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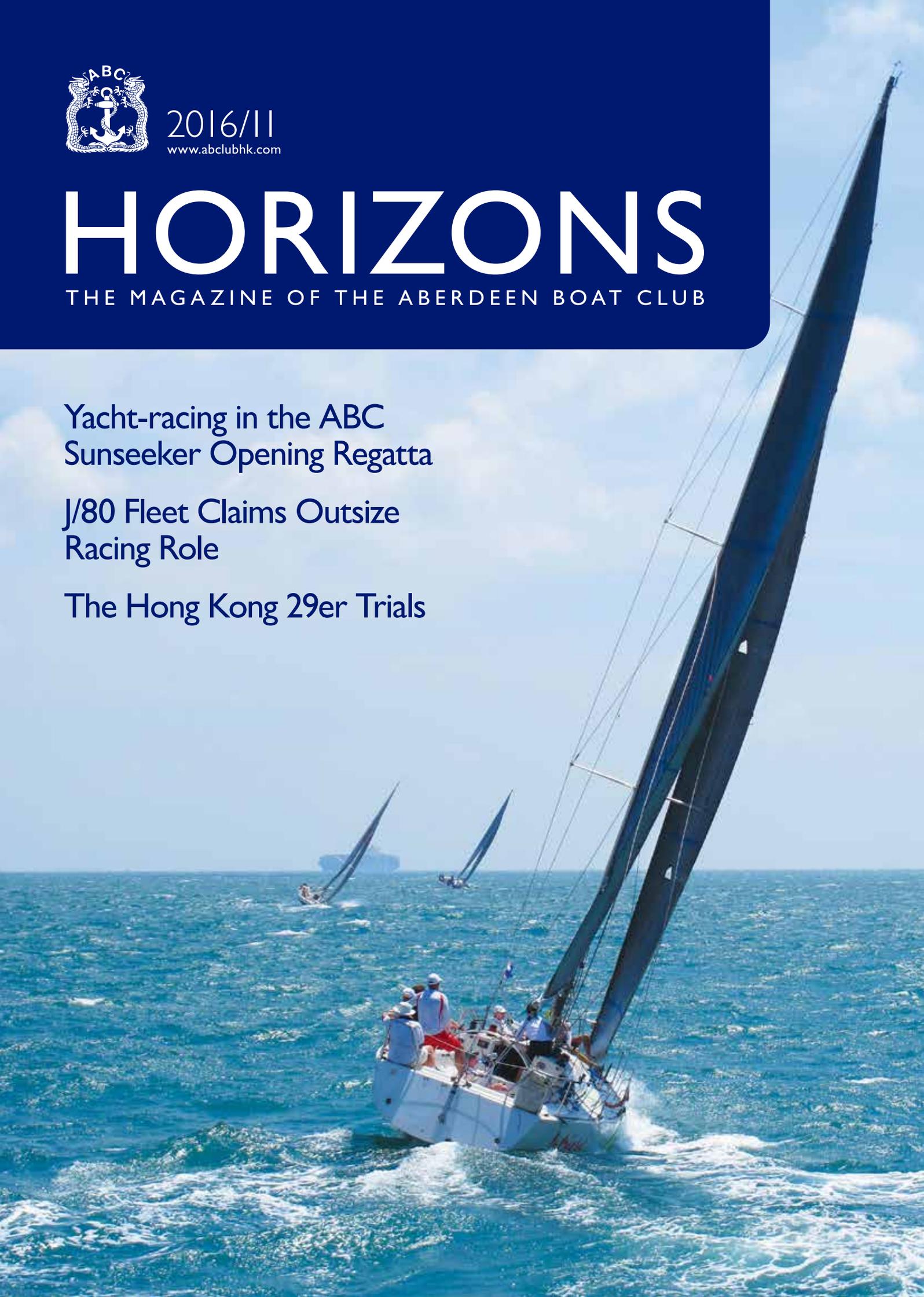
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The Hong Kong 29er Trials



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Cover photo by Jennifer Li: Intrigue, skippered by Ian Nicholson, competing at the 2016 ABC Opening Regatta

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Commodore's Letter

Solid entry lists for the two Opening Regattas and the first of the Waglan series on 16 October auger well for our racing season main events. As recorded on page 14 in this *Horizons*, some 50-odd cruisers entered the two-day OR, which – unlike day one the previous weekend for dinghies – was favoured by the wind. The same applied to Waglan 1, with 22 cruisers on the water for the start, competing in four divisions, on a selection of amended courses with separate east/west start and finish lines.

ABC and visiting sailors have welcomed the move to preclude sailing across the Lamma Traffic Zone so this format will be included in the revised permanent ABC SSI's, which will go to print in early 2017.

We are very pleased to have the support of another sponsor for racing: the fuel supplier Fuegy, who generously will provide us with free fuel for support boats for the season; plus three prizes of 500L of diesel to selected yachts in the Waglan series. Yet another reason to "Race ABC"!

Whilst still three months away, preparatory work is in hand for the Four Peaks Race on 21 January, leading to first-time sponsorship from the renowned yacht builder Beneteau, in addition to a further year's support from their agent, Simpson Marine. We are both proud of, and grateful for, this new association, which we intend will provide Beneteau with the exposure and credit they expect from such a unique event and their trust in ABC.

Aside from activities afloat in November, members should note the date of the AGM on Tuesday the 29th and its start time of 7 pm. Punctual arrival greatly assists staff for whom it is a busy night; to which end the Club offers free refreshments for those intending to vote. Prior to that, another Town Hall Meeting will be held to update members on progress with the Middle Island development. Details advised separately.

Pause for a word from the GM: bringing personal trainers into the gym infringes bye-laws and vitiates our insurance cover. The solution? Extend



the scope of training to other members present. Please check with the GM for more details.

Finally, an early warning notice of a budgetary need for a modest \$65 increase in the monthly subscription from January. This is in line with increasing staff costs and the step-by-step approach preferred over the shock of a large increase after a number of years' hiatus.

As ever, please feel free to approach for a chat whenever I am in the Club.

Chris Pooley
Commodore



Flag Officer's Report

Over the three General Committee, and also subcommittee, meetings starting at the end of May, the budget for the year to 30 June 2017 was developed, reviewed and approved in July 2016. The emphasis again of this budget was to achieve a minimal operating surplus of income over expenses, and to limit capital expenditure to essential items, given the focus on growing cash for the Middle Island redevelopment.

The General Committee approved an increase in the maximum number of full paying members to 1,300, allowing for a nine-percent increase in subscription income. This budget item is running slightly below plan to the end of September, with membership numbers up only marginally as new members have mostly replaced leaving members.

Food and beverage contributions have been budgeted to increase slightly. The Club continues to budget to fund our Aberdeen Racing Academy courses and racing operations and the junior side of the dinghy school.

The largest operating expenses are for staff, and these costs make up 79 percent of the total operating expenses. Two additional staff in the Food and Beverage department are included in the budget and will be hired as membership numbers require. The net result is a modest approximate \$200,000 operating surplus on operating income of \$33,246,000.

The largest, and singly most significant, capital budget item is the main Clubhouse painting and spalling repair at \$1.4 million, a timely renovation



for the 50th anniversary celebrations next year. We will also continue, modestly this year, with the dinghy fleet and rib replacement schemes.

Matthew Johnson
Honorary Treasurer

SOUTHSIDE REGATTA

3 & 4 December 2016



**ENTRY DEADLINE: THURSDAY
1 DECEMBER 2016**

Notice of Race and Entry form:
www.abclubhk.com





General Manager's Letter

Annual General Meeting: You will have received by now the notice of our next AGM, to take place at the main Clubhouse function room, at 7 pm on Tuesday the 29th November. By mid-November you will receive the minutes of last year's meeting, the audited accounts and the list of members for election. Please come, as every year it is difficult to reach the quorum minimum to proceed on time. As the last AGM before the Club's 50th anniversary, attending will give you a good opportunity to see how the Club is doing and provides the way for some of you to join the General Committee.

Town Hall meeting: On Thursday, 24 November, the Club will host its sixth "Town Hall" on the status of Middle Island's development. Presentations from our Development Committee chairman and members will be followed by MAP director Edward Bilson, our project lead-consultant, covering achievements, plans and finance. Please book your seat so we may arrange for everyone to sit comfortably.

Clubhouse repainting, spalling and repair: In previous issues of *Horizons* I informed you that to prepare for the Club's 50th anniversary, and as it is also badly needed, the entire Club façade will be checked for spalling concrete. Repairs will follow and then the entire Club will be repainted to look at its best for June 2017.

The work began last month with the car park and will carry on over winter with the aim to finish at the end of March 2017. Disruption will be minimal as we will use a movable painting platform rather than scaffolding.

Plastic-free action: I thank all Members who have graciously moved away from the old-fashioned filthy plastic bags to carry ice to our ABC cooler. As I write, my sales report shows that some 100 ABC ice carrier bags have been sold to replace the bags. As all were using those plastic bags about four times a week, this is 400 killer bags out of the system already. If we add in all the Members who

are now bringing their own "Eskis", we are probably looking at 1,000 old and dirty (and dangerous to marine life) ABC plastic bags being replaced with environmentally friendly ice carriers.

Round Island beach clean-up: Following the Club's two-year involvement with the WWF/Coastal Watch research programme that ended this year, we decided to carry on cleaning "our" beach. On 2 October, 18 Members went on our junk to Round Island and managed to pick up some 50 kg of rubbish before sharing a picnic on the beach and a good afternoon of swimming and sunbathing. Watch our posters, e-letters and Facebook for our next destination and social BBQ or picnic.

Golf Society: We made it! After a 2015 season losing against the FCC, HKCC and the Seniors, on 30 September at Deep Water Bay our team completed the 2016 season by regaining all three cups. Congratulations to all of them – it has been a very good golfing year for our boating club. As I write, five games have been played. In three, we beat other club golf societies, with two still to go.

The season review: On 22 April, at Deep Water Bay Golf Club, sadly we had four players only. To avoid embarrassment in the eyes of the golfing world we will not report results. The curry night at the Club the following week made up for it. On 30 May, we battled for the first time against the Seniors of Hong Kong. At first it felt like an easy one to win; until the Seniors put their A team of not-so-senior players in, to beat us 187 to 153 combined best five stableford. On 17 June, 12 ABC warriors fought against the FCC at Kau Sai Chau South in the return match from 2015 when we were beaten 200 to 199 – one point – on team stableford. Frustrating. The only consolation was that ABC Member Jim McKie won the overall individual competition with a brilliant 43 points.

29 August saw 21 ABC players at the Deep Water Bay return match against the Hong Kong Seniors. This time we got them 201 to 188 on stableford. Anna Hui



won the ladies' competition and Steve Warwick won the mens'. So a great day for us; team trophy and individual trophies all back to the ABC. 30 September: the return match against the FCC at Deep Water Bay, and this time our A team came. Two teams, 24 players, and two agendas: ABC determined not to be humiliated by one point again and the FCC to show that they were still superior. Well, too bad; ABC's Kelvin Mui's 46 points, Steve Warwick's 45 points, Robert Barber's 42 points and Stephen Hilton's 40 points brought victory and glory to our Club. The cup was returned to Chris Pooley, our Commodore, by Paul Nazer, the sad FCC representative.

One last game lies ahead on 4 November at Kau Sai Chau before the WAGS charity event on 2 December, and then the 2015-2016 season will be really over. If you can walk and hit a ball, join us for free and share the great ABC Golf Society camaraderie. Check the ABC website for the 2016-2017 programme.

Staff news: Tommy Po Hung Pui, one of our Four Peaks chefs, responsible for your great starters and sauces, will marry Zero Cheung Ka Ling on 8 November. Let's wish them a long, happy and healthy life as a couple. Under our staff assistance program started in 2010, Tommy will be entitled to one extra week of marital leave, and the couple will be granted a very special congratulatory lai see to bring them fortune and to ease the wedding cost. If you are a regular at the Four Peaks, I am sure a quick congratulatory word or advice on married life will be appreciated.

Henry Lam, our assistant Food and Beverage manager, had twins last month. In fact, his wife had the twins but both now have double trouble, hence his tired eyes these days. Nevertheless extra parental leave has been granted with a congratulatory lai see packet and small hamper for the couple and the newborn babies. Henry is now a proud father of three, having had a child two-and-a-half years ago. Lam Ho Kiu (the elder by two minutes) and Lam Ho Sum were born on 14 September, and are very healthy (and according to Dad always hungry) children.

In staff restructuring, Alok Kumar, our Food and Beverage manager, will

take over Steven Ng's work as House Operations manager. The next *Horizons* will introduce the new Food and Beverage manager. Interviews are underway.

Newspapers: Please be reminded that daily newspapers put at your disposal are meant to stay in the Club for every Member to enjoy. I have recently heard reports, and have myself seen, Members taking them home or to work.

Playground: The trampoline has rules to be followed, visible on the walls. Please make sure that your children are aware of them, especially if they cannot read. Furthermore, parental supervision is a

Club rule – a parent must watch children under the age of eight in the playground.

Food and Beverage: I hear Members hosting functions often request staff to have the buffet they ordered refilled, and then ask for takeaway boxes to share with their guests in the second round. I am more than pleased to see that our food is that good, but be reminded that if the refill is for takeaway, that is not part of the buffet deal, and you will be charged extra.

Facebook: join our page and get fresh, instant information on the Club's happenings.
www.facebook.com/AberdeenBoatClub



The ABC's 50th Anniversary

By Philippe de Manny

Our Club was incorporated on 15 June 1967, and next year will celebrate its 50th anniversary. For many months already, a committee especially created for this occasion has been working hard on an anniversary book and preparing for a full year of events to commemorate the establishment of our Club and celebrate its many successes over the years. The schedule of events will be produced very soon, but for now, here is a head's up on some of the events that will happen next year.

The main events

The launch of the 50th anniversary celebrations will begin in June 2017.

Moving forward, plenty of events, large and small, will take place, and your support will be more than welcome. To name a few:

- A celebratory opening event on Saturday, 17 June, including something for children
- An ABC open day, when we invite the public to visit our Club and take part in activities
- The 50th anniversary Opening Regatta 16-17 and 23-24 September
- An inter-club snooker competition over the summer
- An inter-club golf competition in October
- VIP luncheons with Hong Kong officials,

old members, past and present committee members

- Anniversary history book launch
- On 18 November 2017, a grand day-evening event throughout the Club

If you feel you have something to contribute to this very special year in terms of sponsorship, logo design, articles and photos for our magazine or more importantly for our celebration book, please contact me as soon as possible.

Stay tuned, as every month from now on updates will be announced using all the Club's media platforms, including the e-letter, *Horizons* magazine, Facebook, and more. ✨



Update on Steven Ng and his Children's Education Fund



By Philippe de Manny

Cobo Liu, Chef Paul and I have been visiting Steven over the course of this last month, and I am glad to report he is showing signs of improvement in his consciousness. He definitely can recognise people around him, move his left arm and his finger a bit better than last month but cannot talk or walk. He has begun acupuncture treatment, triggering more improvement, and he now can move his fingers in turn. So hope is here for a long but sure recovery. What we do not know is how far that recovery will go. We shall keep in contact with his family and report on his state.

I write in advance of the 22 October party for Steven on Middle Island, but surely this fundraiser will add to what I report here. We have reached in one month about 50 percent of the target of HK\$600,000 for Steven's Children's Education Fund, equally shared between youcaring.com and direct donations to the Club.

This is a wonderful thing that you are doing. On behalf of Steven's family let me thank you for the great effort made so far. Please keep spreading the word, as we still need another \$300,000 to have his children's education secured for 2017 and 2018.

To contribute to the education fund for Steven's children, please visit www.youcaring.com. Below are some of

the most touching messages for Steven found on the website:

"For the ABC community this is the saddest news. This great guy has watched so many of our families grow up. Always with a smile and a warm welcome. Keep fighting Steven xxx our thoughts are with your family."

"I know Steven for over 20 years ever since I joined the Club. And he knows both of my children from their birth. Steven, you always treated my children with warm smile and care. Hope we can take care of your children in return. Very best wishes for your earliest recovery and deep sympathy to his wife and to his children from bottom of our heart."

"Steven, we have known you, both as a highly competent and efficient member of the ABC staff but also, more importantly, as a good friend, for many years – you have always found time for a joke with us and to catch up on stories of our respective children's progress, no matter how busy you are. We know how important your children's education is to you and we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you around the Club again very soon!"

"We were so saddened to hear your news. Our family have enjoyed your friendly smile over the years ... Best of luck with everything moving forward, our thoughts are with you."

"Steven has been at the ABC for as long as we can remember and that's more than 20 years. He has seen both our children grow up and they both speak fondly of him. One thing we have in common is commitment to our children's education. We would like to help him fulfill his dream and desires for his children in helping to put them through university education in the UK. I know we can make the target. We miss you at the Club. Best wishes to all your family from the Simpson family."

"Dear Steven, we miss you and your smile at the Club. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish you lots of strength, faith and hope. Kate and family"

"Dear Steven and his family, we are all with you, wish Steven get well soon and seeing his happy face in the Club."

"Dear Steven, thanks for all your help and kindness over the last decade or two. I hope you can get well and we can all see you back with your family soon. Paul, Judy, James and Nick"

"You have helped make the Club what it is today. Thank you. We hope you and your family can stay strong. Thinking of you all."

"You have been a wonderful example of how to match service with friendship in continuing to make the ABC a family-friendly club. You remain in our prayers during this long challenge." 



ABC Members' Sampan Service within the ATS

By Alex Johnston, Marine Services Manager

If you require the Club sampan, ABC #5, to take you to or from your boat in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, please call the following new mobile number which the on-duty marine staff will carry: 9632 0613.

The Club sampan operating times will be Monday to Friday, 9 am-5:45 pm. On Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, the operating times will be 8:30 am-7 pm. If the sampan is already out on the water, there may be a waiting time, so your understanding and patience are appreciated.

To go to or from any other boats, docks or landing steps within Aberdeen harbour, please use the commercial sampan.

Please state clearly which mooring or boat you need to go to or be picked up from by giving the following information to the ABC on-duty marine staff:

- The ABC mooring number, and
- The ABC boat name.



“ Please be aware that this is not an instant service like calling a taxi. It only operates to and from ABC moorings or boats (and not to other parts of Aberdeen harbour). This service does not extend outside into open water or to Middle Island, so please do not ask the marine staff to take you to anything but an ABC mooring and boat within the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter. ”

Volunteers Wanted:

The ABC Beneteau Four Peaks Race 2017

Sponsored by Simpson Marine

The ABC Beneteau Four Peaks Race 2017, supported by Simpson Marine, will take place over 21-22 January, just less than three months away. In order to run the race, the Club relies considerably on a team of enthusiastic volunteers to run the hill check points, help race control at the Main Clubhouse in the Bridge Room and be out on the water with safety boats.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance. You will be placed in the race support team according to your experience and abilities and your availability over the race weekend. You do not have to commit to the duration of the race's two whole days, as the race support team works in shifts.

If you are interested in assisting with the race as part of the support team, please contact either Alex Johnston or Jennifer Li in the ABC Marine and Sailing Office. Alex can be reached via marine.services@abclubhk.com and Jennifer may be reached at marinecoord@abclubhk.com and 2518-9523.





Quiz: Sailing Knowledge for Skippers

See page 31 for answers

Contributed by Stephen Hilton, ABC member

1. When does the 33rd running of the ABC Four Peaks Race take place in 2017, the first year for Beneteau to sponsor?
2. Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Colregs), what lights should a power-driven vessel of under 50 metres that is underway display?
3. And what lights does a vessel of less than seven metres that does not exceed a speed of seven knots have to display?
4. Which famous ocean liner set on fire and capsized in Hong Kong in 1972?
5. What signal does a vessel underway sound to indicate it is turning to starboard?
6. What is the current world speed record for sailing?

“
At sea, I learned how little a
person needs, not how much”

– Robin Lee Graham, sailor

7. What causes sea fog?
8. Where does the term “yacht” come from?
9. Which organisation is responsible for the initiation and coordination of the rescue of vessels that are in distress in Hong Kong?
10. What is the difference between “Notice to Mariners” issued by the Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) in Hong Kong and “Marine Department Notices”?

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November F&B Promotions

Throughout the month, the Four Peaks will offer you refined and sustainably produced seafood dishes over lunch and dinner. On offer will be carpaccio of salmon from Alaska, sautéed mussels, steamed Chilean sea bass, poached jade perch and coral trout á la king.

In the Galley, enjoy a variety of Indian specialities, including Chilli chicken, rara gosht, fish jalfrezi, bhindi masala, malai kofta and ras malai.

Featured wines for November:

Simonsig Chenin Blanc 2015 (South Africa)
Willow Bridge Dragon Fly Shiraz 2014
(western Australia)

By the glass, \$53, by the bottle \$250

Featured beer from India

Kingfisher, \$33

Featured cocktails

ABC Harbour, \$38

Blue Harbour vodka, Blue Harbour berry vodka, Blue Harbour Strawberry Pink Cream liqueur, raspberry purée, Korean citrus sauce and lime purée

Harbour Espresso, \$30

Chocolate crème liqueur, vanilla crème liqueur, Blue Harbour vodka, espresso and a cinnamon stick

Blue Harbour Vodka Gimlet, \$28

Blue Harbour vodka, lime purée and fresh lime

Hot drinks:

Ginger Herb Tea, \$45

Fresh ginger and lemongrass with citrus honey

Green Tea Latte, \$35

From Jeju Island, Korea, 100-percent organic green tea leaves, powdered, with hot milk

November Events

Lamb-on-a-Spit evening with free wine tasting

The Patio and Galley, Saturday, 12 November
6:30-9:30 pm
Adults \$258, concessionary price for members over age 65, \$218, children (ages 3-12) \$158

Taittinger Champagne Dinner

The Four Peaks, Friday, 18 November
7 pm onwards
Speaker: Mr Howard Palmes
Adults \$539
Welcome drink with canapés at 7 pm in the Waglan Bar, followed by a four-course dinner with exclusive Taittinger Champagnes

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Four Peaks, Thursday, 24 November
7 pm
Adults \$328 (including a glass of sparkling wine)

Hot Pot Buffet

The Patio, Saturday, 26 November
6:30-9:30 pm
Adults \$248
Concessionary price for members over age 65, \$208
Children (ages 3-12) \$148

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



Taittinger Champagne Dinner, Friday, 18 November

The Four Peaks

7 pm onwards

Guest Speaker: Mr Howard Palmes

The evening opens at 7 pm with a welcome drink of Taittinger Nocturne (Sec) NV with canapés in the Waglan Bar, followed by a four-course dinner with exclusive Taittinger Champagnes.

Menu:

Crabmeat salad served with an avocado and artichoke tower
Taittinger Brut Reserve NV

Bouillabaisse, a traditional French seafood broth
Taittinger Prestige Rose NV

Salmon stuffed with basil rice and pancetta, served with baby carrots and fennel
Taittinger Vintage Brut 2008

Taittinger sabayon with wild berries and figs
Taittinger Nocturne Rose (Sec) NV

Tea and coffee

Adults \$539



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Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, 24 November

The Four Peaks

7 pm onwards

Enjoy a traditional North American harvest festival with roast turkey and roast ham and all the trimmings.

Menu:

Butternut bisque, served with warm spiced French bread

Roasted pear and arugula salad, with sherry vinegar and shaved cheese

Roast turkey and roast ham, served with stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and green beans

Classic pumpkin pie, topped with whipped cream

Adults \$328, including a glass of sparkling wine



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HAVANA CLUB

A Saucy Salsa Night in Cuba New Year's Eve at the ABC

You and your guests are invited to the ABC's 2016 New Year's Eve, in our very own Havana Club, with DJ El Señor David. Todos son bienvenidos to usher in 2017 with a Commotion by the Ocean.

\$888 per adult, all-inclusive of canapés, buffet selections, listed standard drinks on the night and Champagne for your midnight toast.

\$248 for children aged 12 and under.

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



Home Wine Delivery November 2016

	\$/Bottle	Quantity	Amount
SPARKLING			
Valdoca Gigola NV, Valdobbiadene, Veneto, Italy A dry sparkling wine with great balance of green apple and dry fruits on the finish.	\$135		
WHITES			
Shearwater Sauvignon Blanc 2015, Marlborough, New Zealand White currant, lime peel, and gooseberry notes with a fresh herbal note.	\$165		
Picker Hut, Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc 2015, south-eastern Australia Fruity with a fresh refreshing finish. Perfect for a hot summer day.	\$115		
Astrolabe Dry Riesling 2015, Marlborough, New Zealand Lemon honey and lemon zest, green apple and light floral notes.	\$230		
Cannonball Chardonnay 2014, Sonoma County, California, USA One is immediately struck by complex and racy notes: aromas of light pineapple, sweet spice, vanilla, honeysuckle and minerality.	\$230		
REDS			
Shearwater Pinot Noir 2013, Marlborough, New Zealand Forest berries and plums, with some spicy, earthy notes.	\$205		
Château Tanunda Barossa Tower Shiraz 2014, Barossa Valley, South Australia Notes of blackberry, plum and black pepper, accompanied by sweet spices to finish.	\$189		
Supremus IGT Sangiovese Merlot 2011, Tuscany, Italy Very Intense, persistent bouquet of violets, cherries and red berry fruits with subtle notes of vanilla and toasted wood.	\$230		
Cannonball Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Sonoma County, California, USA Dark fruit, black plum, spice and a hint of cocoa in the aromas.	\$230		
ROSE			
Calvet Rosé d'Anjou Cabernet Franc 2015, Loire Valley, France A lovely salmon colour with pomegranate highlights. A fruity nose of strawberry, hazelnut and mint.	\$128		
	Total		

Free Wine Tasting at the Galley and Patio, Saturday, 12 November, 6:30–8:30 pm at the Lamb-on-a-Spit event

Remember to place your wine order together with your catering needs.

*Minimum order – 12 bottles and mixed case available.

Member Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Tel (Office): _____ Tel (Home): _____

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Orders accepted by post, fax or in person. Contact the Food & Beverage Department on 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945
Free delivery for orders of 12 bottles or above. Please allow three working days for delivery. All wines are subject to availability.





December 2016 Youth Sailing Programme

Application Deadline Friday 9 December

The Christmas holidays can provide some of the best time to sail; normally we can expect great conditions with good wind, making this time of the year ideal for our more advanced courses. Naturally, its cooler and we remind students and parents of the need to wear appropriate warm clothes. However, often we have lovely sunny weather, so December sailing can be very rewarding!

Our Level 4 course is offered once a year – so don't miss this timely opportunity! Full details are available at www.abclubhk.com and also from Angela at SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com.

Date & Time	Junior Course	Activity	Eligibility	Discounted cost if booked on or before 18 Nov: \$: (Member/ Non-member)	\$ Cost (Member/ Non-member)
Mon 19-Fri 23 Dec AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7-11, can swim with water confidence	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Mon 19-Fri 23 Dec PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7-11, passed Optimist Stage 1	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Mon 19-Fri 23 Dec PM	✓	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7-11, passed Optimist Stage 2	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Mon 19-Fri 23 Dec	✓	HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11-18, can swim with water confidence	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Wed 21-Fri 23 Dec		Three-day Supervised Practice	Age 12-18, HKSF L2 or equivalent experience	1,431/2,150	1,590/2,388
Mon 19-Fri 23 Dec		High Performance Advanced Skills, HKSF Level 4	Age 12-18. Advanced skills course including spinnaker trapeze, boat-handling, anchoring, introduction to navigation and meteorology. (Applicants must hold Improvers HKSF Level 3 and have one season of sailing since.)	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Tues 27-Sat 31 Dec AM	✓	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7-11, can swim with water confidence	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Tues 27-Sat 31 Dec PM	✓	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7-11, passed Optimist Stage 1	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Tues 27-Sat 31 Dec PM	✓	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7-11, passed Optimist Stage 3	972/1,791	1,080/1,990
Tues 27-Sat 31 Dec		HKSF Level 3 Improver Course	Age 12-18, passed HKSF L2, with one year of sailing since	2,385/3,582	2,650/3,980
Tues 27-Thurs 29 Dec		RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 12-18, passed HKSF L2	1,431/2,150	1,590/2,388

Please note course timings:

AM course: 9 am – 12:30 pm (meet at 8:45 at main Clubhouse)

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Whole-day course: 9 am – 4:30 pm (meet at 8:45 at main Clubhouse)



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The 2016 ABC Sunseeker Opening Yacht Regatta

By Chris Pooley with support from Alex Johnston, photos by Jennifer Li

A bright and breezy Saturday morning burnished the enthusiasm of crews in the fleet of 50-odd yachts heading for the start of the windward/leeward races in the waters off south-east Lamma. Guest Race Officer Greg Sinclair had stayed on following his stint with the dinghies the previous weekend. Sunseeker once again was the sponsor for their 13th consecutive year, providing invaluable, most welcome support.

This year saw a strong IRC entry, resulting in three classes for this division, effectively absorbing what would otherwise have been an HKPN Class A. They were followed by HKPN B and C and 12 J/80 entrants, giving very encouraging support.

So off they went, with three laps for the fastest IRC class (seven yachts) and two laps on long/short courses for the remainder. Exhilarating sailing in brisk conditions, with hard work for all around the cans.

Race one over, a quick beer for some, cheese and water for others. Then back on with the "call to arms" for race two. Same course again, except only two laps this time for IRC 1; keep on going 'til you get it right!

But not for *The Farr Side* and the Commodore: bang! Something wrong – drop sails quick smart – pressure off – retire – call the Committee boat – start engine – crack open cans – head for home.

Everyone else still having fun and striving to get it right round the cans.

Full of promise

A respite for all back at Middle Island before Day two. Island courses this time, with wind a little disappointing at the start, but full of promise (from the Observatory). Indeed, it did fill in, allowing the RO to set a long 22-mile course for the IRC Fast Class, and somewhat less for others weaving around the Easterly Island group in

different configurations. There's nothing like yachts coming around in different directions to keep navigators on their toes checking course instructions!

And so to the prize-giving back on Middle Island. A large gathering with a sizeable number of prizes keenly contested over the weekend, awarded by the Commodore and Rear Commodore – Sailing, in a convivial ambience. The new prize trophy of a quaich from our Scottish marine manager attracted some attention (and usage!) by the several winners.

Our thanks to yachts from other clubs and crews for making the voyage for our event; and to the ABC marine and F&B staff whose support makes it all possible. In summary, a classic weekend's start to the season.

The 2016 ABC Opening Regatta provisional results may be found on www.abclubhk.com/opening_regatta_2016.aspx 





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J/80s at the 2016 ABC Sunseeker Opening Yacht Regatta

By Richard Johnston, photos by Sam Phillips

The J/80 fleet turned up in force for the ABC Opening Regatta 24-25 September. With 12 entries, we were the largest fleet. The plan was for two geometric courses on Saturday and an island race on Sunday. The weather forecast looked good, with plenty of wind and blue skies.

On Saturday, the wind was gusting up to 20 kts from the northeast, but was forecast to fade during the afternoon. Race Officer Greg Sinclair set up the course off Lamma. For the first race, the race committee set a windward-leeward course.

Tigrina and *Unknown Pleasures* got the best starts, with the latter nearer the committee boat. *Tigrina* proceeded to give a master class in pointing, feathering up into the gusts and gradually pulling away from the rest of the fleet, with *Unknown Pleasures* and *Bumphead* in pursuit. The first downwind leg was a reminder it was early in the season and the spinnaker work was a bit rusty, especially given the high winds. The first three boats stayed in the same order for the downwind and next upwind leg.

On the second downwind leg, *Unknown Pleasures* broached and tangled the spinnaker, putting them out of contention. *Tigrina* now had a comfortable buffer that would not be challenged. The chasing pack was led by *Lila* and *Bumphead*. *Tigrina* won, and *Lila* marginally beat *Bumphead* for second place.

The wind started to fade, as predicted, to around 10-15 kts. This time the RO set a two-lap windward-leeward course. Again *Tigrina* and *Unknown Pleasures* led at the start. With the lower wind levels the boats proved very closely matched, and *Unknown Pleasures* was able to hold onto a slight advantage at the start. *Mozzie* and *Bumphead* led the rest of the pack. *Tigrina* closed the gap a few times on *Unknown Pleasures*, but could never quite get ahead. *Unknown Pleasures* held on for the close win over *Tigrina*. *Mozzie* got the better of *Bumphead*, taking third place.



Lila

Sunday winds

In line with the forecast, the wind dropped on Sunday to 7-8 kts, still from the northeast. The start was set for Round Island, with a plan to send the fleets on easterly courses. The RO set a course for the J/80s of Chesterman to port, Waglan to starboard, Po Toi to starboard, Castle Rock to port and Chesterman to starboard.

Tigrina managed a good start, despite a last-minute spinnaker dash to the committee boat due to some misunderstanding of the start sequence. Shortly after the start, there was a massive wind shift that strongly favoured the committee boat end of the line. This quickly split the fleet. *Tigrina* led, followed closely by *Joss* and *Sail La Vie*. After rounding a windward mark, the leg to Chesterman was a close reach, which limited the opportunity for overtaking.

The leg to Waglan was upwind and the fleet all chose the inside route past Tai Tam Bay. The leading boats went deep in the bay, with *Tigrina* gradually pulling away. *Joss* and *Sail La Vie* remained ahead of a chasing group of *Mozzie*, *Lila* and *Bumphead*. *Unknown Pleasures* also joined the chasing group

after a poor start and started to close in on *Joss* and *Sail La Vie*.

As the boats neared Waglan, the wind faded. *Sail La Vie* had been sailing deeper but faster than the rest of the fleet. This strategy started to pay off in the lighter winds, and she suddenly pulled away from the chasing group and cut *Tigrina*'s lead. *Tigrina* narrowly led *Sail La Vie* round Waglan and into the downwind legs. *Unknown Pleasures* caught *Joss*, just before Waglan and the pull-away, by taking a much closer path around the rocks. *Tigrina* consolidated a safe lead over *Sail La Vie*. *Unknown Pleasures* had a comfortable third place, but could never challenge the front boats. The fleet finished with another win for *Tigrina*, an excellent second place for *Sail La Vie* and third for *Unknown Pleasures*.

Tigrina had dominated the weekend and won the regatta. *Unknown Pleasures* came second and *Mozzie* third.

The fleet would like to thank the ABC and the RO for a great event. It was an excellent weekend's racing, helped by the favourable weather conditions. Race results may be found at www.abclubhk.com/upload/Sailing/Opening_Regatta/2016/J80-Results-OR-2016.pdf 





Joss



Unknown Pleasures

Middle Island Update #3

By Philippe de Manny

This third report on Middle Island development progress focuses on milestones achieved since the project beginning:

Major achievements and actions

- Middle Island opened - 1996
- Review of Club development options - 2009
- Initial Middle Island scheme - 2010
- Introduction of building development levy - 2011
- Development of design options - 2012 to 2013
- Liaison with Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) on policy requirements - 2014
- Completion of preliminary design - 2014
- HAB advised Approval in Principle - 2015
- Review of estimate and programme - 2015
- Technical submissions preparation - 2015
- Town Planning board section 12 a submission - 2016

Work on required submissions

Below, a list of all submissions preparation done since 2014. Most have already been submitted to the relevant departments:

- Global feasibility study of the project
- Concept design leading to plans put forward to Members
- Review of the second concept design (second submission approved at the second Town Hall in early 2015)
- HAB first submission of the entire project that received verbal support
- DPO S16 and 12A submission
- HAB final submission
- District Land Office lease modification request
- Ecological survey in response to government request
- Scheme design review and phasing costing for reprogramming
- Ground building plans submission to Building Department
- Drainage impact assessment to Drainage Services Department
- Water work impact assessment to the

- Water Services Department
- Benthic underwater survey for District Land Office
- Marine ground investigation survey for District Lands Office
- Geotechnical planning survey for Section 16A & 12A application
- Natural terrain hazard study
- Land master plan design and tree survey
- Environmental impact assessment
- Ecological and fisheries impact assessment report
- Water pollution impact assessment
- Traffic impact assessment, and
- Utilities upgrade, which should be completed by December 2016

This list summarises and reflects the enormous amount of work done by the Development Committee.

We are now at a crucial time for project approval or rejection as all departments in Hong Kong have received primary submissions. Most have made comments.

How many more submissions will be required, and how long it will take to have a full or partial approval, remains unclear.

Utilities and improvement

A key element for the development is to upgrade our tenancy. The Temporary Occupation Permit states that dedicated water and power supplies are required to allow the lease to be classified as a Permanent Occupation Permit. Since 1992, the ABC, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Water Services Department and Hong Kong Electric had an agreement that ABC will obtain its electricity and water from the RHKYC connection to the land supply. In 2004, I sent a first request to HKE for an electricity upgrade for Middle Island. In 2010, we established a joint venture with the RHKYC to secure increased power supplies for both clubs. In 2015, we received formal agreement from HKE to upgrade power supply.

The new power cable supplying RHKYC and ABC already has been

installed underwater from the Deep Water Bay promenade through the RHKYC hardstanding. We await the commencement of work on the new transformer, to be shared with RHKYC, to allow ABC to have its own electricity meter with HKE in compliance with lease conditions.

The electricity upgrade cost, with 60 percent borne by the RHKYC and 40 percent by the ABC, will cost us \$5,932,758, well below the \$7.2 million cost expected in 2010, but on the dot of 2008's \$6 million quote.

As for the water meter, we were just about to sort this longstanding issue, but in May 2016 our water consultant told us that all our water piping installation had to be upgraded. The original cost of getting our separate water meter was \$150,000 and now due to WSD regulation enforcement the bill seems to be escalating to over a million dollars. We are still in the process of verifying information and getting different quotes, as this was not expected.

Middle Island beautification

This year we have added fixtures on Middle Island, of which 50 percent will be included in the final design of the Clubhouse. The latter today is only a linear plan drawing as it is far too soon to design the interior in detail. Only operating equipment is pretty much set in look and feel; final design will change over time. In light of positive feedback from Members I have received about the look and feel of the new Middle Island and the improved menu choices, I am sure most of you have been there.

Town hall meeting

Last but certainly not least, on Thursday 24 November, we have organised the sixth Town Hall meeting from 7 pm onward in the Harbour Room. Please reserve a seat in advance so that we know how to prepare the room as comfortably as possible. -H-



The Hong Kong 29er Selection Trials

Photos by Eileen Sze

Over the weekend of 1-2 October, the Hong Kong Sailing Federation held the second leg of the Hong Kong 29er Trials, for the Youth World Championships to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, in December 2016.

This international regatta pits the best team of girls and the best team of boys from each country against each other. The ABC had seven teams enter the Hong Kong trials.

On the Saturday, racing started in the Po Toi area with winds of eight-to-12 knots. The race committee aimed for five races on Saturday, as the forecast for Sunday wasn't so great.

Calum Gregor and Russell Aylsworth had a stunning day, winning all five races. Over the rest of the fleet, there was a lot of fighting between boats, and by the end of the day there

were four boats all tied with 15 points.

Sunday was a different day, with conditions a little lighter. Malo Kennish and Anatole Martin had a great start to the day with two race wins. Harriette Edmonds and Juliette Martin improved a lot through the event, finishing the last race off with a win as well.

After the results of both events were added together, Calum Gregor and Russell Aylsworth were selected as the Hong Kong boys' team, and Harriette Edmonds and Juliette Martin were selected as the Hong Kong girls' team.

Racing starts in New Zealand on 15 December, and will be covered on the ABC Facebook page and in a following issue of *Horizons*. H







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The 2016 Optimist National and Open Championships



By Cécile Martin, photos by Guy Nowell and Herman Ng

The Optimist National and Open championships were held this year over 8-10 October off Stanley.

The three-day event gathered 87 sailors, including 34 sailors from overseas: China, Singapore, Thailand, India, Macau, Taiwan and, for the first time, 10 sailors from Australia. It must be said that all these overseas sailors are very good sailors in their own country, especially the Aussie and Singaporean sailors. That is why the competition was very tough this year.

The day before the event, everyone was worried because a typhoon was expected but fortunately it decided to change its route at the last minute and sailors could enjoy the sailing during the championships. The breeze swung for some races, and the wind dropped

frequently and the tide was strong at some times.

The two first days were qualifying races (six races could be done). The final day was dedicated to the final races (two races out of three originally planned could be done).

Lucky but tired

At the end of the second day, even though the sailors had a long day, they enjoyed a lucky draw, with prizes offered by the Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association, and a great barbecue. But everyone went back home early to be ready for the final series on Monday.

On the basis of the six qualifying races over the first two days, Casey Law, Juliette Clot, Augustin Clot and Pénélope Martin were able to end in the Gold Fleet,

whereas Antoine Piras and Karrie Clark sailed in the Silver Fleet.

The last day started with bright sunshine and some 6-8 kts of breeze that saw the first race away on time.

The second race was run quickly after the first one, but the third race could not be completed because the wind dropped out completely and it had shifted too much.

Juliette Clot won the 10 and Under category whereas Pénélope Martin won the Race Officer prize for being the most polite sailor, always thanking the committee boat at the finish line.

In the Gold fleet, Casey Law finished 26th, Juliette Clot 36th, Augustin Clot 43th and Pénélope Martin 44th.

In the Silver fleet, Antoine Piras finished eighth and Karrie Clark 11th. **H**



Pénélope Martin (sailing)



Pénélope Martin and the Race Officer prize



Casey Law in 508



Augustin Clot



Juliette Martin



Karrie Clark



The ARA team

Honing Hobie Skills: The 2016 Hobie Asian Championships

By Christophe Hatterer, photos by Kevin Lewis courtesy of the Hong Kong Hobie Club

Held at the Hong Kong Hobie Club in Tai Tam, the 2016 Hobie Asian Championships and Open Catamaran Cup took place over the weekend of 15-16 October. My helm, George Burkett, and I had the opportunity to take part in this event. This regatta

essentially acted as our youth trials for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships that will take place in New Zealand this December.

The medium conditions on Saturday were optimal for the first morning of the regatta. With a gradual decrease of

wind, the races slowed down towards the end of the afternoon. On Sunday, the day commenced with medium-light winds, suddenly decreasing after lunch.

The races themselves took place on the outskirts of Po Toi, with a total of eighteen Hobies and four other catamarans taking part in the competitions. Competitors included racers mostly from Hong Kong, with Thailand sending one boat, which ultimately won the gold medal. For George and me, the main competition was from the Hong Kong Sea School.

For both teams, the scores varied throughout the first day – with them beating us at the end of the day at eighth place as we held 11th. On the second day, the Hong Kong Sea School boat had an unfavourable incident, in which their mast fell off. This unfortunately meant they could not complete any races on that day. We, however, were capable of continuing the racing, averaging in the top 10 boats to pass the finish line.

Overall we finished in 10th place as a result of sailing intensely throughout the duration of this competition. Hopefully we will be able to participate in future catamaran events, even though we both know we still have a lot to learn. *H*





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

Part A (Master)

Dates: 1, 3, 4 November 2016

Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

Syllabus: Rules, lights, shapes, buoyage and signals, seamanship,
local knowledge and the laws of Hong Kong fire and gas precautions.

Cost: \$1,700 for member/person/course. \$2,000 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates: 7, 8, 9 November 2016

Times: 7 pm to 10:15 pm

Syllabus: Engine general construction, diesel and petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, lubrication,
cooling and pumps, transmission systems, operation and maintenance, fire and gas precautions.

Cost: \$1,700 for member/person/course. \$2,000 for non-member/person/course.

Notes:

1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the Hong Kong Marine Department after course completion. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the relative exam. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
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4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by fax on 2873 2945 or by post or hand to the Club's Administrative Office.
6. See the Marine Dept. website for exam application information and dates:
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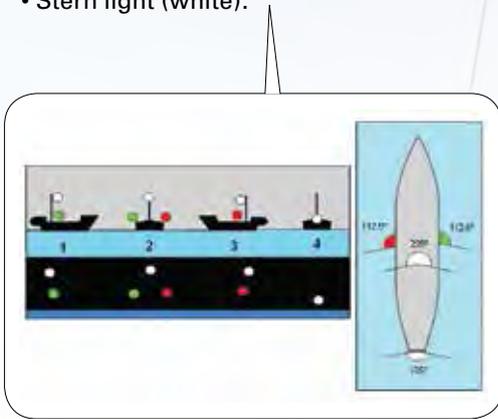
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Answers: Sailing Knowledge for Skippers

See page 8 for questions

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7. Sea fog is one of the worst hazards at sea. It forms when warm moist air is carried by the wind over a relatively cold sea.
8. A yacht is a recreational boat or ship. The term originates from the Dutch word "jacht", to hunt. Originally it meant a light and fast sailing vessel, or jachtschiff, used by the Dutch navy to pursue pirates.
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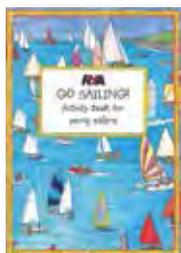
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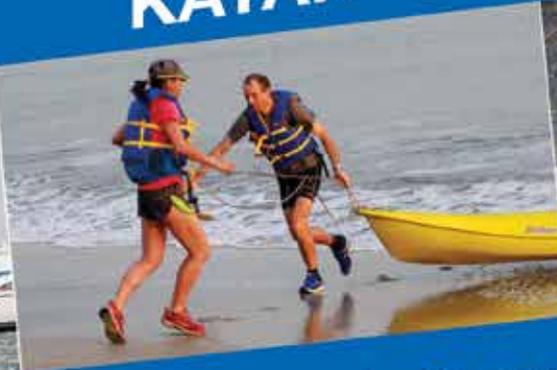
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