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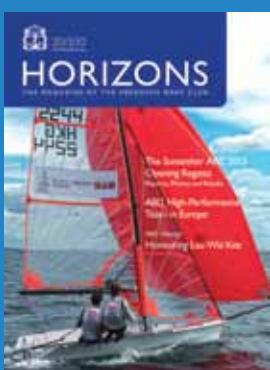
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Commodore's Letter

The Hong Kong sailing season traditionally starts with the ABC Opening Regatta, this year held on 7th and 8th September. Sunseeker, rejoicing in its decade of strong support for the Club as title sponsor, witnessed one of the best-ever Club regattas in living memory, blessed with Force 4 winds, calm seas and clear skies for the 170 entrants. Certainly one of the best of my 31 appearances in this regatta (must have started young!).

Full credit to the Sailing and Marine Committee together with the three race officers plus the club staff for their diligent work, all of which led to the success of this event.

Following the enjoyable Dinghy - Cruiser Challenge (a triumph of youth over experience), and the OR, we began the dinghy series on 14th September and will commence the Jebsen Marine Waglan Series in early October.

In this issue you may read about the successes of our 29er team in Europe in the Worlds while other high-performance squad members have also enjoyed and prospered in recent racing visits to Thailand and Macau.

The House Committee has neared completion of the revised and rationalised Club bye-laws, to be promulgated shortly. Some more light reading to come!

October's biggest event is the 40th anniversary of Lau Wai Kee's employment at the Club. More stories in this issue but let us all recognise his great contribution.

In his long association with the Club, Ah Kee has acted as marine manager, instructor, and in senior management from its Nissen hut days to the current two-clubhouse development with more than 70 boats of various types and 100+ moorings.

Ah Kee's warmth and friendliness



have made him an exemplar at the Club and for all who interact with it and him.

Join me in recognising Ah Kee's achievement and thanking him at a celebration 6 – 9 pm Saturday, 19 October.

John Berry

Commodore

Flag Officer's Report

The traditional sailing season for Hong Kong was kicked off in style with our very own Aberdeen Boat Club Sunseeker Opening Regatta held back in the beginning of September. This issue of *Horizons* is packed with reports of this great event and should make for some entertaining reading.

With the conclusion of the opening regatta weekend, we can now look forward to the start of our traditional sailing and marine calendar, which of course kicks off with the Jebsen Marine Waglan Series on Sunday, 6 October. Look forward to a 10-race series that will span the winter months and the best sailing conditions in Hong Kong.

As well as Sunday racing, we also have lots of opportunities to get out on the water Saturday afternoons. For dinghy sailors, why not start practicing now for the ABC Southside Regatta to be held in December? Or if you prefer something a little bigger, consider hiring one of the Club's J/80s and join in with

the planned class racing that is hosted out of Middle Island throughout the autumn and winter.

30th Four Peaks Race ahead

January will soon be upon us and so will the Four Peaks Race. This iconic ABC event will be celebrating its first 30 years in 2014. To celebrate this milestone, we will ensure that this year's event offers something special for competitors old and new to remember the races both present and past. Some crews have already entered and started the training required to take part competitively. Make sure you don't miss out and get your team together soon.

As well as the traditional events, we also have a few special events lined up for this year. The first will be at the end of October on Sunday the 20th, when we will hold the second annual ABC Fiesta Day. This year is focused on a group sail/motor to Po Toi, where we will host a raft-up and lunch in the adjacent bay. Check



the ABC website for more details. Also, for Christmas, we will host a fun-on-the-water day on Sunday, 22 December. If you are still in town on that date, make sure you join us for this great event.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water or back at the bar in the Club.

Bruce Perkins

Rear Commodore, Sailing and Marine

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General Manager's Letter

Sailing and Marine

As I write, the Opening Regatta is yet to happen but surely will be another great event for our Club. I would like to thank in advance all the volunteers who make it successful.

Every year the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club assist us by providing support boats, staff and equipment. I thank them sincerely and hope that our long partnership at sea will carry on as long as both Clubs operate, for the good of the sport.

As the ABC can lay claim to a growing high-performance boat fleet, and to improve sailing quality and safety, we decided that this year, for the first time, the Opening Regatta would have three rather than two different race areas. They are the usual south Lamma for cruisers, the quite recent Stanley Bay for the dinghies, and – under the recommendation and push of our sailing team – a separate and new racing spot near Po Toi Island for the 29er, F18, Hobie 16 and other super-fast mean machines. A full report of the regatta is in this issue.

The Club will next turn its focus to the 30th anniversary of the Four Peaks Race to be held on 18 and 19 January. If you wish to be involved in this great celebration of Asia's most challenging race, please contact me or Eileen Sze in the sailing and marine office. Many duties must be carried out during the race, and as the adage says, "the more the merrier."

October 6th is the start of a new Waglan Series race season sponsored again by Jebsen Marine. The series consists of eight island races, taking boats from Middle Island around the outlying islands and two geometric courses set south of Lamma Island. Boats compete in IRC and HKPN divisions and this year sees the revival of the Division B boats to reflect the diversity of the fleet. Individual trophies reward winners of each race with overall prizes for the series winners in each division. The Waglan series, popular with all Hong Kong's sailing clubs and associations, includes prizes for two mini-

series, the first for best results in the five races before Christmas and the second for January/February onwards.

On 20th October all boaters and sailors are invited to join the Club's second Fiesta Day cruise and/or race with a pasta lunch on Nam Tam Wan near Po Toi Island. Please register with Eileen Sze in the marine office.

Hebe Haven 24-hr Charity Race

Our reciprocal club in Hong Kong celebrates its 11th successful 24-hour charity dinghy race 26 and 27 Oct. Again the ABC will send teams and raise money. Please visit the HHYC then to see our team or sponsor them to help raise funds for five local charities. The ABC has sponsored a specially fitted "Access 303" sailing dinghy to allow disabled sailors to train and enter the Asia Para Games in Korea in 2014 and supports the Sailability Trust at HHYC.

House

October is busy with our very popular Halloween Night (theme this year 'Thriller'). Games and fun abound, plus our regular and very famous DJ Dave will frighten us and the little Michael Jacksons all night.

Food and Beverage Manager Alok Kumar has organised on Friday 11th a great Piper Heidsieck Champagne dinner with speaker Ned Goodwin MW, Brand Ambassador for Asia Pacific. When you read this, there may be only a few spaces left, so call Alok now.

Chef Paul has planned a superb German-influenced promotion menu all October, Alok has his German beer of the month and both have set up a terrific Oktoberfest-themed party the evening of 5 October. Book quickly if you want a taste of German food, beer, games and oompah music.

Now if there is one party none of the dinghy sailors, boaters or sailors of the Club should miss, it is the celebration of 40 years of service at the ABC of Lau Wai Kee (aka Ah Kee) with free drinks, snacks and a huge cake on Saturday 19 October



at the Patio. Book in advance with Cobo so we know if we need to open the car park as well.

IT System and Member Questionnaire

The new IT system now is installed and we have entered a three-month soft implementation (but hard training) period. Soon you can receive your statement by email and access your account online anytime with your personal password. We aim to go live in January 2014 with all teething problems sorted.

Will all members who have not returned their membership questionnaire do so this month? Having your information on hand will shorten our Herculean updating task to make a January start possible. Simply quickly review the data checklist we sent you in April 2013, update if necessary and return.

No Personal Staff – ever

I must once again remind members that personal staff are not allowed in the Club – ever. Members, to avoid embarrassing your own guests, remind them in advance of this long-standing and firm Club rule.

A growing trail of items left on the floor in the sailing locker area endangers others and blocks locker access. Please note that any and all boxes, sail bags, etc. will be considered abandoned for removal and disposal without further notice.

Philippe de Manny

General Manager

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Race Report

ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta 2013: Cruisers, J/80s and Flying Fifteens

By Bruce Perkins, photos by Eileen Sze and Philippe de Manny



Jasmine
Photo by Eileen Sze

The Aberdeen Boat Club Opening Regatta for 2013 kicked off the sailing season for Hong Kong in classic style this weekend. Sponsored for its 10th consecutive year by Sunseeker, the regatta drew a cruiser entry list of over 60 boats, including a first-time visit to the regatta from the Hong Kong Flying Fifteen class.

With the first weekend in September this year falling as late as the 7th and 8th of the month, there was always hope that the weather, and more importantly the wind, just might be better than usual. Saturday morning left no one disappointed as the fleet was greeted by blue skies and a solid 14 knots blowing from the northeast. With the forecast set to stay over the next 48 hours, the weekend looked set to be another great event.

Day 1, Race 1

The race management team, led by International Race Officer Jerry Rollin, headed out early to the start area for Day 1 to the waters southeast of Lamma in preparation for the day's planned racing of two windward/leeward style courses. With the breeze steady at 14 knots from the northeast, the outer course was laid with a 1.7nm beat and the inner course a slightly shorter 1.3nm beat.

All classes made excellent progress around their respective courses with an average finish time of just over 70 minutes.

In IRC class 1, *Signal 8* and *Walawala 2* saw some very close racing and finished the course just seven seconds apart, but it was Steve Manning's *Walawala 2* that just took first place on corrected time.

IRC 2 was led in by Anthony Root's *Red Kite II* closely followed by *Talking Head* and *Andiamo*. *Jasmine* took a convincing win in the J/80 fleet and HKPN A was won by *Boadicea*. In HKPN B, the largest fleet of the regatta, racing was more spread out, but *No One Else* took pole position, closely followed by *Zephyr* on corrected time.

Race 2

After a short break for lunch, Race 2 got underway with the first starting gun fired at 1400 hrs. The wind-direction and strength continued to impress the race management team and the course for classes IRC 0 and 1 was lengthened to three laps.

An aggressive start from the IRC 0 and 1 classes drew an individual recall from the race officer, which was unfortunately missed by race leader *Walawala 2*. After leading its class for three laps, victory looked certain, but as the crew crossed the finish line they were greeted by silence, with an OCS registered. This left *Signal 8* to claim line honours and first place for race 2.

Vineta again took victory in IRC 0 and the combined fleets of IRC 2 and 3 were led home by *Talking Head* and



HuaAn
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GearBox. However, *Boss Hogg* and *Red Kite II* managed to slip between them in second and third place on corrected time.

The J/80's were again led by *Jasmine* with its crew's windward/leeward experience dominating the fleet. HKPN A saw a win from *Wan Zhu* and in HKPN B it was *No One Else* who took the win. In the Flying Fifteens, *Noisy Forefather II* managed to get the better of *Tchaikoffsky* and *Kerfuffle* this time and took first place in Race 2.

With racing over for the day, the fleet headed back to Middle Island to enjoy the Carlsberg-sponsored party and Day 1 prize-giving. After the awards were handed out, most crews headed back to get a good night's sleep in anticipation of the following day's racing. Others however, thought there was more fun to be had staying just where they were.

ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta: Day 2

Sunday morning's weather was exactly as forecast, and another beautiful day greeted the fleet as they headed out to the designated starting area just south of Chung Hom Kok peninsula for the day's island racing.

With the promise of a good day's wind, Race Officer Jerry Rollin set off the faster fleets on a 20nm course that included the Islands of Po Toi and Waglan. For the slower fleets, shorter courses were picked in an effort to ensure all classes finished in a reasonable time. Once the fleets were underway, chase boats were dispatched to Castle Rock and TCS2 buoy to monitor the fleets.

Perfect sailing conditions

As the day continued, the wind built and all classes made excellent progress. Unfortunately, the chase boat stationed at Castle Rock soon sent through news that the faster boats in HKPN B were doing much better than expected and were already on their way back to the finish. The committee boat was quickly moved to the finish area as *Thea*, leading HKPN B, appeared over the horizon, setting a record time leading the tail-end of her class by over 1.5 hours. Unfortunately it was a bittersweet gun that heralded *Thea*'s finish. Line honours were secured, but it signaled a premature end to what were considered perfect sailing conditions.

The other fleets fared much better and in many, the close racing proved an exciting finish. None more so than the J/80 fleet, as *Jasmine* and *Footloose* sailed neck-and-neck to the finish line with their A-sails stretched to the limit. *Footloose* switched to their headsail first with a polished drop and headed up to steer for the finish line. All eyes were on the crew of *Jasmine*, who chose to hang on to their A-sail to the very last minute. Any mistake here would give *Footloose* the victory, but another tricky drop was executed well and *Jasmine* just managed to hang on to the lead with only eight seconds separating them after 2.5 hours sailing.

With all classes of the regatta now back at Middle Island, the free beer, kindly sponsored by Carlsberg, was rushed forward and delivered earlier than planned, much to the delight of the assembled crowd of sailors, supporters and volunteers. Unfortunately the lady from Sunseeker who was

helping to hand out the prizes couldn't be rushed, and so the first few trophies were awarded in her absence. Her arrival at Middle Island was heralded by a large cheer from the sailors and the now-traditional photo call for winning skippers took place as planned.

After all the prizes were handed out, there was nothing left to do but thank the entire race management team and the ABC who helped to make the regatta a success both on and off the water. As the applause died down, crews returned to their next challenge – finishing the beer and curry!

Highlights of results of the Sunseeker 2013 Opening Regatta are on pp. 12 and 13, with full results at <http://www.abclubhk.com/download/1202.pdf>

Photo by Eileen Sze



Photo by Philippe de Manny



Photo by Philippe de Manny



The Walawala 2 crew

Race Report



Dinghy Team Report: The Sunseeker ABC 2013 Opening Regatta

By Rory Godman with Russell Aylsworth, photos by Kevin Lewis

Over the 7th and 8th of September, the ABC Opening Regatta was on. This was the first regatta of the new season for the ABC high-performance team. We have moved a lot of our Optimist kids into 29ers for the upcoming season, so this was their first real test.

The team members sailed extremely well over the seven-race series and the ABC was able to earn first, second and third places. In the Optimists, the best performer was Taylor Young, who was just outside the top 10 competitors, which is very impressive for his age (8).

We also had a couple of our older sailors who won the Laser 2000 class and showed that they are ready for the step up into the 29ers.

Russell Aylsworth: So on the first day of the regatta we had a moderate-to-fresh breeze, but in the afternoon the wind started to die down a bit. I was going to sail a 29er for only my sixth time and I was exceedingly scared of sailing on

that boat and not messing up some way.

A 29er's definition is intense, fast and overall fun to sail in. The ABC 29er sailors who participated in the opening regatta were the teams of Yann D'Argenlieu as helm and Nathan Bradley as crew, Matthew Wright as helm and Louis Bond-Smith as crew, and finally Cosmas Grelon as helm and Russell Aylsworth (me) as crew. We also had two other Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club people. We all had no problems rigging and started to head out soon after.

In the first race, Yann and Nathan came in first. Following them came Cosmas and me; third was a person from the RHKYC.

My first race in a 29er was very thrilling and scary and hard work. Cosmas was extremely helpful throughout the whole regatta, guiding me and showing me what to do and how to do it. He is very direct and assertive and all in all a great sailor.

In the second race Cosmas and I capsized and were the last boat at the top mark, but we still managed to get fourth place. In the third and final races of the day, we got the same marks as the first race, but Matthew and Louis got fifth place instead of fourth. On the way back to Middle

Island, Cosmas and I capsized and I swung into the jib and made a massive hole right in it. I was extremely scared of what Rory, our coach, would think. Overall my first 29er regatta was a step in the right direction and I look forward to many more to come. H



ABC's Top Results	
29ers	
1st:	Yann D'Argenlieu/Nathan Bradley
2nd	Cosmas Grelon/Russell Aylsworth
3rd	Matthew Wright/Louis Bond-Smith
Laser 2000	
1st	George Burkett
Feva	
2nd	Ryan Wong and Rahel Wijeyekoon
3rd	Ralph Summers and Viplav Tandoon
Optimists	
12th	Taylor Young
17th	Anatole Martin





RACE RESULTS

The Sunseeker ABC Opening Regatta, 7 and 8 September 2013

by Philippe de Mandy



IRC Class 0 & 1 Perpetual Trophy - Tin Chau Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Signal 8	Jamie McWilliam	Vineta	Helmut Hennig	Walawala 2	Steve Manning

IRC Class 1 Perpetual Trophy - Crystal Trophy

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Signal 8	Jamie McWilliam	Walawala 2	Steve Manning	Intrigue	Ian Nicholson

IRC Class 2 Perpetual Trophy - Lamma Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Red Kite II	Anthony Root	Talking Head	Tonny Chung	Andiamo	John Woo

HKPN Class A Perpetual Trophy - Pacific Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Wan Zhu	Li Qu Bo	Boadicea	Ian Cusack	Legs Eleven	Nikolaus von der Luhe

HKPN Class B Perpetual Trophy - Adamasta Channel Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
No One Else	Emily Chan	Zephyr	Park Ng	The Farr Side	John Berry

1st J/80 Perpetual Trophy - Hong Kong Clipper Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Jasmine	Ben Bulmer	Footloose	Henry Wong	FG3	Elaine Morgan/Stephen Davies

Flying Fifteens Perpetual Trophy - Hong Kong Clipper Cup

1st Overall		2nd Overall		3rd Overall	
Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Boat Name	Skipper Name
Noisy Forefather II	Sam Chan	Kerfluffle	Coflyon Knight-Evans	Tchaikoffsky	Howard Williams



by Kevin Lewis



by Philippe de Manny

Dinghy and Multihulls

Dinghy Div. A

1st Overall	Wan Chi Wai/Tse Sui Lun: 420
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2nd Overall	Luk Ping Yat/Tsoi Yat Ming: 420
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3rd Overall	Phoebe Chung Hoi Yin/Martha Mai Hatch: 420
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1st Overall

Riley Cameron: Laser 4.7

Dinghy Div. B

2nd Overall	Nick Bezy: Laser 4.7
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3rd Overall	Andrew Richards/Morwenna Richards: RS Feva
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Optimist Tong Po Chau Cup

1st Overall

Ferdinand Heldman

2nd Overall

Yun Tsing Fung Wilson

3rd Overall

Siu Ka Chun

29er

1st Overall

Yann D'Argenlieu/Nathan Bradley

2nd Overall

Cosmas Grelon/Russell Aylsworth

3rd Overall

Matthew Wright/Louis Bond-Smith

F18 Perpetual Trophy - Arawa Bell

1st Overall

Nigel Harris/Chan Yu Ting

2nd Overall

JC Broyelle/Doris Hung

3rd Overall

Peter Davies

Hobie 16

1st Overall

Tong Shing/Kit Tong

2nd Overall

Tom Nunan/Gabriel Kicks

3rd Overall

Karl Chan/Bendy Li



Dinghy-Cruiser Challenge 2013

By Diana Bruce, photos by Kevin Lewis



Bruce Perkins and Kyle Matthews

On September, the ABC Dinghy Section challenged the Cruiser Section to an afternoon of dinghy races, just to see whether those "big guys" were really all they were cracked up to be. The weather forecast was not very promising for the event – squally thunderstorms and about two knots of wind – but in the end, the storm abated and the wind picked up enough to make it a fair afternoon's sailing.

The two teams turned up at Middle Island at around 11 am on the Sunday, and the dinghy guys helped the visitors to find and rig their boats. I'm sure we did it with the best of intentions and there was definitely no deliberate funny business going on, spiking boats, etc.

We then sailed out to Repulse Bay where the race boat was waiting – for some of the cruiser sailors this was their first time ever in a Laser 2000 and it probably came as quite a surprise to find such a small boat actually existed. Low booms hit heads and knees were under chins as they crouched in the cockpit – a far cry from the roomy accommodation on *Thea* or *The Farr Side*, no doubt.

New-found annual event

The wind picked up sufficiently for us to have four windward/leeward races, and by the third race, the dinghy guys were starting to get a bit worried as the cruiser sailors found their (small) sea legs and began to get the hang of this dinghy thing. (Well, I suppose Nathan and Oliver weren't too fazed – they probably didn't even notice as they were so far ahead of the rest of the fleet.) Some skippers were having difficulty recognizing their fellow team members – Di and Gareth Williams (cruiser team) kindly let Jim and Patrick (dinghy team) luff them up when rounding the mark when they should have been holding their course and making them give way.

Meanwhile, Elaine and Alan, on the cruiser team, were having their own problems. In the words of Elaine:

"What a pity there isn't a photo of the interior of our boat, which was sailed with verve and flair by two of the oldest and one of the few ladies in the fleet. The state of it, by the time it was safely back home was a true souvenir ... full of fallen-apart shoes and discarded inner soles sloshing about with

empty bottles and cans and suntan cream, to say nothing of a beautifully washed spinnaker draped tastefully over the fully extended, aggressively set pole. Cool memories! Your turn next time . . . ”

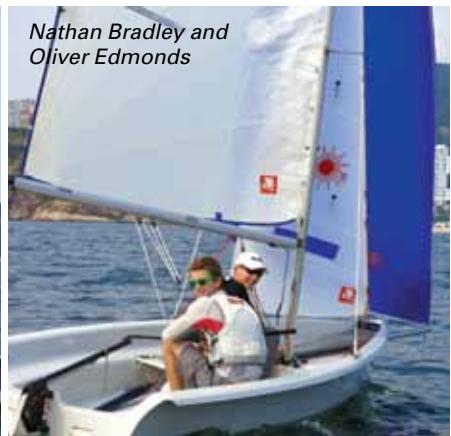
I like to think she was enjoying herself. In fact, we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, which was followed by a very convivial barbecue at Middle Island. Everyone agreed we should definitely do it again next year, especially after we'd finished the two bottles of wine generously presented by the Club to the winners (which we graciously shared). As the

dinghy section won hands down (4-0), I'd suggest that the cruiser guys get a bit more practice in before the next time. We'd like to offer many thanks to them all for taking up the challenge with such enthusiasm.

For the record, and just to rub it in, Nathan and Oliver (dinghies) came first, Matthew and Felix (dinghies) came second, and Bruce and Kyle (cruisers) came a very creditable third. I'd like to thank everyone who took part and also those who came to support us, as well as the ABC marine staff who so ably ran the races. ↗H

Dinghy Team

Natalie and John Berry
Matthew Wright and Felix Mak
Nathan Bradley and Oliver Edmonds
Jim Veneau
Diana and Patrick Bruce



Cruiser Team

Elaine Morgan and Alan Child
Stephen Vine and Tristan Stewart
Di and Gareth Williams
Bruce Perkins and Kyle Matthews

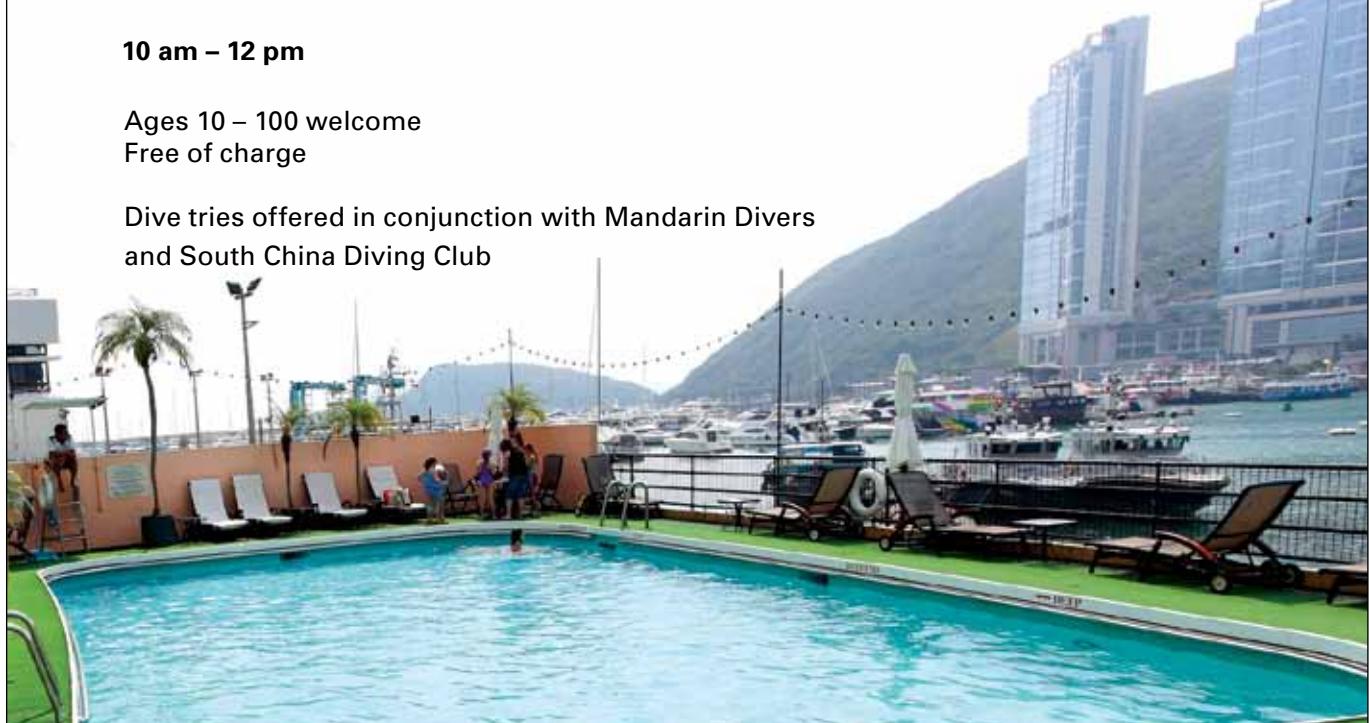


Dive Try, Poolside, Saturday, 2 November

10 am – 12 pm

**Ages 10 – 100 welcome
Free of charge**

**Dive tries offered in conjunction with Mandarin Divers
and South China Diving Club**



To join in, please call Cobo at 2553 3032



October Menu Promotion: Germany

Available in the Galley coffee shop and
the Four Peaks Restaurant

Starters

- Maultaschen Consommé \$46
German-style ravioli in chicken broth
- Herring Salad \$66
with coleslaw

Mains

- Assorted Sausages with Sauerkraut \$118
Your choice of two types: Nuremberg, München weisswurst,
cheese krainerwurst, Vienna sausages with boiled potatoes
- Wiener Schnitzel \$148
Thin veal escalope breaded and deep-fried and served with spätzle

Roast Pork Knuckle \$138

Steamed potato and sauerkraut and Pommery mustard

Braised Seafood Choucroute \$158

Halibut, salmon fillet and trout served with sauerkraut

Riesling-poached perch \$138

with thyme, steamed potato and braised red cabbage

Desserts

- Sacher Torte Cake \$48
Black Forest Cake \$42

To reserve for your family and friends, call the Galley at 2554 9494
or call the Four Peaks at 2553 3422



Oktoberfest, the Patio, Saturday, 5 October

6:30 – 11 pm

Accompanied by German sausages
and sauerkraut, one soft drink
or pint of Erdinger beer, and
oompah music and games.

Come dressed in costume and get
a free pint of Erdinger.

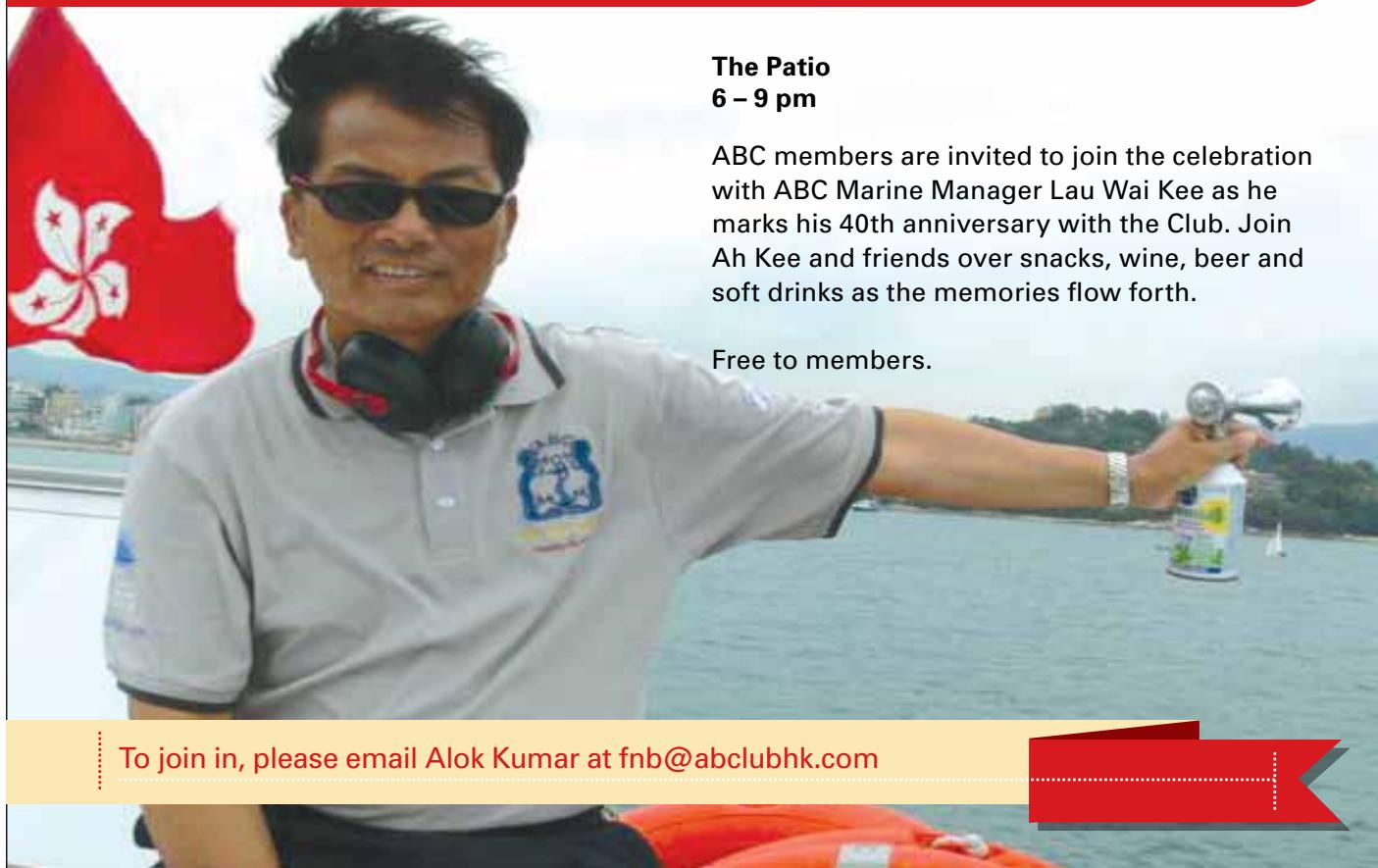
Adults \$240

**Children \$140
(3-12 years of age)**

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



40th Anniversary Celebration for Ah Kee Saturday, 19 October



The Patio 6 – 9 pm

ABC members are invited to join the celebration with ABC Marine Manager Lau Wai Kee as he marks his 40th anniversary with the Club. Join Ah Kee and friends over snacks, wine, beer and soft drinks as the memories flow forth.

Free to members.

To join in, please email Alok Kumar at fnb@abclubhk.com



Lamb-on-a-Spit, Free Wine Tasting, the Patio Friday, 18 October

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Accompanied by baked potatoes, and your choice of vegetables, salads and desserts.

Adults	\$218
Children (3-12 years of age)	\$118
Children under 3	free



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



Piper-Heidsieck Champagne Dinner

Four Peaks, Friday, 11 October



6:30 – 11 pm, \$498 per person

Piper-Heidsieck's winemaker was named sparkling winemaker of the year at the International Wine Challenge 2012, the 7th consecutive year and 8th time.

Speaker: Mr. Ned Goodwin, MW, Piper-Heidsieck Ambassador – Asia Pacific

Welcome: Piper-Heidsieck Cuvee Brut Champagne N.V.
93 pts ~ Wine Spectator 2012

Champagne dinner menu: Lobster bisque and asparagus cream soup
Piper-Heidsieck Vintage 2004, International Trophy and Gold Medal ~ Decanter World Wine Awards 2012.

Pan-fried goose liver with Chinese brioche with Madeira wine sauce
Piper-Heidsieck Rose Sauvage N.V., 93 pts ~ Wine Spectator 2011.

Chargrilled veal chop or steamed black codfish
Piper-Heidsieck Rare 2002, 95 points – Wine Spectator.
Piper-Heidsieck Rare 2002, award: 95 points – Wine Spectator 2012.

Tiramisu
Piper-Heidsieck Cuvee Sublime Demi-Sec N.V.
Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge 2012

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Germany's König Ludwig Weissbier

Alc. 5.5% by volume

\$42 per bottle

Brewed by Bavaria's ruling family for over 700 years. A fresh and tangy pale sparkling yeasty wheat beer brewed with top ingredients and special yeast. Honoured as the "World's Best Wheat Beer" in 2008 by Beers of the World magazine.



Pear Spritzer

Fresh pear juice, white wine, peach liqueur, ginger ale

By the glass \$42



Beer of the Month

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

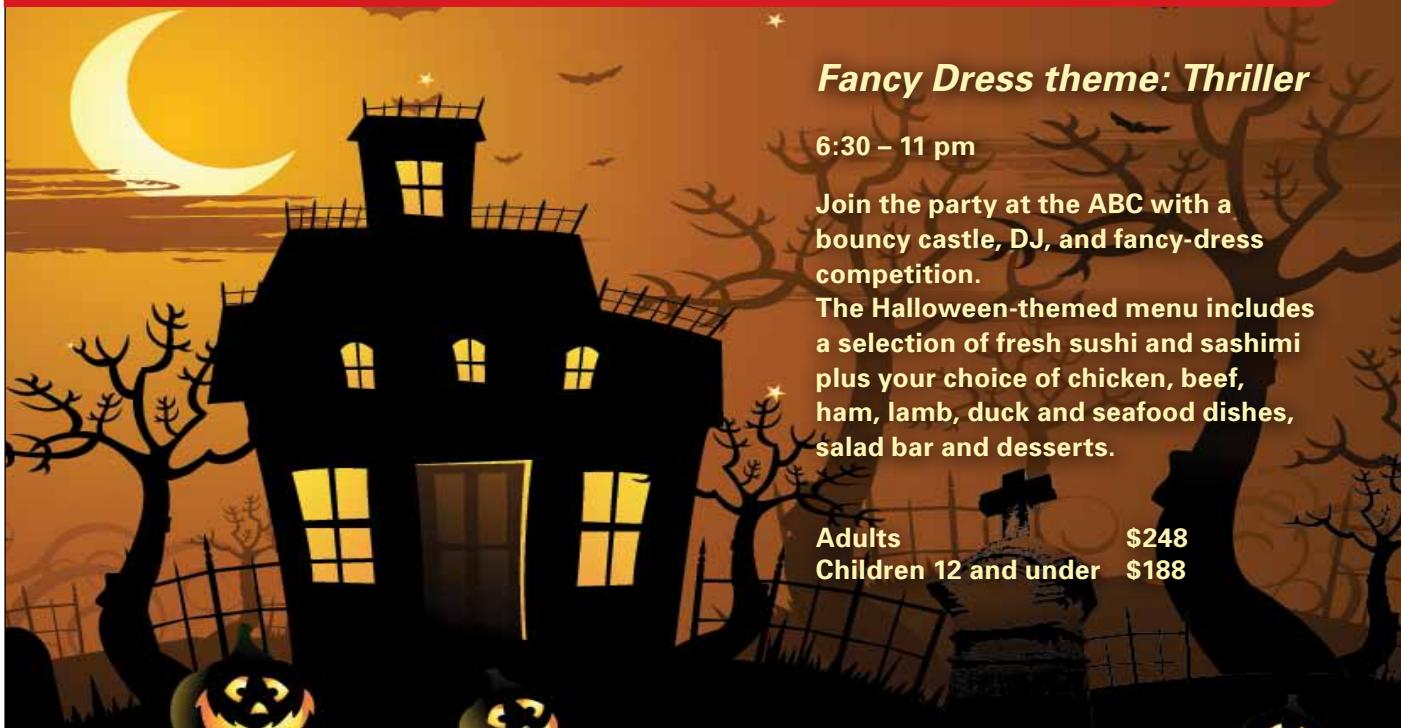


October Cocktail

Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Halloween Party, Galley and Patio, Saturday, 26 October



Fancy Dress theme: Thriller

6:30 – 11 pm

Join the party at the ABC with a bouncy castle, DJ, and fancy-dress competition.

The Halloween-themed menu includes a selection of fresh sushi and sashimi plus your choice of chicken, beef, ham, lamb, duck and seafood dishes, salad bar and desserts.

Adults \$248
Children 12 and under \$188

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Barwang Big Sky Vineyards New South Wales, Australia

Crisp Chardonnay

Fresh lime and lemon aromas, with green and red apple, rock melon and white peach characters. Structured and long with lovely fruit weight and some textural elements to balance out the fine acidity.

Cabernet Merlot

Youthful crimson-red with purple hues. A fruit-driven wine with ripe blackberry, currant and plum fruit evident with hints of brown spice, mint and chocolate oak characters that add complexity. The palate is fresh and lively with smooth supple tannins.

By the glass \$42
By the bottle \$200



Wines of the Month



Home Wine Delivery October 2013

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
Sparkling Wines			
Canti Prosecco Brut N.V. – Veneto, Italy Light straw-yellow colour with fine and persistent perlage. Fragrance is pleasant and aromatic. Dry and pleasantly fruity on the palate.	\$150		
White Wines			
Double 8 Sauvignon Blanc 2010 – Marlborough, New Zealand Pale straw. Lifted nose of guava, grapefruit and a touch of green bean. A succulent palate full of tropical and citrus notes, with a crisp, fresh finish. <i>Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition – Bronze Medal</i>	\$160		
Gustave Lorentz Reserve Riesling 2010 – Alsace, France Pale yellow colour, expressive and refined, with citrus and white flower aromas. On the palate, lively attack, refreshing acidity, great structure, fruity with a clean and dry finish. A classic dry Riesling from Alsace.	\$190		
Gustave Lorentz Reserve Gewürztraminer 2011 – Alsace, France Yellow-gold and clear colour, expressive floral nose with some rose hints, fragrances of apricot and tropical fruits. On the palate, supple and fresh, complex and rich, with an impressive structure. Aromas of exotic fruits and different spices and a peppery/ginger finish. Gastronomic as well-balanced and with a dry finish.	\$190		
Red Wines			
Brand's Laira Shiraz 2009/10 – Coonawarra, Australia Deep crimson-red. Complex nose displaying pepper and spice with plum fruit accompanied by toasty vanilla oak. Palate displays attractive spice characters of cinnamon and nutmeg and blood plum fruit. The finish is long with fine, drying tannins. <i>(2009) James Halliday – 91 pts</i>	\$215		
Capel Vale Regional Series Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Western Australia Mulberry, cassis, plum and capsicum overtones on the nose, with some secondary chocolate tones. <i>Western Australian Wine Guide 2013 – 91 pts</i>	\$225		
Bernard Magrez, Chateau Guerry 2009 – Côtes de Bourg, France Dark-purple colour, a nose with a lot of young dark fruits, spices and also some earthy mineral notes. The palate has a nice structure with ripe tannins and a good freshness. Elegant with a very long aftertaste.	\$225		
Santa Carolina Barrica Selection Gran Reserva Syrah 2009 – Maipo Valley and Rapel Valley, Chile The wine has a deep violet colour with red hues. On the nose, the aromas are spicy with notes of tobacco and dry fruits complemented with black pepper.	\$150		

Free Wine Tasting

All of the above wines will be available for free tasting at the Galley on **Friday, 18 October, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at the lamb-on-a-spit event.**

Member Name: _____	Membership Number: _____
Tel (Office): _____	Tel (Home): _____
Delivery Address: _____	
Delivery Date: _____	Member Signature: _____

Minimum order of 12 bottles. Mixed cases are available.
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
FREE delivery will be offered for purchase of over 12 bottles; please allow 3 working days for delivery.
All wines are subject to availability.



Annual ABC Members' Flotilla

All ABC Boat Owners/Dinghy and J/80 hirers are invited to a Pasta Fiesta!



Sunday, 20 October

The flotilla will leave from Round Island at 10.30 a.m. and rendezvous at nam Tam Wan (Po Toi Island) for lunch. Dinghies will sail straight to Nam Tam wan and meet on the beach. Cruisers and Motor Boats will sail a course (to be advised) and anchor in Nam Tam Wan.

A pasta buffet with salads and desserts will be available on the Club junk.

Adults \$98, Children (aged 7-12) \$68

To reserve lunch for your family and friends, please contact Cobo at 2553 3032





Three strong summer 2013 showings: The ABC High-Performance Sailing Team in Europe

Introduction and photos by ABC Dinghy Race Coach Rory Godman, with Nathan Bradley, Yann D'Argenlieu and Cosmas Grelon

This summer, the Aberdeen Boat Club sent a team of sailors to do a full campaign of three competitions in Europe. This was somewhat different from the events the high-performance team has done in the past, when the team's full focus was on the 29er World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark.

The team knew that to achieve a top result at this event, and to improve for future years, we needed to do some warm-up regattas to sort out our starts and get out racing with fleets of more than 100 boats. The boys sailed extremely well over the course of the summer and showed great improvement and promise for the future, where the overall goal will be to win a medal at the ISAF Youth World Championships. These regattas are all building blocks to make sure in a year's time we will – hopefully – get a result.

The team is very pleased and grateful to have the support

of the following sponsors: Slam HK, Borrelli Walsh, and Peroni Italy; valued support that enabled the ABC team to compete at such a high level. The team and the Aberdeen Boat Club would like to give special thanks to these companies; we are grateful and hope their support continues for years to come.

Below find reports on each of three regattas written by members of the ABC team.

Kiel Week, by Nathan Bradley

Kiel Week was the first of three European events that the Aberdeen Boat Club 29er sailing team took part in this summer. After Cosmas Grelon, Akira Sakai and I met up with ABC Dinghy Coach Rory Godman in Hamburg Airport, we got a lift to Holger's yard, where we picked up our rental van along with a RIB and our brand-new 29ers!

We then drove to Kiel while trying to remember to drive

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Yann and Nathan in Kiel



Cosmas and Akira in Kiel

on the wrong side of the road (not as easy as it might sound) with the boats on a trailer behind the van. That day the four of us unpacked and got a feel for the area. The next day we made our way to the sailing club and set up the boats before Cosmas Grelon and Akira Sakai went for a training sail in the afternoon. As my sailing partner Yann D'Argenlieu was still in France, I had to sit out and watch them from Rory's RIB.

The next day was set to be the first day of racing. With Yann arriving only a few hours before launching time he was pretty tired, however the seemingly two-degree water sorted that out pretty quickly. The sailing conditions were simply incredible, with winds usually averaging 20 knots and waves that felt like mountains, leaving us both exhilarated and exhausted.

While the conditions were hard, both boats performed reasonably well and we both were set to qualify for the gold fleet until Cosmas and Akira had two breakages in one

day (a kite pole and a main sail) and were forced down into silver. Unfortunately, this meant that even though they were consistently logging podium finishes in silver they were unable to win it. Yann and I fared reasonably well in the gold fleet and managed to learn a lot from the experiences. While we didn't finish in the top of the fleet, we weren't expecting to, as we are both relatively young and inexperienced in the 29er fleet.

Overall, this first of three events started our incredibly steep learning curve for the trip and we had a terrific time both on and off the water. It was an unbelievable experience to sail in both the conditions and against the amount of astonishingly talented competition. I hope to return to the event sometime soon. I would like to thank Slam HK, Borrelli Walsh, and Peroni Italy for their support; without them, this would not have been possible. Also I want to thank the Aberdeen Boat Club for once again supporting us with these regattas.

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Warnemünde Week, by Yann D'Argenlieu

After the ABC team took part in the "Kieler Woche" regatta in Kiel, Germany, we set off to Warnemünde for our next regatta. We were eager to set sail, and it only took us a half-day to get the boats off our trailer. In the afternoon, we left the boat park and started our first of many training days to come. The days became monotonous, waking up early and taking a short car trip to a nearby marina, where our RIB was parked, to cross the harbour and observe the day's wind conditions. The only break during these seemingly perpetual training days was the strength of the wind. Depending on the wind direction, we would either have two knots or 20. Either way I needed practice. If it was windy, I knew this could be a chance to practice and perfect my gybes. If not, I would sail in what for me was an unfamiliar condition, light wind and



choppy waves. We found out that the light wind died towards midday and then picked up again later in the afternoon.

As we launched and left the boat park, we sometimes had to avoid cruise ships and ferries coming from Scandinavian countries. Occasionally, we would see the kitesurfers training on one of the best-rated beaches of Germany, or the British Finn sailors, also training. The sun was shining even on windy days and we did not see a drop of rain the whole time.

I recall a day when the wind was howling, with both of our boats struggling to keep the rigs upright. The day was called early as Nathan and I came out of a gybe. I somehow managed to bend and then snap the rudder tiller (not the tiller extension). Luckily for the both of us, Rory managed to get another rudder stock a few days before the regatta started, although we did miss a day of training.

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After sailing, the team would drop by the supermarket and then head home. Our accommodation consisted of a newly constructed duplex located near a beach. Everything was fine apart from no internet connection, no oven and no washing machine. We would either eat at home or drive to the small town of Warnemünde where food stalls and kiosks were set up for the sailing festival. At times, we would go to the marina where the speedboat was parked and profit from our 10 precious minutes of Wi-Fi. We would end the day with a movie and then rest.

The day before the regatta was a rest day. We did not sail, instead we went go-karting, with Nathan clearly in first place. Nonetheless, he wasn't as good in bowling, with Rory scoring mostly strikes.

For the first two days of sailing, the wind varied from light to breezy. There were only ten 29ers on the race course and our main competition were the Americans (all of whom were "top 10" in their national championships and one in ninth place in the world championships). The overall sailing during the regatta was fun and, in terms of results, actually quite successful. The third day was to be the decider to see if Cosmas and Akira would make it to the podium. However, there was a clear gap between Nathan and me and fourth place. We were all quite excited to wake up to strong winds, as we knew that we were strong in the white caps. Sadly we got to the sailing venue to find racing was cancelled due to strong winds. We then spent the morning packing up the boats and loading them onto the trailer for our final destination in Denmark.

Overall, I thought that the week the team spent in Warnemünde training paid off. Warnemünde Woche brought new conditions to me, from light chop to massive waves. I would like to thank Coach Rory Godman who took care of us; not only for this week, but also over the great summer I spent sailing. I would like to thank all the people who showed support and who sponsored us. I would also like to thank SLAM HK which provided warm gear in the cold weather, Borrelli Walsh and Peroni for their strong sponsorship support. It was great to not only represent the Aberdeen Boat Club but Hong Kong for this summer.

World Champs Aarhus, by Cosmas Grelon

Straight after finishing our regatta in Warnemünde, we made our way to the 29er Worlds venue in Aarhus, Denmark, to get an understanding of the water and to get used to the wave state as well as experience what the wind had to offer in this part of the world.

During the first couple of days, the wind proved to be very strong and the wave state to be rather flat (as the bay was rather well-sheltered). This was great for Yann and Nathan to help them practice their downwind manoeuvres; gybing, gybe-hoist, gybe-drop, etc., and to be ready coming into the regatta especially when the wind picked up. For Akira and me, we took the time to try and improve our upwind boat speed as well as starts and to get a better understanding of the wind shifts.

With the Worlds only a few days out, numerous teams were starting to show up, including an American boat that

finished 17th at last year's Worlds, giving us a great benchmark to train against. We practiced acceleration and some speed lines and it was clear that our practice over the past few weeks was certainly working.

More and more boats showed up and before we knew it the boat park was filled up. We were doing practice races with fleets of over 50 boats on the start line! By now we knew how essential a clean start was to achieving a good result on the finish line so we fought and pushed harder on the line to get the best start possible. With a few top 5s and a top 1 one day, we were confident of our boat speed and it was time to take a much-needed break before the World Championships began.

Day 1 of the 29er Worlds, with 216 entrants in 2013, was as expected; shifty and flat water. Although the left side of the course seemed favoured, it was the right that paid in the end. Akira and I decided to go left on the first upwind, which wasn't too bad, but after having seen that the majority of front pack had come from the right side on the first beat, we decided to head out to the right-hand side on the second beat and caught a few places on the upwind. After a fast downwind we managed to secure a ninth position, a good way to start the championship. Some big shifts in the next few races meant that we weren't able to secure as good results but we were still in a position to get into gold fleet, which was our primary goal. Nathan and Yann had quite a consistent day too and after three races, gold fleet seemed like it was possible.

Over the next two days of qualification racing, Rory emphasized that we should keep our results clean, e.g., no OCSs, penalties, black flags, etc. ... and with a few more good results, we made it into gold fleet in 33rd and Nathan and Yann made it into silver. Again, Rory insisted that clean results would get us up the score board, but the first race into the final series, we managed to get a black flag. After having sat out of one race due to the black flag, we were more than eager to show what we were worth in the next race and we got two consecutive top 25s that day. The next few days were rather tough, with mainly lighter conditions, but Akira and I managed to get some top 10s and top 15s which really helped us climb in the ranking to finish 25th overall. Nathan and Yann finished off the regatta with style as they were neck-and-neck with the Thailand boys fighting for first in that race. The Thai boys got just a little bit more pressure on the downwind and managed to get just ahead, but nevertheless, Nathan and Yann were thrilled with a second place which helped them climb to 33rd place in silver fleet.

Overall, this regatta was a great success along with our whole campaign in Europe. On behalf of the Aberdeen Boat Club's High Performance team, I would like to thank all our sponsors, SLAM HK, Borrelli Walsh, and Peroni Italy, and our coach, Rory Godman, for their continued support throughout the campaign; support that made this campaign as great as it was. 



Nathan and Yann in Aarhus



Akira and Cosmas

Final Results

Kiel Week regatta

27th Yann D'Argenlieu and Nathan Bradley
94th Cosmas Grelon and Akira Sakai

Warnemünder Woche regatta

4th Cosmas Grelon and Akira Sakai
5th Yann D'Argenlieu and Nathan Bradley

29er World Champs, Aarhus

Gold Fleet

25th overall Cosmas Grelon and Akira Sakai

Silver Fleet

33rd Yann D'Argenlieu and Nathan Bradley
86th overall

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RACE RESULTS

SUMMER SERIES July - August 2013

CRUISERS

RACE 4 - 21 July, Course No. 24

	PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
HKPN	1	Thea	01:25:53	01:23:18	1.0
	2	Zephyr	01:37:21	01:24:17	2.0
	3	Wonderwall	01:20:42	01:24:51	3.0
	4	Red Eye	01:07:22	01:25:23	4.0
	5	Intrigue	01:10:33	01:27:25	5.0
J/80	1	FG3 (Stephen Davis)	01:28:51		1.0
	2	May13 (Lonny Chen)	01:37:40		2.0
	3	Jail Breaker (Michael Tsui)	RAF		4.0
	1	Walawala 2	01:04:11	01:15:36	1.0
	2	Intrigue	01:10:33	01:18:06	2.0
IRC	3	Red Eye	01:07:22	01:18:37	3.0
	4	Kei Lun	01:17:26	01:21:32	4.0
	5	FG3	01:28:51	01:25:07	5.0
	6	Calamansi	01:27:23	01:25:38	6.0
	7	Topsy Easy	01:19:06	01:30:48	7.0
	8	The Farr Side	01:34:15	01:33:18	8.0

RACE 5 - 4 AUG, COURSE NO. 24

	PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
HKPN	1	FG3	03:17:15	03:23:46	1.0
	2	Andiamo	03:04:54	03:27:31	2.0
	3	Intrigue	03:13:15	03:59:28	3.0
	4	Boadicea	06:13:39	06:34:59	4.0
	5	Wonderwall		DNF	18.0
	5	Zephyr		DNF	18.0
	5	Kei Lun		DNF	18.0
	5	The Farr Side		DNF	18.0
	5	Jail Breaker		DNF	18.0
	5	May 13		DNF	18.0
	5	Topsy Easy		DNF	18.0
	5	Thea		DNF	18.0
	5	Red Eye		DNF	18.0
	5	Javelin		DNF	18.0
J/80	1	FG3	03:17:15		1.0
	2	May13 (Lonny Chen)	DNF		5.0
	2	Jail Breaker (Michael Tsui)	DNF		5.0
	2	Javelin (Felix Ng)	DNF		5.0
	1	FG3	03:17:15	03:08:58	1.0
IRC	2	Andiamo	03:04:54	03:11:33	2.0
	3	Intrigue	03:13:15	03:33:56	3.0
	4	Kei Lun		DNF	9.0
	4	The Farr Side		DNF	9.0
	4	Topsy Easy		DNF	9.0
	4	Red Eye		DNF	9.0
	4	HuaAn		DNF	9.0

CRUISERS



RACE 6 - 25 AUG, COURSE NO. 30

	PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
HKPN	1	<i>Red Eye</i>	01:44:53	02:13:37	1.0
	2	<i>Calamansi</i>	02:09:08	02:16:30	2.0
	3	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	02:24:49	02:20:52	3.0
	4	<i>Red Kite II</i>	01:58:14	02:21:36	4.0
	5	<i>May13 (Lonny Chen)</i>	02:25:19	02:23:36	5.0
	6	<i>Intrigue</i>	01:56:50	02:24:46	6.0
	7	<i>Wonderwall</i>	02:15:01	02:25:48	7.0
	8	<i>Javelin (Felix Ng)</i>	02:32:29	02:26:20	8.0
	9	<i>Kei Lun</i>	02:08:06	02:27:45	9.0
	10	<i>Boadicea</i>	02:19:47	02:27:46	10.0
J/80	11	<i>FG3</i>	02:23:31	02:28:16	11.0
	12	<i>The Farr Side</i>	02:28:43	02:29:01	12.0
	13	<i>Thea</i>	02:32:09	02:29:01	13.0
	14	<i>JailBreaker (Michael Tsui)</i>	02:33:48	02:31:59	14.0
IRC	15	<i>Zephyr</i>	02:53:33	02:33:03	15.0
	16	<i>Speedy Gonzales</i>	02:48:21	03:01:01	16.0
	17	<i>Taka Ano</i>	04:26:41	04:07:51	17.0
	1	<i>FG3</i>	02:23:31		1.0
	2	<i>May13 (Lonny Chen)</i>	02:25:19		2.0
	3	<i>Javelin (Felix Ng)</i>	02:32:29		3.0
	4	<i>JailBreaker (Michael Tsui)</i>	02:33:48		4.0
	1	<i>Red Kite II</i>	01:58:14	02:01:40	1.0
	2	<i>Red Eye</i>	01:44:53	02:02:24	2.0
	3	<i>Calamansi</i>	02:09:08	02:06:33	3.0
	4	<i>Intrigue</i>	01:56:50	2:09:20	4.0
	5	<i>Kei Lun</i>	02:08:06	02:14:53	5.0
	6	<i>FG3</i>	02:23:31	02:17:29	6.0
	7	<i>The Farr Side</i>	02:28:43	02:27:14	7.0

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PROVISIONAL SUMMER SERIES OVERALL RESULTS

SAILED: 6, DISCARDS: 1, TO COUNT: 5, RATINGS: IRC, ENTRIES: 12, SCORING SYSTEM: APPENDIX A

PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
1st	<i>FG3</i>	28	5	1.0
2nd	<i>Calamansi</i>	30	17	2.0
3rd	<i>Kei Lun</i>	28	19	3.0
4th	<i>Intrigue</i>	40	27	4.0
5th	<i>The Farr Side</i>	39	30	5.0
6th	<i>Topsy Easy</i>	51	38	6.0
7th	<i>Red Eye</i>	53	40	7.0
8th	<i>Walawala 2</i>	54	41	8.0
9th	<i>Red Kite II</i>	55	42	9.0
10th	<i>Andiamo</i>	60	47	10.0
11th	<i>Lady Butterfly</i>	72	59	11.0
12th	<i>HuaAn</i>	74	61	12.0

SAILED: 6, DISCARDS: 1, TO COUNT: 5, RATINGS: IRC, ENTRIES: 12, SCORING SYSTEM: APPENDIX A

PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
1st	<i>FG3</i> (Stephen David)	11	5	1.0
2nd	<i>May13</i> (Lonny Chen)	19	13	2.0
3rd	<i>Javelin</i> (Felix Ng)	22	17	3.0
4th	<i>JailBreaker</i> (Michael Tsui)	28	22	4.0
5th	<i>Jelignite</i> (Bruce Perkins)	31	25	5.0

SAILED: 6, DISCARDS: 1, TO COUNT: 5, RATINGS: PY, ENTRIES: 35, SCORING SYSTEM: APPENDIX A

PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
1st	<i>Wonderwall</i>	41	3	1.0
2nd	<i>Calamansi</i>	63	27	
3rd	<i>Boadicea</i>	45	32	
4th	<i>FG3</i>	70	34	
5th	<i>Zephyr</i>	55	37	
6th	<i>May 13</i>	81	45	
7th	<i>Kei Lun</i>	65	47	
8th	<i>The Farr Side</i>	76	58	
9th	<i>Jail Breaker</i>	86	68	
10th	<i>Intrigue</i>	105	69	
11th	<i>Chasse Spleen</i>	114	78	
12th	<i>Thea</i>	115	79	
13th	<i>Topsy Easy</i>	121	85	
14th	<i>Red Eye</i>	131	95	
15th	<i>Javelin</i>	143	107	
16th	<i>White Crane</i>	152	116	
17th	<i>Andiamo</i>	156	120	
18th	<i>Red Kite II</i>	156	120	
19th	<i>Xiphias</i>	157	121	
20th	<i>Walawala 2</i>	158	122	

SAILED: 6, DISCARDS: 1, TO COUNT: 5, RATINGS: PY, ENTRIES: 35, SCORING SYSTEM: APPENDIX A

PLACE	BOAT NAME	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	POINTS
21st	<i>Wicked</i>	165	129	1.0
22nd	<i>Hanafe</i>	173	137	2.0
23rd	<i>Sipadan</i>	179	143	3.0
24th	<i>Rona</i>	187	151	4.0
25th	<i>Ahyoka</i>	191	155	5.0
26th	<i>Lady Butterfly</i>	192	156	6.0
27th	<i>Jelignite</i>	194	158	7.0
28th	<i>Sula</i>	194	158	8.0
29th	<i>Speedy Gonzales</i>	196	160	9.0
30th	<i>Taka Ano</i>	197	161	10.0
31st	<i>Tipthara</i>	197	161	11.0
32nd	<i>Simplicity</i>	198	162	12.0
33rd	<i>HuaAn</i>	198	162	
34th	<i>Dolphin Six</i>	198	162	
35th	<i>Taka Rita</i>	198	162	

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Water to Wings

David Price, well-known to many ABC members as a sailing instructor, recently added a new skill to his list of outdoor sports and accomplishments. On conclusion of his advanced helicopter training, he was recently presented with his Army "Wings" by Lt Gen Sir Adrian Bradshaw at an Army ceremony in Middle Wallop

in the U.K.

Therefore, in the unlikely event that while sailing he should capsize, his boat sink and be rescued by a Government Flying Service pilot who has a heart attack, he will be able to fly himself and crew to safety!



Spotlight on Staff



Lau Wai Kee: Master of All Things Marine

By Philippe de Manny

Celebrate with Ah Kee on 19 October

ABC Marine Manager Lau Wai Kee celebrates his 40th anniversary with the ABC this month. Forty years of Ah Kee certainly calls for a bit of your time (6 – 9 pm) on Saturday 19 October at the Patio to share some food, drinks and a big cake with Ah Kee for his milestone achievement.

ABC Marine Manager Lau Wai Kee was born in 1950, and has been married to Ng Wai Lin for as long as history can recall. They have three children: daughter, Lau Ching Man, a dentist; son Lau Ming Tak (32), a business administrator; and son Lau Ming Kwong, 30, a navigator soon to be promoted as captain on the Macau Turbojets.

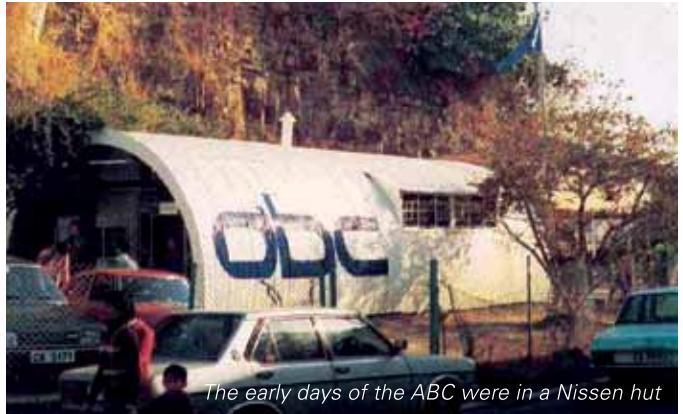
Lau Wai Kee, known as Ah Kee, joined the ABC at age 23, on 29 October 1973 as a "bar boy," coxswain, car attendant and general helper, quite a wide range of activities for a new hire. Back then, the Club was still operating from the Nissen hut (see photo) where the Broadview Court building stands now.

Forty years and counting

Ah Kee's first contract was signed by various ABC committee members, including G.M Shea, W. Areson, G.V. Robinson, J.B.P. Byrnes, S. Wright and newly elected commodore H.D. Litton. I guess none could have imagined

that Ah Kee would become the longest-serving staff member in the history of the Club.

Between 1976 and 1980, the ABC sponsored Ah Kee for further English study with the idea of quickly promoting him to roles of higher responsibility, as reports in his file regularly cited his "remarkable" work ethics and attitude.



The early days of the ABC were in a Nissen hut

Having earned his boat-driving license at the age of 21, before joining the ABC, and being a barman as well as a coxswain, Ah Kee was the obvious choice to be the driver and steward of a 65-foot Chinese junk, similar to the *Duckling*, which doubled as the bar on Middle Island during this period.

Many compliments building up over years from Ah Kee's first General Manager Edward Garrison led to his promotion to mooring and fleet coxswain, in July 1980, by the newly appointed General Manager John Gadsby. In fact, Ah Kee's title was upgraded to Club boatswain a short month later.

Only three years later, in 1983, Ah Kee became Club marine supervisor under the management of John Makin.

In 1992, the Club sent Ah Kee to the then-Hong Kong Yachting Association to earn his dinghy sailing instructor certificate, which he duly received on 6 January 1993.

This is really when Ah Kee, on top of being the great marine supervisor we all know, became the ABC's most-prominent dinghy figure who in turn has trained and certified hundreds of us at the Club.



Cobo Liu and Ah Kee, Ling Ting Island, 1996

In 1995, David Watts, Club general manager from 1993 to 1995, wrote in a reference letter for Ah Kee, "Throughout my time here, I have found Mr Lau to be a competent and reliable head of the Marine Department. He leads his team well and his knowledge of marine matters is extensive."

In 1996 Ah Kee was appointed by the Hong Kong Sailing Federation as its first registered sailing-centre manager, meaning that he became the human link between the Club and Hong Kong's sailing authority.

In 2002, Ah Kee became the Club's senior dinghy instructor. He himself is so sound a sailor that when he took part in an international race in Qatar in 2004, representing Hong Kong on a 420, he came back having earned third place. Characteristically, Ah Kee generously gave his trophy to the Club.

In 2009, Ah Kee took part in the RHKYC "Round the Island" race on a Laser 2000 and – guess what – he won it.

In 2011, finally after a long period of time and a wealth of experience gained and shared by Ah Kee, I promoted him to manager level.

So far at the ABC, over a career of 40 years and counting, Ah Kee has survived 16 commodores, 25 Sailing and Marine rear commodores, and seven general managers. It goes without saying that Ah Kee has heard it all and done it all.

Reflections on Ah Kee from ABC members and colleagues:

Joseph Law: As a corporate nominee member, I have known Ah Kee since the old Clubhouse days. I learned dinghy sailing after turning 50. During the happy decade up to 2003 I participated regularly in the Club's dinghy series and regattas. On one Po Toi trip I sailed a Laser 1. The wind was strong. My rudder suddenly broke. Ah Kee towed me with the safety boat to keep up with the fleet. Fifteen minutes later, a Club speedboat caught up with us, carrying a spare rudder. Ah Kee had arranged this through his walkie-talkie.

Ah Kee's caring decision and the ABC team's quick reaction saved one of my life's most enjoyable sailing days.

I have always been grateful that the Club offers such wonderful functions. Ah Kee and his team contributed tremendously to their success through competent, efficient support and care.

Former ABC General Manager (1995-2003) Duncan Miller: I worked with Ah Kee for over seven years and never once had a problem with him. A true professional who also became a good friend. Congratulations.

To Kam Ming: As a member of the Aberdeen Boat Club, I have known Mr. Lau Wai Kee of the Marine Department very well, for decades. He is a hard-working person and his attitude is always serious towards his work. He is very professional as well. He especially makes a great contribution in teaching the sailing courses organized by the Club as well as expertise in mooring and berthing issues.

Former Commodore Jon Zinke: We have been very fortunate to have Ah Kee's services over the past 40 years. He is dedicated, honest, and diligent, and a pleasure to work with.

Past Commodore Wayne Thompson: During my years of operating the Sailing Committee and my flag officership, Ah Kee was very reliable and extremely helpful in allowing me to carry out my tasks to, I hope, the satisfaction of the membership. He surely should be recognized for his years of dinghy instruction, teaching my two youngest their basic skills as did he many other members' children. Not to go without mention are both his boat-handling skills and his leadership ability that has provided the Club with a superb marine staff.

Michele Liew: Ah Kee exemplifies the quiet achiever with his experience, seamanship and effective coaching style. He deserves the recognition of this great ABC milestone. Congratulations and thank you!

Diana Bruce: Ah Kee has tried very hard to get me to learn Mandarin. He and Patrick always converse in that when they meet, and the conversation inevitably ends up with them both doubled over with laughter and looking sideways at me. Ah Kee says I should learn Mandarin so I know what they are talking about. Naughty boys! Forty years! Wow, how many people has he introduced to the joys of sailing? (How many capsizes has he witnessed?!) His patience and good humour have made him an outstanding instructor and a loyal friend to club members. Thanks, Ah Kee!

Patrick Bruce: I have a special regard for Ah Kee's generosity in giving freely of his great knowledge, contacts in the marine industry, advice, assistance, and for his amiable good humour to lighten those dark days when things just don't go right. He has been a constant reference source for all things boaty, and as such is a very important person for the club and its sailing members. His special interest in the dinghy world has been a real boon for us all, and he has contributed in no small measure to the revival of small-boat sailing at the ABC – so a big thanks to Ah Kee for his support, advice and training of so many of our members, young and not so young.

Cobo Liu, ABC Membership Service Manager: Ah Kee is a very hard worker, extremely helpful and responsible. He taught me all aspects of the marine business that helped me to settle in quickly. I recall there was an incident back in 1996 when we nearly dropped him into trouble. He took us to Ling Ting Island to satisfy our curiosity. On the way back, we were chased by the Marine Police who thought we were illegal immigrants. After a long chase on the South China Sea we eventually got away. Hats off to you, Ah Kee! ↗H





What's in a Typhoon's Name?

By Ignoramus

It all started with Utor. Friday, August 16th, 8 am: the HK Observatory has hoisted the Number 8 typhoon signal and fellow Hong Kongers are bracing themselves for weekday morning television. While 60-knot winds sweep through the empty streets around my hotel, I am suddenly struck by the evocative name of approaching typhoon Utor, which sends my mind reeling in a whirlwind of etymological speculation.

First, there is the Latin suffix –tor, of gladiatorial fame, denoting a free agent, a single-minded, wilful player of havoc. As compact as a clenched fist, this is a name to be shouted at the top of one's lungs, loud enough to be heard above the screeching wind. I can just picture evil Count Zaroff calling his fearful hound ahead of the approaching storm: "Utor!"

And what about the mysterious radical U-? A reference to its veering trajectory, the premise of an improbable U-turn? And can we expect a sequel – Utor 2 – a few years from now? And why not the feminine and subtly evocative Utrix? Less predictable and therefore more interesting, from a meteorologist's point of view ... Pseudo-classical references aside, my dictionary tells me that the Burmese Tor is an honorific title, the equivalent of the English Mr. Mistor Typhoon? As should be apparent by now, my dictionary was getting me nowhere. So I turned reluctantly to the internet – that bane of

imagination – where, unsurprisingly, I found what I was looking for in two seconds flat.

In its purest, administrative form, the answer to my question can be found on the site of the World Meteorological Society, a Geneva-based institution that is, amongst other things, the fairy godmother of tropical storms, ever-stooping over their cradles, and bestowing names. For the days are long gone when Homer named the winds after Zeus and Poseidon's adulterous offspring and when U.S. Air Force meteorologists named hurricanes after their girlfriend (or was it their mother?).

The naming of tropical storms is now a collegial affair, a prerogative shared between the countries of a particular weather region. Fourteen states have a say in the naming of North Pacific typhoons: Cambodia, China (Hong Kong and Macau have separate seats), North and South Korea, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Micronesia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the U.S. They all sit on the regional ESCAP/VMO Typhoon Committee, whose offices are in Macau.

In 2000, they each submitted a list of 10 names, which have since been used in rotation to keep track of cyclonic storms. This cycle of endless reincarnations can only be interrupted by a major natural catastrophe: thus, in 2005, Wilma, Rita and Katrina were removed from the official list, after making hurricane history.

Members are given total lexical freedom. Men's names were first introduced in 1971; since then, fruit, animals, cloud formations and even pastries have joined the list. Utor, I learned, is what they call a squall line in the Marshall Islands.

Six more typhoons have crossed the North Pacific since Utor's last visit, and as I hand in my paper, Toraji is only a week old. The list explains why Utor came when it did, but it can't dispel the sense of doom that comes from knowing the names of future typhoons but nothing of their course or magnitude. In truth, the WMO list reads like the eerie predictions of a fortune teller ... So, my fellow mariners, let me prophesise on the storms to come:

"First, there will be Man-yi, followed by Usagi, Pabuk and Wutip which, when they have laid waste to the land, will in turn be followed by Sepat, Fitow, Danas, Nari and Wipha."

Which, candidly translated, sounds just as exotic, if less like a tale from H.P. Lovecraft:

"First, there will be the Reservoir, followed by the Hare, the Laotian Fish and the Macao Butterfly which, when they have laid waste to the land, will in turn be followed by the Siamese Fish, a Micronesian Flower, the Philippine Experience, the South-Korean Lily and a girl named Wipha."

Brace yourselves! ▶H◀



ABC October Youth Sailing Programme

For most schools, the October holiday is only one week, thus places in our October programme are very limited. To ensure your place, we advise you to apply at least three weeks before the course start date. Note spaces may only be reserved on receipt of a completed application form and deposit payment; we cannot reserve course slots by email or telephone. Full details and application forms are available on our website, www.abclubhk.com. For further enquiries please contact SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com.

Date and Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	HK\$ (Member)	HK\$ (Non-member)
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Intro	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Sat 12 – Mon 14 Oct		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSL2 or similar experience	1,512 (youth) 1,770 (adult)	2,190 (youth) 2,564 (adult)
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Oct		Beginners HKSF Level 1 and 2	Age 11 – 18	2,520	3,650
Tues 15 – Sat 19 Oct		Improver HKSF Level 3	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSFL2 for at least one year	2,520	3,650
Tues 15 – Thurs 17 Oct		RS Feva Intro Course	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSFL2	1,512	2,190
Fri 18 – Sat 19 Oct		RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 11 – 18, hold RS Feva Intro	1,008	1,460



Late October Youth Sailing Programme (French International School)

ABC is pleased to offer an extended programme to cater for students from French International School and some other schools with different holiday dates. Full details and application forms are available on our website, www.abclubhk.com. For further enquiries please contact SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com.

Date and Time	Junior Course	Course	Eligibility	HK\$ (Member)	HK\$ (Non-member)
Sun 20 Oct		Dinghy Sailing Trip	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSL2 or similar experience	504 (youth) 590 (adult)	730 (youth) 855 (adult)
Weds 23 – Fri 25 Oct		3-Day Supervised Practice	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSFL2 or similar experience	1,512	2,190
Weds 23 – Thurs 24 Oct		Basic and Intermediate Windsurfing	Age 8 – 18	1,008	1,460
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 12	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (am)	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 1	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 2	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov (pm)	✓	Optimist Stage 4 Race Course	Age 7 – 12, hold Optimist Stage 3	840	1,215
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov		Beginners HKSF Level 1 and 2	Age 11 – 18	2,520	3,650
Mon 28 – Fri 1 Nov		Improver HKSF Level 3	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSFL2 for at least one year	2,520	3,650
Mon 28 – Weds 30 Oct		RS Feva Intro Course	Age 11 – 18, hold HKSFL2	1,512	2,190
Thurs 31 – Sat 2 Nov		Laser 1 Introduction Course	Age 12 – Adult, hold HKSL2 or similar experience	1,512	2,190

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