the inaugural ABC Fiesta Day on 26 August. The race, held in splendid east to north-easterly winds, was essentially around Po Toi to starboard, finishing off by Tin Hau temple, while the dinghies took a more direct route. Other Fiesta Day partakers joined the motorboat contingent to celebrate over popular Po Toi culinary classics prior to a cruise back to Middle Island for more libations. Overall, the ABC Fiesta was a great success and will be back and improved in 2013.

“The final cruiser Summer Series No. 6 race was held as part of the inaugural ABC Fiesta Day on 26 August. Overall, the ABC Fiesta was a great success and will be back and improved in 2013.”

We celebrated another Opening Regatta, with over 80 dinghies competing in Stanley and Repulse bays, and 60-odd cruisers and multihulls on different courses. The racing went to order, thanks to Bruce Perkins' Sailing and Marine Committee's well-planned logistics, the volunteers, race officers Jerry Rollin and Greg Sinclair, and, of course, sponsor Sunseeker. Congratulations to the winners.

The General Committee has been reviewing membership categories. Changes to Club articles will be proposed as necessary to match some altered circumstances. Also, the Club has written to Hong Kong's Southern



District Office to support retendering of shipyard sites on the southern side of Po Chong Wan, on Ap Lei Chau Praya Road, for continuation of marine services to serve our marine recreational and service needs. Half of the shipyard sites are presently inactive after apparent external intervention and we risk losing all of the shipyards over time.

New mooring contracts have been issued and byelaws updated to assist keeping our moorings available to our ever-expanding waiting list during this moorings shortage. Thanks to all who worked to advance this.

See you on the water!

**John Berry**  
Commodore

## General Manager's Letter

**Sailing:** We expect larger participation in the Waglan sailing series for 2012/2013 that begins 21 October, as more and more J/80 boats join the races. Last year, 13 IRC big boats, 29 HKPN yachts and seven J/80s took part in the Waglan series' 10 races. *Elektra*, *Kei Lun* and *Yacht O* led the IRC class, while *Kei Lun* took the HKPN class and *FG3* the J/80 class. Let's see which will be the yacht to beat.

On 7 October, the ABC Pursuit Race will be held from Deep Water Bay's usual start area. To enter, every skipper must notify me before noon the day

before the race so we may allocate a proper start time per HKPN handicap ratings. This race has no starting signals, just a start line and a committee boat positioned to verify accuracy. There will be no finish boat; boats will take and declare their finishing time as the actual finishing time or time taken at the cut-off at the Club as soon as possible.

During 6-7 October, Hebe Haven Yacht Club will run its 24-hour charity regatta. The ABC will send a full team of dinghy sailors supervised by Diana Bruce and again sponsored by long-term sponsor the Wallem Group. I encourage



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ABC members to visit HHYC then to show support to our reciprocal Club which displays wonderful organisation for charity. Activities abound onshore for non-sailors including children.

From 21 to 27 October, Hong Kong sailing clubs welcome the Police World Sailing Championships. ABC will provide pontoon space, J/80s, logistic support and set the prize-giving post 21 and 22 October race days.

**Marine:** Often I am asked how long is the wait to get a mooring space in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter or Middle Island. The answer sadly does not rest with me. It depends on when an active member surrenders his mooring back to the Club. Recently our website has run a mooring page noting locations and waiting lists, but little movement has been seen over the last six months.

New ABC contract provisions may improve mooring rotation slightly but I cannot guarantee moorings for new boat arrivals. To give a rough idea, note up to now in 2012 only three movements have been recorded. As 4 junks, 20 sailing boats and 44 cruisers wait on the list, we are looking at a

minimum of one year for those at the top of the list to five years for those at the end, and this applies only to the list's sailing yacht section. More in November's *Horizons*.

Discovery Bay Yacht Club Middle Island regatta: On 6 October, Middle Island's pontoon will be quite busy for the DBYC annual Middle Island regatta. We expect some 20 yachts to park overnight there either on pontoons or at anchor. I ask members to welcome our guests who heavily support most of our sailing events year 'round by limiting the number of ABC yachts there that evening.

**Parking labels:** After years of requests, I am pleased to say from January 2013 a six-month trial will take place of secondary parking labels valid only on weekdays – not weekends or public holidays. This could become a permanent service if it does not overload the carpark.

**Domestic helpers and phones:** Please understand that domestic helpers are not permitted in the Club. Parents are responsible for their children.

Please turn your phone off or to silent and isolate yourself if you must talk. We see improvement but *ad hoc* ringing still disturbs other members.

**Golf Club Society:** Its next outing is 18 holes on Kau Sai Chau south course on 29 October. You may join the Society on-line via the ABC webpage. Now we have only one membership type and one annual fee of \$600. For more details call me or visit our webpage.

**Website and e.letter survey this month:** You will know www.abclubhk.com has information on all you may wish to know about the Club's activities, services, membership, marine, sailing and food and beverage. As we make it as user-friendly as possible, to get your views on content, utility, layout, friendliness and ideas I shall put a paper survey in all outlets. Then I will try to improve our website and thus communication. If you do not yet receive the Club's weekly e.letter of latest news, the survey allows you to register your preferred email.

**Philippe de Manny**  
General Manager

## Flag Officer's Report

With our Treasurer Yann Sandt's immediate and full attention required in other aspects of his life, I have taken over the Treasurer's activities in an acting capacity until the next annual general meeting on 27 November. Thank you, Yann, for your services, and we hope to see you around the Club again soon.

I am familiar with the Club's operations from a member's and sailor's view and have served on the General Committee and as chairman of the House Committee previously.

The role of the Treasurer is to provide guidance to ensure the club's finances remain healthy, and with the overall objectives of the club, as set out in the Memorandum and Articles and Association, to ensure focused financial reporting and appropriate budgets. The

Treasurer also needs to liaise between the Club's experienced and enthusiastic finance staff and the various committees we have in place.

It helps to know that debits sit on the left side of a "T" account but there are many sharp eyes in GenCom happy to help out with any anomalies.

The Club's finances generally reflect the buoyant overall economy here in Hong Kong (along with the negative inflationary pressures). We have seen an improving cash position over recent years. This is not only due to the recent dedicated Middle Island building-development levy but also to the turnover of members where, perhaps perversely, new members' joining fees give the club's finances a useful boost. This cash position allows us to improve services and maintain the structure of our (aging)



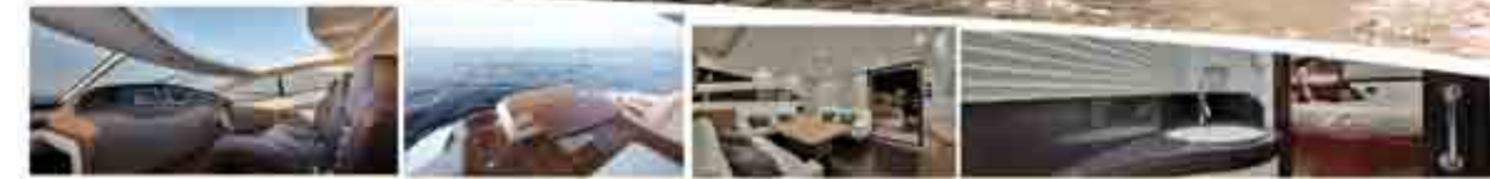
facilities and to take advantage of any opportunities that may come about to pursue the objectives of the Aberdeen Boat Club.

**Matthew Johnson**  
Acting Honorary Treasurer

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# ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta Starts the 2012/2013 Season

Words by Bruce Perkins, photos by Philippe de Manny

## Day 1 – Cruisers, Sports Boats and Multihulls

### Race 1

Held over the first weekend in September, the 2012 Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Regatta drew an entry list of over 130 boats, split between the cruiser, multihull and dinghy divisions. With steady sponsorship for 10 years by Sunseeker, and with International Race Officer Jerry Rollin flying in to manage the racing, the weekend looked set to be another great event.

The first day's racing saw the fleet head out to the waters southeast of Lamma Island in preparation for a day of windward/leeward courses. With the weather forecast of a consistent wind of 12-14 kts from the NE, the first course of the day was set and the regatta was on.

The wind strength and direction held throughout the first race and all fleets made excellent progress around their courses, with most boats crossing the finish line approximately just over an hour after the start; slightly longer for the smaller boats.

In the combined fleet of IRC 0 & 1, *Ambush* made an impressive start to the regatta, closely followed by *Jelik* and *Intrigue*. In the combined fleets of IRC 2 and 3 on

corrected time, *Boss Hogg* got off to a great start, closely followed by *Authority* who was relishing the conditions this year. *Kei Lun*, skippered by Richard van den Berg, won HKPN A, and *Rhapsody* won HKPN B. The first J/80 boat in was ABC's *Jailbreaker*, sailed by Michael Tsui, closely followed by *Sea Biscuit*. The *Black Pig* won the F18's and the multihull fleet was dominated by Tong Shing's Hobie 16, *Bluefin*.



**Race 2**

With the wind consistent in direction and strength, the marks were stretched to the edge of the channel to provide a longer course for the second and last race of the day. After a quick break for lunch, race 2 got underway with the first starting gun firing at 1340 hrs. Then 25 minutes later, the last fleet was started and those on the Committee Boat readied for the first finishers in the faster fleets.

Drama hit the fleet halfway through the race, as a vicious squall descended on the race course, packing wind speeds gusting up to 30kts. These challenging conditions proved too much for some smaller boats then forced to retire, whilst some of the larger boats excelled in the brisk conditions.

IRC 0 & 1 saw *Jelik* get the better of *Ambush*, with *Wicked* claiming third place.

In IRC 2 & 3, *Boss Hogg* once again took first place, closely followed by *Talkinghead* and *Authority*. *Kei Lun* won HKPN A, with *No One Else* in second, closely followed by ABC's *The Farr Side*. There was a change at the top for HKPN B with *Windseeker* winning the race, while *Sea Biscuit* made a convincing win in the J80s. In the multihull fleets, *The Black Pig* again won the F18s and Tong Shing repeated his victory in his Hobie 16 for the other multihulls.

With racing over for the day, the fleet headed back to Middle Island to enjoy the Sunseeker- and Carlsberg-sponsored award party, looking forward to the following day's racing. As the party drew to an end, some crews decided to continue back at the ABC's main clubhouse, while most went home for a well-earned rest.

The Talkinghead crew



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# RACE RESULTS

## ABC Opening Regatta 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012



No One Else takes second in HKPN A



Jelik in action

### Cruisers, Sports Boat and Multihulls – Day 2

Day 2 of the ABC Opening Regatta is traditionally a day of "Island Style" racing and this year was no different. With the first warning signal of the day set at 0955, the fleet set out early to make sure of arrival in good time at the start area just to the southeast of Round Island.

The wind gods continued to be kind to ABC, with a forecast steady 10 to 12kts throughout the day blowing from the NE. With chase boats already positioned on the course confirming the wind conditions, Race Officer Jerry Rollin decided to set the bigger boats off on a 28nm race that took the fleet to the northeast of Po Toi and Waglan islands and as far north as One Foot Rock, before turning around to head back to Middle Island via Castle Rock. For the smaller boats, reduced courses of 20nm and 16nm were set with the fleets split between the various "rocks" of the south side of Hong Kong including Shek O and Fury.

With a windward mark set, the various fleets set out on their courses and the Committee boat was left in relative

calm to prepare for the returning finishers. With chase boats monitoring the competitors, it soon became clear the wind was holding and that all fleets could finish at the Committee boat line stationed just off Round Island.

The steady wind enjoyed by the crews meant that most of the fleet made it back to Middle Island in good time to freshen up for the evening's entertainment. The moorings and pontoons at Middle Island were soon full of boats celebrating a good day's racing.

As the arrival of the Sunseeker boat heralded the start of the prize-giving, Commodore John Berry introduced the glamorous Sunseeker model who would hand out the prizes to the lucky crews. The evening was wrapped up with thanks all around for the many volunteers and staff who helped make the Regatta a success both on and off the water.

Final results for the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2012 are opposite. H



HKPN A Winner Kei Lun crew

| IRC Class 0 & 1         |              |                         |               | Perpetual Trophy - Tau Chau Cup |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall         |                 |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name  | Boat Name                       | Skipper Name    |
| Jelik                   | Frank Pong   | Ambush                  | Andrew Taylor | Wicked                          | Tristan Stewart |

| IRC Class 1             |               |                         |                 | Perpetual Trophy - Crystal Trophy |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall           |               |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name  | Boat Name               | Skipper Name    | Boat Name                         | Skipper Name  |
| Ambush                  | Andrew Taylor | Wicked                  | Tristan Stewart | Intrigue                          | Ian Nicholson |

| IRC Class 2             |                |                         |                   | Perpetual Trophy - Lamma Cup |              |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall      |              |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name   | Boat Name               | Skipper Name      | Boat Name                    | Skipper Name |
| Boss Hogg               | Francis Cheung | Authority               | Torben Kristensen | Talkinghead                  | Tonny Chung  |

| HKPN Class A            |                      |                         |              | Perpetual Trophy - Pacific Cup |               |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall        |               |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name         | Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name                      | Skipper Name  |
| Kei Lun                 | Richard van den Berg | No One Else             | Emily Chan   | Darling                        | Dean Chisholm |

| HKPN Class B            |              |                         |              | Perpetual Trophy - Adamasta Channel Cup |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall                 |              |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name                               | Skipper Name |
| Dea II                  | Chris Lau    | Rhapsody                | Ng Wing Hung | Zephyr                                  | George Choy  |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> J/80    |              |                         |                | Perpetual Trophy - Hong Kong Clipper Cup |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall                  |              |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name   | Boat Name                                | Skipper Name |
| Sea Biscuit             | David Fan    | FG 3                    | Stephen Davies | Jailbreaker                              | Michael Tsui |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Other Multihulls |              |                         |                    |                         |               |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall          |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall |               |
| Boat Name                        | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name       | Boat Name               | Skipper Name  |
| Bluefin                          | Tong Shing   | 11735 / Hobie 16        | Jimmy Shum Kam Yiu | Wave Dancer             | Ross Jolliffe |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Formula 18s |                     |                         |                 | Perpetual Trophy - Arawa Bell |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall     |                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall       |              |
| Boat Name                   | Skipper Name        | Boat Name               | Skipper Name    | Boat Name                     | Skipper Name |
| The Black Pig               | Michael Scantlebury | Wild Pussy Cat          | Jean C Broyelle | Rum Tum Tugger                | Peter Davies |

| Dinghy Div A            |              |                         |              | Beaufort Channel Cup    |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall |              |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name |
| 420                     | Wan Chi Wai  | 420                     | Chik Ho Yin  | 420                     | Lau Ka Wing  |

| Dinghy Div B            |                |                         |                    | Ngan Chau Cup           |                 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall |                 |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name   | Boat Name               | Skipper Name       | Boat Name               | Skipper Name    |
| Laser Radial            | James Johnston | Laser Radial            | Sofia-Marie Mascia | Laser Radial            | Rohinton Vachha |

| Dinghy Div C (Optimist) |              |                         |              | Tong Po Chau Cup        |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall |              |
| Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name | Boat Name               | Skipper Name |
| Calum Gregor            |              | Matthew Wright          |              | Ferdinand Heldman       |              |

| Dinghy Div D (29er)     |                |                         |             | Dinghy Prize            |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall |                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall |             | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall |                |
| Skipper                 | Crew           | Skipper                 | Crew        | Skipper                 | Crew           |
| Cosmas Grelon           | Nathan Bradley | Nagisa Sakai            | Akira Sakai | Florrie Manzoni         | Isabel Tulloch |



RHKYC 29er sailors Sam McDonald and Wilhelm Christensson



29er start



STA's Joe Yip and Eliza Ling in their 470



ABC's Ben Lee and Natalie Tsui in the RS500

# Dinghy Sailors Shine at the ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta

Words by Kevin Lewis, photos by Andrew Morgan and Kevin Lewis

This year's Opening Regatta saw a near-record turnout of dinghies, with 83 entrants making this the second-biggest ABC dinghy event behind our other annual event, the Southside Regatta. Increased numbers of 420s, Optimists and 29ers reflected the expansion and success of dinghy training at all Hong Kong clubs.

Day One started with a light and shifty breeze in Repulse Bay, so Race Officer Greg Sinclair set the course in outer Stanley Bay with its steadier breeze. Following the format of the Southside Regatta, a trapezoid course was set with four divisions and separate starts for the Optimist and 29er fleets.

As competitors sailed race 2, a rainstorm with strong gusty winds struck. Reduced visibility and gusts up to 30 knots led the race officer to abandon the second race and send the fleet back to Middle Island. While the top sailors were having a great time in the strong-wind conditions, with 36 young Optimist sailors it was certainly a prudent decision, as many boats capsized.

After a disappointing first day, Sunday saw blue skies and more constant wind with no threat of storms. Four races were successfully sailed in outer Repulse Bay and all competitors agreed Day Two was far more rewarding.

The 29er "D" division was convincingly won by ABC's Cosmas Grelon and Nathan Bradley, with ABC/

HHYC brother-sister combination Akira and Nagisa Sakai coming in a worthy second. In Division C, RHKYC's Calum Gregor, Hong Kong's current top-ranked Optimist sailor continued his form, winning four out of five races sailed. ABC's Matthew Wright had one of his best-ever regattas, finishing second overall and showcasing the huge advances made by the ABC Optimist racing squad over the past two years. In Division B, HHYC's James "JJ" Johnston battled it out with RHKYC's Sofia-Marie Mascia, both in Laser Radials, both finishing on 7 points and JJ winning on count-back. The "fast" division A was dominated by the STA boys in their 420s, taking all three top spots, with Wan Chi Wai winning overall with three bullets and a second to count.

Class prizes were also awarded; Juliana Choi is to be congratulated on her first win in the 4.7 class. ABC's Oliver Edmonds and Oliver Wong won the Feva class, with Ben Shum winning the Laser Standard class. Yiu Bun Wan and Leung Suet Yee from Lantau Boat Club took the honours in the Laser 2000s.

A challenging regatta for all concerned, with Sunday's racing more than making up for a disappointing first day. Thanks go to sponsor Sunseeker, Race Officer Greg Sinclair and all the volunteers and staff who supported the event. H



# ABC's First Fiesta Day

## Caps Summer Series Races

Words by Graham Price, photos by Philippe de Manny

I have always enjoyed the ABC Summer Series races; nothing too serious, warm-weather sailing and a social atmosphere.

Tristan Stewart had the brilliant idea of making the last Sunday race of the 2012 Summer Series a special event called Fiesta Day. We would try to encourage everyone who could to take part, whether in a dinghy or cruiser, or even just hitching a ride to lunch. We would finish at Middle Island with a buffet supper for both sailors and non-sailors. Fiesta Day was designed

for those who wanted to race, and those who simply wanted to enjoy being on the water, all together finishing with a great party and wine-tasting – ABC General Manager Philippe de Manny's idea – at Middle Island.

We decided lunch would be at Po Toi and arrangements were made for dinghies and cruisers to sail there. So although *Poppytoo* has hardly been out this summer I set to, cleaning the barnacles off the bottom and on Fiesta Day, 26 August, we set sail. With two



ABC instructors on board, Jennifer Li and David Price, what could go wrong!

The cruiser division had 17 starters. The start of the race, rounding the mark, was bit confusing, as some boats nearly completed a port rounding but at the last minute corrected themselves. David was true to his style, as being none too sure of the sailing instructions, he stuck to his nautical instincts and rounded the mark correctly.

Then as we approached Chesterman we saw the amazing sight of a yacht rounding the buoy with its gennaker wrapped around the buoy. (Normally if you touch a mark while rounding it you have penalty turns. Can you score more if you actually manage to wrap any of your sails around the buoy? Maybe that's why they left the race immediately after clearing the buoy.)

After the buoy the wind died down a bit and picked up again on the strait between Po Toi and the satellite dishes.

The wind was good and David at the helm had a great time. Rounding Fury Rock was a little hair-raising, although I am sure our helmsman had total control over the situation all the time!?

The finish mark was at Po Toi and the restaurant was well-patronized by ABC members enjoying lunch!

On *Poppytoo* we decided to head straight back to the club so as to maximize the opportunity of wine-tasting. Heading back we were dismayed to hear a gentle ripping noise. Yes, the stitching holding on our trampoline decided that after three years in the sun it was time to unravel! (Maybe it was the boat telling us it was not impressed with helicopter pilot David's handling!)

Then as the boat neared Round Island the wind suddenly dropped. Crew member Matthew Swainson suggested we take the 'God-given opportunity' to drop and stow the sails. We did so and discovered the engine wouldn't start.

We tried talking to it, we tried taking the cover off and lovingly polishing the engine and we offered sacrifices to Neptune. In desperation we sprayed WD-40 everywhere. Would it start – not a hope. Luckily, the committee boat loomed into view, towing an ABC rib that also had a non-starting engine problem. The committee boat offered to tow us back as well.

After securing the boat on the mooring, we were pleased to go ashore and sample one of the most comprehensive wine tastings ever staged – there were at least five vendors all with different selections from a total of 10 countries. And so the day drew to a close, with the most spectacular sunset over Deep Water Bay.

All in all, a great day of fun! If you missed it, watch out for next year!

P.S. After mooring, we gently pulled the starting handle and the engine ... started!!!!!!



The Farr Side crew Graeme Brechin (L), Natalie Berry and Till Vidal



The Jailbreaker crew



Wine-tasting at Middle Island



# Summer Series 2012 Results Summary

| SUMMER SERIES | 1         | 2         | 3             | 4             | 5                 | 6             | OVERALL RESULTS |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PARTICIPANTS  | 15 YACHTS | 14 YACHTS | 8 YACHTS      | 17 YACHTS     | 9 YACHTS          | 15 YACHTS     | 31 YACHTS       |
| IRC           | 1st       | FG3       | RED KITE II   | FFREEFIRE     | RED KITE II       | FFREEFIRE     | THE FARR SIDE   |
|               | 2nd       | JENA PABE | THE FARR SIDE | JENA PABE     | FFREEFIRE         | REDEYE        | FFREEFIRE       |
|               | 3rd       | INTRIGUE  | JENA PABE     | THE FARR SIDE | REDEYE            | THE FARR SIDE | JENA PABE       |
| HKPN          | 1st       | JENA PABE | THEA          | JENA PABE     | NERVOUS BREAKDOWN | JAILBREAKER   | FFREEFIRE       |
|               | 2nd       | MAY 13TH  | SULA          | THE FARR SIDE | AUTHORITY         | FFREEFIRE     | JAILBREAKER     |
|               | 3rd       | XIPHIAS   | SAWADEE       | CHASSE SPLEEN | FFREEFIRE         | JAVELIN       | MAY 13TH        |
| J/80          | 1st       | JAVELIN   | JAVELIN       | FG3           | MAY 13TH          | JAILBREAKER   | MAY 13TH        |
|               | 2nd       | FG3       | JENA PABE     | JENA PABE     | INVICTUS          | JAVELIN       | JAILBREAKER     |
|               | 3rd       | JENA PABE | MAY 13TH      | JAVELIN       | FG3               | JAVELIN       | JENA PABE       |

## Race 6 - 26 Aug, Course No. 23

|      | PLACE | YACHT                      | SAIL NO. | IRC      | START TIME | FINISH TIME | ELAPSED TIME | CORRECTED TIME |
|------|-------|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| IRC  | 1     | FFREEFIRE                  | HKG 1892 | 1.351    | 10:30:00   | 11:49:33    | 1:19:33      | 1:47:28        |
|      | 2     | RED EYE                    | HKG 280  | 1.169    | 10:30:00   | 12:11:32    | 1:41:32      | 1:58:42        |
|      | 3     | THE FARR SIDE              | HKG 254  | 1.000    | 10:30:00   | 12:30:50    | 2:00:50      | 2:00:50        |
|      | 4     | INTRIGUE                   | HKG 200  | 1.105    | 10:30:00   | 12:19:40    | 1:49:40      | 2:01:11        |
|      | 5     | KEI LUN                    | HKG 1691 | 1.052    | 10:30:00   | 12:32:18    | 2:02:18      | 2:08:40        |
| HKPN | 1     | FFREEFIRE                  | HKG 1892 | 651      | 10:30:00   | 11:49:33    | 1:19:33      | 2:02:12        |
|      | 2     | JAILBREAKER (Michael Tsui) | HKG 1530 | 1019     | 10:30:00   | 12:38:17    | 2:08:17      | 2:05:53        |
|      | 3     | MAY 13 (Lonny Chen)        | HKG 2231 | 983      | 10:30:00   | 12:38:06    | 2:08:06      | 2:10:19        |
|      | 4     | THE FARR SIDE              | HKG 254  | 924      | 10:30:00   | 12:30:50    | 2:00:50      | 2:10:46        |
|      | 5     | RED EYE                    | HKG 280  | 764      | 10:30:00   | 12:11:32    | 1:41:32      | 2:12:54        |
|      | 6     | AHYOKA                     | HKG 2158 | 919      | 10:30:00   | 12:35:06    | 2:05:06      | 2:16:08        |
|      | 7     | KEI LUN                    | HKG 1691 | 882      | 10:30:00   | 12:32:18    | 2:02:18      | 2:18:40        |
|      | 8     | JAVELIN (Stephen Hilton)   | HKG 1529 | 986      | 10:30:00   | 12:47:46    | 2:17:46      | 2:19:43        |
|      | 9     | INTRIGUE                   | HKG 200  | 769      | 10:30:00   | 12:19:40    | 1:49:40      | 2:22:37        |
|      | 10    | POPPYTOO                   | THA 8000 | 966      | 10:30:00   | 12:53:05    | 2:23:05      | 2:28:07        |
|      | 11    | DIAMOND QUEEN              | HKG 2060 | 982      | 10:30:00   | 13:41:05    | 3:11:05      | 3:14:35        |
|      | 12    | JALICIA                    | HKG 2079 | 949      | 10:30:00   | 14:04:23    | 3:34:23      | 3:45:54        |
|      | 13    | HULLABALLOO                | HKG 2193 | NIL      | 10:30:00   | DNF         |              |                |
|      | 14    | MISS SALONA II             | HKG 2278 | 776      | 10:30:00   | RTD         |              |                |
|      | 15    | TARANIS                    | HKG 8135 | 1014     | 10:30:00   | DQS         |              |                |
| J/80 | 1     | MAY 13 (Lonny Chen)        | HKG 2231 | 10:30:00 | 12:38:06   | 2:08:06     |              |                |
|      | 2     | JAILBREAKER (Michael Tsui) | HKG 1530 | 10:30:00 | 12:38:17   | 2:08:17     |              |                |
|      | 3     | JAVELIN (Stephen Hilton)   | HKG 1529 | 10:30:00 | 12:47:46   | 2:17:46     |              |                |



Peter Simpson and Yann D'Argenlieu

# Dinghy Sailors Add to ABC Fiesta Day

Words and photos by Kevin Lewis

The ABC Sailing and Marine Committee planned the inaugural ABC Fiesta Day for 26 August as a way for members to come together on the same day as the ABC Summer Series Race 6 for cruisers. To support Fiesta Day the Club also ran a dinghy sailing trip with 11 dinghies and 22 sailors taking to the water.

Dinghy trips are a great way for sailors with some experience to get on the water again and polish skills. Sailing out of our normal area is always very rewarding and of great interest but needs careful organisation. Participants, including visitors from Germany, Hubert and Pius, sailed the ABC's RS500, three Laser 2000s and five RS Feva dinghies. Four members of the ABC High Performance Team also attended along with two 29ers joining the Fiesta Day dinghy sailing trip.

Part of the focus of any sailing trip is preparation, so we spent time checking boat rigging and discussing safety issues, again particularly important when outside our normal sailing area, before the fleet set off. Although the breeze was light, a downwind sail meant that everyone reached Po Toi for a late lunch around 2 pm. As might have been expected, the island was very busy, but dinghy sailors, some with packed lunches, decided to grab their own table and order a seafood lunch. Eventually all were fed and watered and we set off back to

Middle Island. The breeze had further decreased, and the upwind return involved a fair amount of towing from safety boats. However, everyone returned to Middle Island by 5:30 pm having had a great day.

The ABC's next organised dinghy sailing trip will take place in December, just before Christmas. While it will be much cooler, we would predict far better winds and encourage other sailors to join us then for another great day out.



Lunch at Po Toi Island





Our helming ladies



The Ladies' Race start line



The Wicked crew

# Ladies Take the Helm in Annual ABC Race

Words by John Berry, photos by Philippe de Manny

16<sup>th</sup> September was a beautiful, clear and sunny day for the Club's annual Ladies' Race. Though the race was held earlier than usual, the drier air had movement to it. Course No. 29 was chosen for a change, to keep the helms away from shipping and for its good length – 11.5 miles. The start line was at Chung Hom Kok Wan, then Castle Rock to port – Tai Tam Weather Buoy to port – Chesterman to starboard, then to the finish back at Round Island.

A well-set wide start line responded to the SW wind with an upwind mark at the SW corner of Round Island. Of course our lady helms had a dignified and unaggressive start – with no yelling for water, etc.! How do they manage to achieve this?

All boats on starboard tack crossed the line. An unknown boat with an all-girl crew sporting "I'm a Wicked Girl" t-shirts threw an "innovative" early tack near the east shore of Round Island that may have cost them the chance of being first round the windward mark – *Red Kite II* and *Redeye* got that. Spinnakers were quickly hoisted for the next leg to Castle Rock. Most of the spinnaker-flying fleet flew asymmetric sails, resulting in a detour out to near the HKSAR south boundary while *The Farr Side* and *HanaFe* (with jib only) sailed more directly to Castle Rock.

Then the mystery – where's the Tai Tam weather buoy? It seems the Government took it up without replacement. Nonetheless intrepid navigators settled for one of the red mooring buoys near Red Hill and all sailed the same distance. Older hands recalled the last race we did around TCS2 in the '90s. That buoy too was not considered worth replacing as its original was serviced, but that race, sadly, had no alternative.

On the way to Tai Tam Bay the NE breeze backed to more northerly and weakened to almost drifting conditions toward the buoy. The first boats (*Red Kite II*, *Wicked* and *Redeye*) managed to catch the remaining puffs and sail out of the bay at a reasonable pace while the rest struggled in a light and patchy condition towards the Chesterman buoy. Wind conditions then improved with a quick sail to the finish for most.

Back at Middle Island a welcoming complimentary burger and chilled Carlsberg lunch were laid out for the hardworking crews. The ladies took the prizes as follows. 

|             |                       |                       |                         |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HKPN</b> | 1. <i>Red Kite II</i> | 2. <i>Redeye</i>      | 3. <i>Wicked</i>        |
| <b>IRC</b>  | 1. <i>Redeye</i>      | 2. <i>Red Kite II</i> | 3. <i>The Farr Side</i> |



Hongyu Luo (C), IRC winner on Red Kite II and runner up in HKPN



Natalie at the helm of The Farr Side



Anna Fe at the helm of HanaFe

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## ABC October 2012 Youth Sailing Programme

The ABC extended its October Youth Sailing programme this year to add activities to accommodate different schools' fall breaks. Please apply ASAP to secure a space – places are limited and courses fill quickly. We added an extra HKSF Level 3 Improver Course during the first week. Details on our website [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com) and via [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com).

| Date                        | Open to ages 7 - 12 | Course                         | Eligibility  | HKS (member) | HKS (Non-member) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|------------------|
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (AM)    | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 1               | Age 7 – 12   | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (AM)    | ✓                   | Optimist Team Training         | Optimist Team members only                                 | n/a          | n/a              |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (PM)    | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 2               | Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1                          | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (PM)    | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 3               | Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2                          | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (PM)    | ✓                   | Optimist Race Course           | Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3                          | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct         |                     | Beginners HKSF Lev 1&2         | Age 11 - 18  | 2,520        | 3,650            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct         |                     | Improvers HKSF Lev 3           | Age 11 – 18, hold HKSF L2 plus one year sailing experience | 2,520        | 3,650            |
| Mon 22 – Fri 26 Oct (PM)    |                     | RS Feva & Laser Race Training* | Age 11 – 18, hold L3 or RS Feva Cert                       | 1,260        | 1,825            |
| Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov (AM) | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 1               | Age 7 – 12   | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov (PM) | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 2               | Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1                          | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov (PM) | ✓                   | Optimist Stage 3               | Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2                          | 840          | 1,215            |
| Mon 29 – Weds 31 Oct        |                     | RS Feva Introduction           | Age 12 - Adult hold HKSF L2 or equivalent                  | 1,512        | 2,190            |
| Thurs 1 – Fri 2 Nov         |                     | RS Feva Gennaker Intro Course  | Age 12 – 18, pass RS Feva Intro course                     | 1,008        | 1,460            |

\* Free to RS Feva & Laser Team members

## ABC launches “fillable” on-line application process

Application forms can be tiresome and time-consuming. The ABC is now one of the only sport clubs in Hong Kong to offer forms that can be completed on-line. Club members can now electronically complete and digitally “sign” applications for sailing courses so print-outs are no longer needed! Most ABC forms are fully converted.

The new ABC forms are “fillable” PDF documents, meaning you can type onto the form on your PC. The latest Adobe reader supports digital signatures and needs no extra software. Set-up is very easy and once done can be used repeatedly. A scan of your own signature is optional. At set-up the digital signature is verified on your own PC and password-protected. Advanced users have the option of applying an externally generated and guaranteed security certificate, but this not required. Non-members still need to send payment with printed-out forms, but the fillable forms for all means mistakes can be avoided through legible forms.

## Keep sailing after your course!

The ABC sailing-instruction team is pleased to remind parents of three options available to keep their children sailing after finishing a sailing course. Details are available from Kevin Lewis at [DinghySailing@abclubhk.com](mailto:DinghySailing@abclubhk.com)

### Tuesday after-school Optimist Sailing:

Young sailors under age 11 cannot hire dinghies unsupervised, and also cannot easily join older sailors or adults who use larger boats. Our after-school sessions on Tuesday are open to anyone who has completed Optimist Stage 3 Course and wants to sail regularly.

### RS Feva and Laser Training Squad:

For ages 12 – 16. This team trains after school on Wednesdays and also at weekends, mostly Saturdays. The monthly fee includes entries into various regattas. The team acts as a bridge between the younger Optimist Team and the older High Performance Sailing Team.

### Saturday afternoon Supervised Sailing:

For adults and teenagers aged 12 and over who have passed their HKSF Level 2 course or equivalent, these sessions provide an on-going and reasonably priced avenue to keep sailing.



# Prize-giving for Dinghy Racing ABC Opening Regatta

Prizes awarded by  
Dinghy Race Officer Greg Sinclair,  
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Division A 1st & Winners of Beaufort Channel Cup – Wan Chi Wai and Tse Sui Lun



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Division C Optimists - 1st overall & Winner of Tong Po Chau Cup – Calum Gregor



Laser 4.7 Class Winner – Juliana Choi



RS Feva Class Winners – Oliver Wong and Oliver Edmonds





# Harry Lee, The Mainstay of Middle Island

Words by Ann White, photos by Matthew Tsui and courtesy Harry Lee

Harry Lee Kai Wing is the senior waiter at the ABC's Middle Island clubhouse, anchoring its Food and Beverage team on weekends. His is the smiling face that greets you at the counter, gets your drinks and takes your order, and puts plasters on small children. You also can see Harry manning the Main Clubhouse's Waglan Bar on weekdays.

Middle Island, the Club's second facility, is a lovely open-air place nestled against a hillside overlooking the boats moored off Hong Kong island in Deep Water Bay. Tall stools, a bar and tables overlook the water and all its happenings as kids paddle and look for minnows and the weekend sailors come in for refreshments. You get to Middle Island via the ABC ferry, which leaves the Clubhouse every hour and half-hour for Middle Island. Return ferry service to the Main Clubhouse is at a quarter past and a quarter to the hour.

At Middle Island, the Club's sailing-instructor team offer lessons to children and adults, first in the air-conditioned classroom, and then out on the water. Lessons take place during school holidays

and over weekends throughout the year.

Harry is joined at Middle Island by ABC marine staff who maintain the dinghies, paddles, oars, life jackets, and sails amongst other duties. (More on the ABC marine team in a future issue.)

### Harry Helms the Haven

Saturday and Sunday evenings see Harry and his colleagues serving set dinners and drinks as a relaxing haven and alternative to The Main Clubhouse's Galley and Patio, which can get busy on Sunday evenings. Diners sit either on the Middle Island patio overlooking the water or in the fan-cooled atrium. The Saturday and Sunday evening set-dinner options at Middle Island include appetisers and your choice of outdoor-grilled sirloin steak, burger steak, honey-roasted baby-back ribs or sautéed king prawns. Grilled vegetables, baked potatoes and chargrilled Portobello mushrooms are served as well as chocolate truffle.

Harry joined the ABC in 1989, at the ripe age of 23, which now makes him one of the ABC's longest-serving staff members. He entered the Hong Kong Sea School in Stanley at age 14, graduating three-and-a-half years later in 1982. He



Harry, 18, in the British Navy

then joined the British Royal Navy, was stationed in Portsmouth, and travelled as a steward throughout Europe, the U.S. and Asia. The first-aid skills he learned and practiced in the Royal Navy served him well when he returned to Hong Kong in 1987 as a volunteer for the St John's Ambulance Association.

Harry speaks fluent English and Mandarin in addition to his native Cantonese, and is teaching himself Japanese. His wife and 13-year old son live in Zhuhai where he plans to retire.

Please, Harry, not yet.



Harry at the Waglan Bar

### Former ABC Commodore John Zinke on Harry:

I recall in the very early days of Middle Island (1994/5?) before we obtained a temporary-occupancy permit for its clubhouse, I had *Naiad* alongside the main pontoon. Harry (in his always resourceful way) came down and asked if I would mind being the Middle Island "bar" for the day. Without a temporary-occupancy permit, the ABC was not allowed to serve liquor from the clubhouse. So Harry brought down a large cooler with beer, wine, etc. in it with some chits and used the cockpit of *Naiad* as the 'bar' for the day!

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## ABC Welcomes New Food and Beverage Manager

# Isabella Gaggino heads up food, wine, service teams

New ABC Food and Beverage Manager Gisele Isabella Gaggino joined the F&B team at the start of September. Miss Gaggino brings to the club a wealth of experience in restaurant and catering management as well as menu development.

Miss Gaggino earned a B.Bus. at the Victoria University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia, majoring in Hotel and Catering Management, Applied Economics and Retail Management. She began her career in Hong Kong as a head chef and was quickly promoted to executive chef, before moving into the catering and management fields with Sodexo (China), Sodexo (HK) and Maxim's Catering.

She also serves as a lecturer at the Institute of Tourism Studies, Macau; seeking to pass on her knowledge of and passion for food, wine and quality presentation to the next generation of food and beverage professionals.



Miss Gaggino can be contacted through [fnb@clubhk.com](mailto:fnb@clubhk.com) or 2555 6216.

The Club farewells and thanks outgoing Food and Beverage manager Terry Mung, who departs to pursue outside professional opportunities.

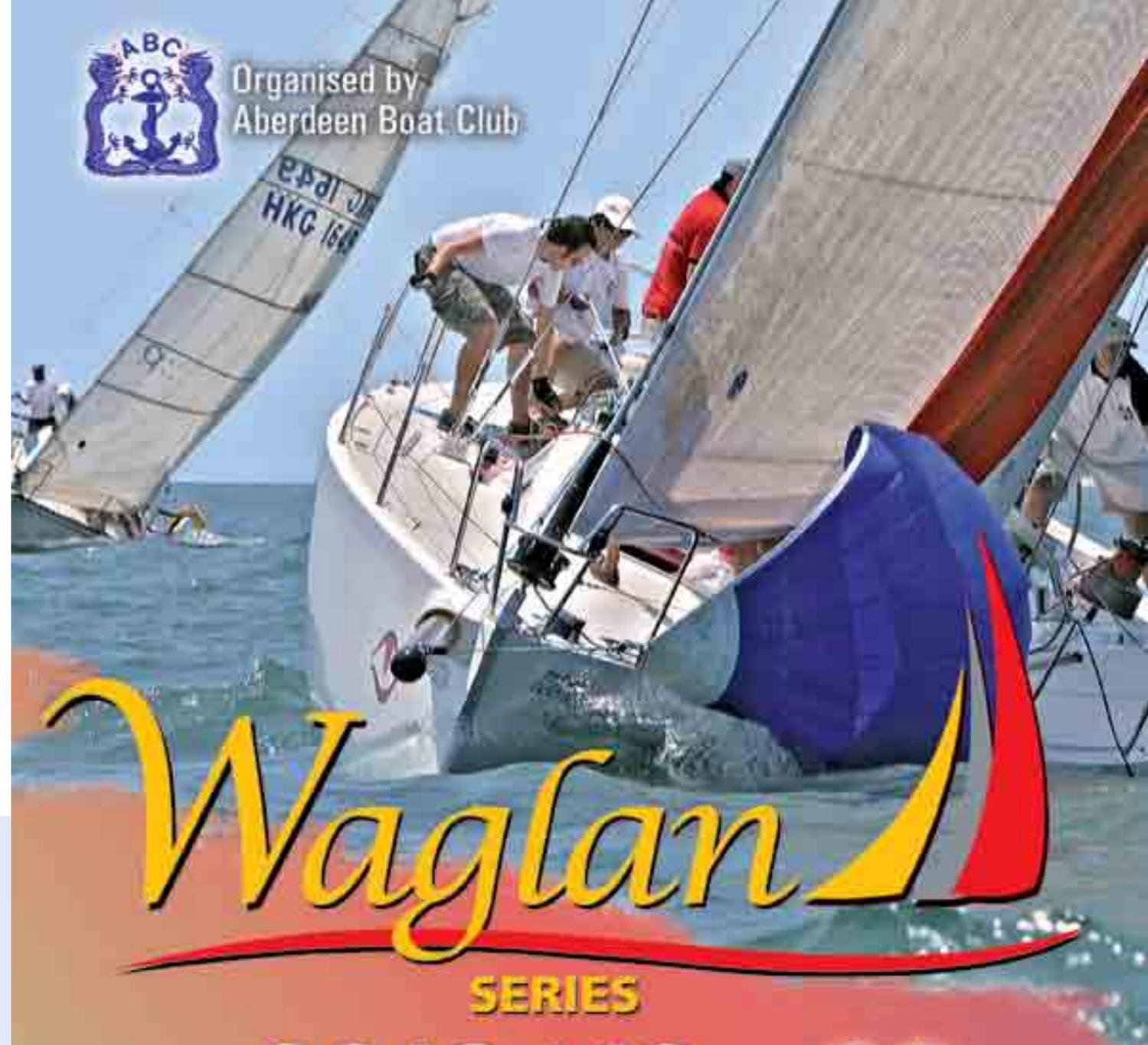
## Save the Dates – ABC events in October, November and December

Details on events and menus available from the F&B team at [fnb@clubhk.com](mailto:fnb@clubhk.com).

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 8 – 31 October         | Order pre-cooked turkeys from ABC F&B for Thanksgiving                             |
| 5 – 30 November        | Order pre-cooked turkeys and hams from ABC F&B for Christmas and New Year holidays |
| Saturday, 17 November  | Angus Beef dinner with free tasting of wines from Merit Boutique Wines             |
| 19 – 23 November       | Thanksgiving set dinner service, Four Peaks and The Galley restaurants             |
| 18 – 23 November       | Pick-up of cooked turkeys for Thanksgiving from ABC                                |
| Wednesday, 12 December | Kennedy School Choir Christmas Carolling, The Galley                               |
| Saturday, 15 December  | Welsh Male Choir and set dinner, The Galley  |
| Saturday, 22 December  | Dong Zhi festive set dinner service, Four Peaks Club                               |
| 23 - 31 December       | Pick-up of cooked turkeys and hams for Christmas from ABC                          |
| Monday, 24 December    | Christmas Eve festive set dinner service, Four Peaks                               |
| Tuesday, 25 December   | Christmas Day festive set brunch, Four Peaks, The Galley, and Middle Island        |
| Monday, 31 December    | New Year's Eve festive celebration, The Galley                                     |
| Tuesday, 1 January     | New Year's Day festive set brunch, Four Peaks, The Deck, The Galley and The Patio  |



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Sambar, a vegetable stew or chowder of broth made with tamarind and pigeon peas, is very popular in the cooking of southern regions of India.

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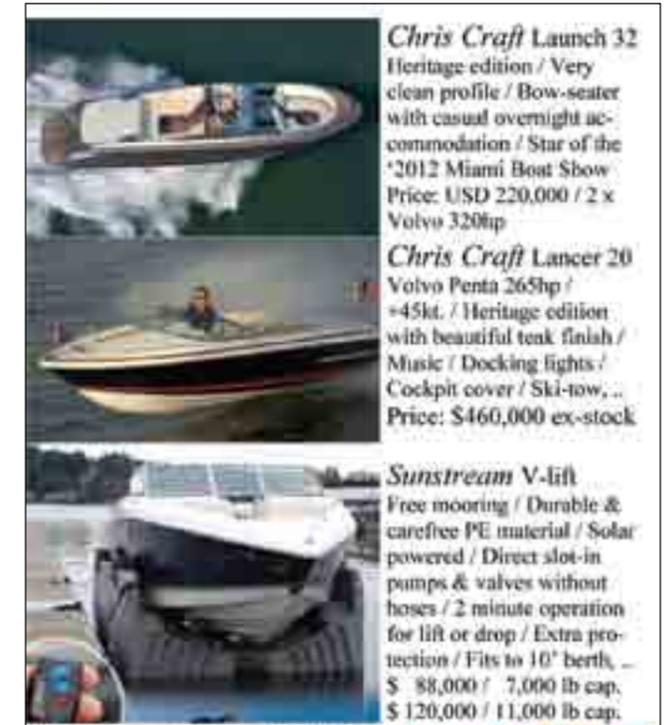


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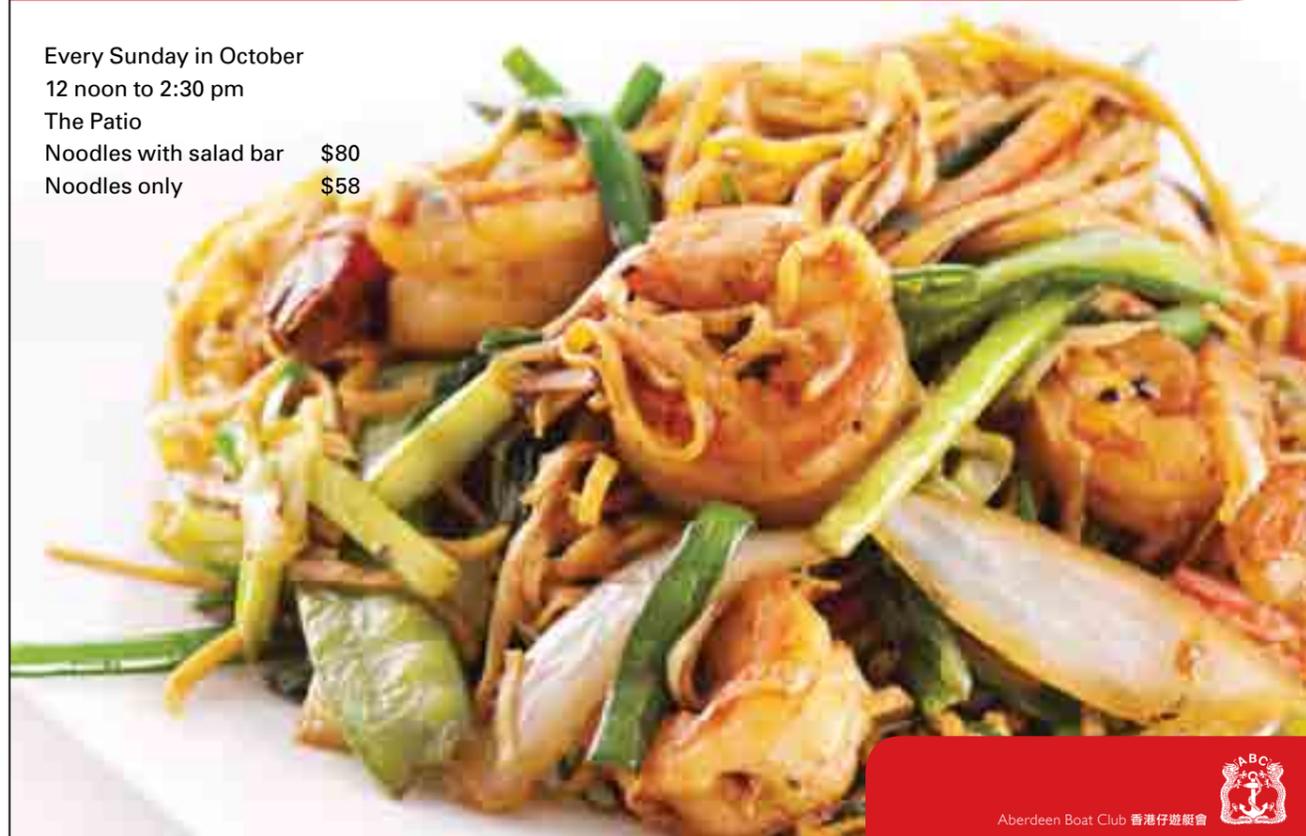
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## Beer of the Month

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## International Chargrilled Sausage and Belgian Beer Night

Friday, 12 October

6:30 – 9 pm

The Patio

Including salad bar, home fries and three free 33 cl. bottles of your choice of these selected Belgian beers:

- Hoegaarden Grand Cru
- Tripel Karmeliet and
- Augustijn Grand Cru

Further drinks charged to member's account

Presenting your choice of all-you-can eat Toulouse sausages from France, Nuremberg sausages from Germany, Vienna sausages from Austria, pepper sausages from Italy, Cumberland, bratwurst, and cheddar bratwurst sausages from the United Kingdom, chorizo Riojano sausages from Spain, Boerewors sausages from South Africa, Johnsonville sausages from the United States, and Mergues sausages from Morocco.

\$268 per adult including 3 bottles of Belgium beer

\$88 per child (3 - 12 years)

To reserve for your family, please call the Galley at 2554 9494



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### Villiera Chenin Blanc 2010

The wine has intense fruit with a hint of wood spice on the nose, including pineapple, guava and citrus. On the palate it is rich and full-bodied with good balance and a long finish.

### Villiera Merlot 2010

The aroma shows hints of cedarwood and vanilla with attractive dark berry fruit. On the palate the wine is rich and full with soft tannins and good acidity.

by the glass \$46  
by the bottle \$230

Free Wine Tasting  
Friday, 19 October, 6-8 pm  
The Patio



## Wine of the Month & Free Wine Tasting Event

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## Curry Buffet with Free Wine Tasting, Sat. 13 October

The Sundeck

6:30 – 9 pm

Your Choice of:

Pineapple, potato or garden salad  
Vegetable samosas and onion bhajis

Chef Yadav's Indian Buffet Selection:

Chicken Tikka Masala, Lamb Rogan Josh, Fish Madras, Aloo Gobi, Dal Makhan

Side Dishes:

Pulao Rice, Papadams, Butter Nan

Dessert Selection:

Fresh-Fruit Platter, Homemade Cheesecake

6 – 8 pm:

Free tasting of wines from supplier Island Junks

Jacaranda Pinotage Rose, Arabella Chardonnay, Groenland Sauvignon Blanc, Jacaranda Chenin Blanc, Waverly Hills Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz, Arabella Shiraz, Arabella Cabernet Sauvignon and Mischa Merlot.

Wine orders can be taken at the free tasting.

\$168 per adult

\$78 per child under 12

To reserve, please call 2553 3442.

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# Halloween Buffet and Party, Saturday 27 October

**The Galley and Patio**  
6:30 – 9:30 pm

DJ and music, Halloween costume dress competition for children and bouncy castle

Special table of Halloween food for young trick or treaters

Buffet dinner, salad bar and dessert selection

\$230 per adult and \$170 per child (ages 3 – 12)

To reserve for your family,  
Please call The Galley coffee shop at 2554 9494

#### Buffet Features:

Creepy Salad Bar  
Pumpkin Chowder in Witches Caldron  
Cold and Hot Buffet Offerings  
Roast Lamb

#### Desserts include:

- Fresh-fruit Platter
- Pumpkin Pie
- Chocolate Bread
- Mango Cheese Cake
- Coconut Pudding



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# Angus Beef BBQ Dinner with Free Wine Tasting Saturday, 17 November

**The Patio**  
6:30 – 9 pm

Adults \$428  
Children 3 – 12 (inclusive) \$168

Featuring: Extensive Salad Bar

#### Steak Options:

- Angus Ribeye
- Angus New York Striploin
- Angus Tenderloin
- Angus Rump

Accompanied by your choice of sauces:

- Red wine
- Green peppercorn
- Mushroom

#### Side dishes

- Steak fries
- Jacket potatoes
- Corn on the cob
- Steamed broccoli

**Merit Wine's Senior Sommelier Eric Kwok will introduce these fine wines which can be ordered for home delivery:**

Two Tails Sauvignon Blanc 2009,  
Marlborough, New Zealand

Fox by JB Sauvignon Blanc 2010,  
Marlborough, New Zealand  
*Robert Parker Award: 85pts*

Lawson's Dry Hills, Pinot Noir 2008,  
Marlborough, New Zealand  
*Robert Parker Award: 89pts*

Thorn Clarke Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2008/09,  
Barossa, Australia  
*Robert Parker Award: 88pts, Wine Spectator: 89pts, Mundus Vini 2009: Gold*

Thorn Clarke Terra Barossa Shiraz 2009/10,  
Barossa, Australia  
*James Halliday Award: 94pts, Wine Spectator: 88pts, Robert Parker: 87pts*



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## Looking Ahead to the Holidays

# ABC Event Planning and Food and Wine Delivery Options

It's the beginning of October and the mid-autumn festival has come and gone. The Christmas and New Year holidays are only weeks away. Between preparing gifts, planning holiday meals for family, friends and colleagues, and juggling extra-busy schedules, many of us will be saying "how will I ever pull it together?"

To help you host crowd-pleasing events, ease your entertainment planning and reduce your to-do list, the ABC food-and-beverage team has organised special events for Thanksgiving, Dong Zhi, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as a New Year's Eve dinner party and New Year's Day brunch.

### Host an event at the Club

Please your guests – colleagues and family – with a corporate or private end-of-year party at the ABC. The F&B team also can host your colleagues and family and friends at the Club with events for nearly any size of gathering.

Choose your dates and book one of the Club's function rooms or Middle Island with its special atmosphere.

- The Harbour Room can host up to 80 guests, with a room-hire charge of \$1500 for four hours.

- The Bridge Room can host up to 30 guests, with a room-hire charge of \$1,500 for four hours.
- The Patio can host up to 60 guests (weekdays only).
- Middle Island can host up to 180 guests, with no transport charge. Venue charge upon request to the F&B manager.

Get advice on holiday party menu and drink options at the ABC from new ABC Food and Beverage Manager Isabella Gaggino at [fnb@clubhk.com](mailto:fnb@clubhk.com) or 2555 6216.

### Collect cooked turkeys and hams from the Club

The F&B team will also offer pre-cooked food options for collection during the holidays.

The U.S. Thanksgiving holiday is Thursday, 22 November, with parties often planned to take place the preceding and following weekends. For Thanksgiving, orders for cooked turkeys can be placed with the ABC F&B manager between 8 – 31 October for pick-up 18 – 23 November after 3 pm.

For Christmas-time collection of cooked turkeys and hams and special dishes, orders can be placed with the ABC F&B manager from 5 – 30 November, for pick-up 23 – 31 December before 3 pm.

### Wine delivery to your home

The Club offers selected wine options for you to order for delivery to give you a head-start on entertaining family and guests in your own home.

Contact new ABC Food and Beverage Manager Isabella Gaggino at 2555 6216 for advice on wine and food pairings. Miss Gaggino will be pleased to recommend wines from the ABC home-delivery list to accompany ABC's cooked holiday turkeys and hams and traditional Christmas dishes.

The ABC's December home wine delivery offerings will include special offers on Champagne timed for delivery to you well before New Year's Eve.

### Holiday dining at the Club

The Club's array of festive menu options will be provided soon on the Club website and in the November issue of *Horizons*. H





# Home Wine Delivery October 2012

|  | \$/Bottle | Quantity | Amount |
|--|-----------|----------|--------|
| <b>White Wines</b>   |           |          |        |
| <b>Skuttlebutt Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2010</b><br>Vibrant fresh fruit aromas of citrus, passion fruit and gooseberry. Bountiful flavours of zesty citrus, juicy ripe melon and fleshy stone fruits. The bright acidity adds a crisp and tangy finish.<br>94 points - <i>James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2012</i><br>Gold Medal - <i>Margaret River Wine Show 2010</i>                           | \$130     |          |        |
| <b>Little Yering Chardonnay 2010</b><br>Great intensity with mineral notes, white nectarine and citrus flavours. This wine shows a creamy, nutty complexity with freshness and elegance. Great structure and length in the finish.<br>Silver Medal - <i>International Wine &amp; Spirit Competition 2012</i><br>Yering Station, a five-star winery - <i>James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2012</i> | \$130     |          |        |
| <b>Giesen Estate Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2011</b><br>This refreshingly wine is an excellent expression of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.<br>It is fresh and zesty with multiple levels of tropical fruit flavours.<br>91 Points - <i>Good Wine Guide 2012</i>  | \$120     |          |        |
| <b>Mt. Langi Ghiran Billi Billi Pinot Grigio 2010</b><br>Aroma of pear, apple and honeydew melon, with flint and mineral characters. Densely textured, the wine shows varietal palate weight. Pear and lychee fruit characters dominate the mid-palate, and fine acid builds length and structure.<br>Mt. Langi Ghiran Vineyard, Five-Star winery - <i>James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2012</i>   | \$120     |          |        |
| <b>Red Wines</b>   |           |          |        |
| <b>Bimbadgen Ridge Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2009</b><br>Mixed berry fruits and Christmas cake spice aromas dominate with a hint of tobacco leaf. Dark cherry red in colour. The palate offers lashings of fleshy berry fruit, a touch of spice and a whisper of oak structure.   | \$100     |          |        |
| <b>Maverick Breechens Barossa Valley Shiraz 2009</b><br>Rich and immense aromas of black fruits, spice and dark chocolate.<br>A concentrated palate loaded with black plums, dark berries, licorice and spice, textural tannins that blend with the fruit and help retain a lengthy aftertaste.<br>Maverick Wines, a five-star winery - <i>James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2012</i>               | \$120     |          |        |
| <b>Little Yering Pinot Noir 2010</b><br>Lifted perfume of violets and lavender. All spice intertwined with gamey, briary red and black cherry fruits. Complimented with subtle vanillin oak. The palate is soft and juicy. Lovely mix of elegant fruit, savoury spice and earthy undertones. Supple tannins and velvet-like finish.<br>92 Points - <i>James Halliday Top 100 Aussie Wines 2011</i>         | \$120     |          |        |
| <b>Man O' War Road Works Merlot Cabernet Franc 2008</b><br>The palate offers bramble, blackberry and currants with a hint of pepper spice, followed by sweet berry fruit, a rich texture and fine ripe tannins. The softness of the Merlot gives way to the robust structure of the Cabernet franc.  | \$100     |          |        |

## Free Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting at the Galley on **Friday, 19 October from 6-8 pm.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum order 12 bottles. Mixed cases available. Note 10% discount for orders of 24 or more bottles.  
Total amount will be charged to member's account. Orders accepted by mail, fax or in person.  
Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555-6216 or Fax: 2873-2945  
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## ABC Beef Entrees Promotion, October 2012

When you dine at the Aberdeen Boat Club throughout the month of October, you can choose from these appetisers and entrees:

- Braised beef soup \$58**  
*Slowed-cooked beef with baby carrots and potatoes*
- Roast-beef salad \$ 88**  
*Roasted beef with gherkin and red onion on pommery mustard dressing*
- Beef Carpaccio \$98**  
*With roasted black beans and garlic in olive oil*
- Beef Stroganoff \$148**  
*Sautéed beef tenderloin with carrot, onion, and mushroom*
- Crispy beef brisket \$148**  
*With Thai red curry sauce*
- Beef tenderloin kebabs \$ 198**  
*With pimento, onion and butter rice*
- Salt-beef rib-eye (French style) \$198**  
*With poached carrot, celery, fennel with mustard sauce*
- Ox-tail Tagliatelle \$108**  
*With carrot, onion, and rosemary sauce*





## ABC Golf Society Updates

The new ABC Golf Society, formed in early summer 2012, already has more than 40 members. On September 28, The ABC sent a team of golfers to a Hebe Haven Yacht Club golf outing that served as a special fundraiser leading up to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hebe Haven's charity dinghy race.

The ABC Golf Society has arranged a golf outing for Monday, 29 October, in line with plans to host events roughly every two months. Membership in the Society is \$600 per year. The first tee-off for the 29 October outing of 18 holes will be at 10 am at Kau Sai Chau golf course in Sai Kung. The event fee of \$650 includes the greens fee and the ferry shuttle fee.

For further information on the 29 October outing, please see <http://www.abclubhk.com/news.aspx?newsid=136>

To join the ABC Golf Society, contact Clora Kong at 2552 8182, ext 812, or email [gmsec@abclubhk.com](mailto:gmsec@abclubhk.com)

## ABC F&B Promotions:

Throughout October, the Four Peaks and Galley restaurants will highlight beef dishes with special appetisers and main dishes.

In November, Four Peaks and The Galley will introduce appetisers and main dishes featuring crab.

## 6 and 7 October, Sai Kung Hebe Haven Hosts Charity Festival Enjoy a fun weekend out in Sai Kung with live music, food and kids' entertainment

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club invites ABC members and families to its 10th annual 24 Charity Dinghy Race, with live music, dancing, food and merchandising stalls including handicrafts, jewellery, bags, accessories and more. Kids can choose from a bouncy castle, face-painting, Drum Jam and more. Free two-way shuttle bus to the Club from Sai Kung Star Plaza.

**From noon Saturday 6 October 12 noon to 4 pm Sunday 7 October**

**Venue: Hebe Haven Yacht Club, Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung**

**For further information, see [www.hhyc.org.hk](http://www.hhyc.org.hk)**

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## Bridge Room Freshened with New Sofas



Photo by Matthew Tsui



**Addendum:** The British Royal Navy's HMSTC Dasher (above) at the Alicante Legends Regatta in November 2011. To learn more about Dasher and one of her earlier adventures, see "The Shocking Side of Sailing" in Horizons of September 2012. Since then, Dasher has been updated with satellite communications and upgraded navigation equipment. The 55' Nicholson still serves as a Royal Navy training yacht based out of the U.K. armed forces' Joint Services Adventurous Sail Training Centre, which celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012.

Many members know the Club's top-floor Bridge Room as a function room for special events and dinner services.

Other members have long found the Bridge Room to be a quiet haven for reading, chart-checking, television-watching or relaxing talks with drinks brought from the bar and The Galley. The Bridge Room houses several bookcases full of classic and popular works of fiction and non-fiction in both English and Chinese.

ABC House Manager Steven Ng recently oversaw selection and installation of new sofas (pictured) in the Bridge Room. The leather two-seaters will add to the Bridge Room's comfort and help it retain its ambiance as a welcome hideaway at the Club.



The updated changing rooms at Middle Island after work done in summer 2012. Photo by Steven Ng.

## Member contributions to *Horizons*

Horizons magazine is looking for article contributions from members. How do you use the Club to get fit? How and when do you use the ABC gym? The pool? Personal trainers? Does lifting a celebratory glass count as post-sailing exertion?



We also seek members' stories on navigation in boating: the principles; what practices and equipment keep you out of trouble; tried-and-true low-tech methods; and your real-life stories.

We welcome articles on water sports you love beyond boating: water-skiing, wakeboarding, kayaking, scuba-diving and dragon-boating.

Up for a challenge? Share your experiences of the Four Peaks race and other fast-growing competitive events in HK such as open-water swims, swimming and running races, and walks and climbs at Middle Island or anywhere near the ABC. Contact the editor at [ann.white@ppp.com.hk](mailto:ann.white@ppp.com.hk)

**Live music at the ABC  
Saturday, 13 October**

**The Waglan Bar,  
8 - 8:30 pm**

**Acoustic covers by  
Niki Parrington and  
Roger Berry**



**Saturday Night Acoustics**

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