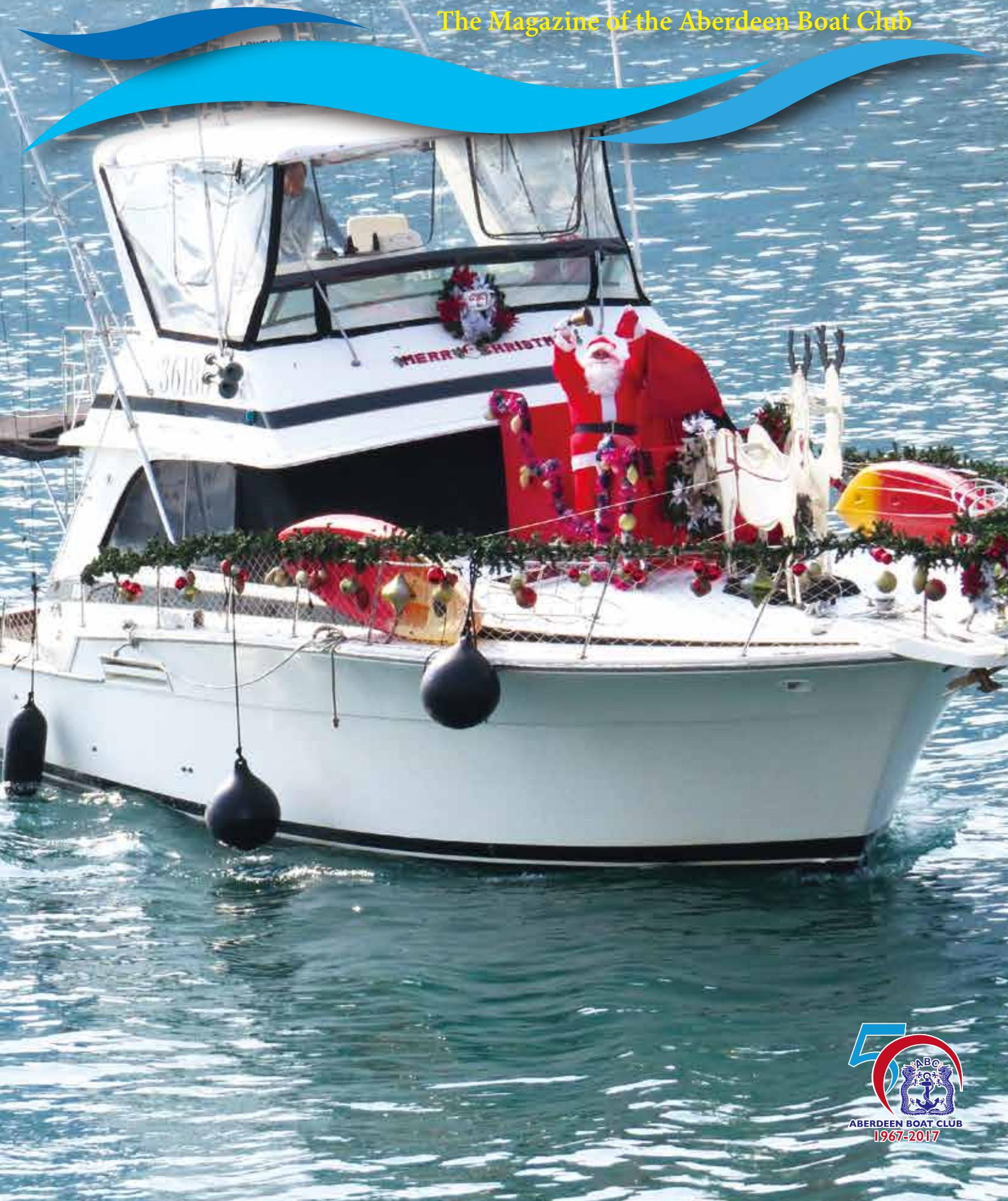


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## COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley  
Commodore

### A FESTIVE CORNUCOPIA BECKONS

By the time you read this (in fact, even if you don't!) the Festive Season will be in train, with a lot more to come. The November magazine contained the outline of our calendar, with the Club's traditional "Opener" Commodore's Drinks on M.I. on Sunday 10th; all families welcome. This will be another December to Remember, with many Christmas delights, culminating with the spectacular – if past years are any guide – NYE party on a Magical Night à la Sinbad the Sailor. Come on your magic carpet dressed in style, and join the search for Alexander the Great's lost gold on the isle of Dariabar....

By this time, the AGM will have passed and a new Committee will be in place, albeit with some

familiar names given the two-year tenures. One of their tasks will be to implement a material increase in mooring fees – never a welcome move but an essential one, as the detailed reasoning following the intensive renovation will make amply clear. On the other, cheerier, hand there will be no increase in the monthly subscription next year.

On another bright note, on 2 December at 17:39, after eight days of its earliest time of 17:38, the time of sunset will turn and become progressively later each day; this event precedes the Winter Solstice on the 22nd, with an early finish for business on the 21st.

And yet another, perhaps even brighter note: OBMG, a regular supporter of our race series, providing a range of electronic equipment prizes, have come up trumps with two new initiatives: a 10% discount offer to members on various items of equipment; and sponsorship of the commissioning of the Club's two new VSR Ribs – which are unused but for one time support of the America's Cup in Bermuda. An early Christmas present for ABC, and a big thank you from the Club to OBMG.

On that note, may I wish all members a joyous Festive Season at ABC, and a very Happy New Year to follow.

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny  
General Manager

Dear Members,

### THE 50TH HAS PASSED; HERE'S TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CLUB

With December closing our 50th anniversary celebrations, which kicked off on 15 June with the past committee members lunch attended by 60 members – a great first event for which the Club kept and framed signed menus and recorded speeches for posterity, so that on the 100th anniversary these will be a great memorabilia to open or auction.

There have also been two golf competitions, on 23 June and 20 October, two snooker competitions, three special 50th anniversary regattas in September, a staff Junk trip in October as well as a cruise to Tai Tam in October. We have now closed all the ceremonials with cocktails and great party throughout the Club on 18 November, attended by 160 members. Now, we look forward to the next 50 years!

### DECEMBER SAILING & OTHER MARINE ACTIVITIES

The Southside Regatta is again taking place, on 2nd and 3 December, and we're expecting a record entry list this year, with plenty of new boats like Nacra and 49ers.

Our third RYA Power Boat course is taking place on 9th & 10 December. This is a two-day entry level course for all with a PVOL, but with little or no driving experience. This will give you confidence to take your boat out, and berth it without destroying my pontoons!

Between the 18 December and 6 January, 19 different dinghy courses are planned over the Christmas holiday; book fast as they get really busy. To find details, just open our website – the full program is on the front page, or send an email to [Angela.sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:Angela.sailingsecretary@abclubhk.com).

On 10 December, the mid-winter series race

Waglan 6 will take place, followed immediately afterwards by our yearly and very popular Commodores cocktails featuring the usual sumptuous Christmas fare. There's no need to book for the cocktails, but an indication by email of your intention to come at around 4pm on Middle Island to share a cup of mulled wine and mince pies would be appreciated. At the time of writing, *Red Kite 2*, *Krampus* and *Black Jack* look very close in the contest for the mini-series IRC prize, while *Mozie* and the returning *Legende* are looking good on the HKPN A and B results board. But all is still open for the cups.

As a reminder, the Club's current annual Championship Series comprises 12 races between October and March. Eight island races are complimented by four geometric course races. Boats are competing under three division IRC, and HKPN A and B and Class results are also published for J/80s. All boats competing in the "Waglan Series" are required to submit an online registration form and skipper's declaration for the series. If neither documents are submitted, the boat will not be allowed to enter the race.

The 2017 joint RHKYC /ABC dinghy autumn racing is going very well this year – at least on our side. The next race is planned for Sunday 17 December 2017, with a start at 1.30pm; please swiftly register online, [http://www.abclubhk.com/events/2017-18JoinRHKYC\\_ABC\\_Race.aspx](http://www.abclubhk.com/events/2017-18JoinRHKYC_ABC_Race.aspx).

Sailing will take place in the vicinity of Middle Island, Round Island, Chung Hom Kok or Stanley Bay, to ensure fair and safe racing. Boats should allow time to reach Stanley Bay unless advised of another area in advance. Depending on the weather conditions, the Optimist Class may occasionally race in a different area to other dinghies, this will be decided on the day by the race committee. For all details please visit the race webpage: [http://www.abclubhk.com/upload/Dinghy/Club\\_Dinghy\\_Racing/2017/Dinghy-NOR-2017--2018.pdf](http://www.abclubhk.com/upload/Dinghy/Club_Dinghy_Racing/2017/Dinghy-NOR-2017--2018.pdf)



## GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

### FOUR PEAKS 2018 PREPARATIONS

The Club is delighted to announce the 34th running of the race, on 3–4 February 2018. "Asia's Ultimate Sailing And Hill Running Challenge" The Four Peaks Race is once again sponsored by Beneteau, and supported by Simpson Marine. A great thank you to both, as without them it would be very hard to provide the level of exposure and safety this race requires.

Just to let new Members know: this annual overnight multisport race has been organised by the Aberdeen Boat Club since 1985. The Four Peaks Race is about peak performance, and involves tackling four renowned peaks: Lantau Peak (934 metres), Mount Stenhouse (353 metres) on Lamma, Violet Hill (433 metres) on Hong Kong Island, and Ma On Shan (702 metres) in Sai Kung. With the average boat taking 24 hours last year, the race requires landings by transfer craft or swimming; speed and strategy on land over rough terrain; and fine seamanship and sailing skills on the water. Tactics, practice and stamina play a big part, and rewards for all bring competitors back again and again for both the excitement and the camaraderie.

This unique sporting challenge is considered one of the most testing competitions in the region. It requires the highest levels of fitness and seamanship from the competitors and the best of race stewarding and safety management from the organizers.

While much attention focuses on race teams, please also note that volunteers will be needed for the upcoming race. We always need members to help out with this most challenging event; please approach Jennifer in the Marine office to offer your assistance as peak control, safety boat, race control volunteer. Prior sailing or volunteering knowledge will be an advantage but not a necessity.

For those who'll be racing, the Club can offer you a special training program over two months, prepared in partnership with Strive Fitness in Cyberport. Please contact me for more details.

### CONTACT RHKYC SHIP-SHOP IF PLANNING TO PARK AND SHOP

Dear Members: If you plan to go to the RHKYC Ship-Shop, please note the new procedure below. This arises as they have encountered quite a few issues recently, with non-members telling the carpark guard they were going to the ship-shop, yet in fact were abusing RHKYC hospitality by parking for the whole day.

Please be reminded that if you want to park at the RHKYC, to go to the ship-shop, you must now call ahead the Ship Shop manager, to register your car, and once your buying is done you must vacate the premises immediately. Not conforming may, rightly, force the Yacht Club to take further action, maybe precluding access to non-members' cars, which would definitely be a serious inconvenience for you.

So please be considerate and contact Mr. David Ho, Ship Shop Manager at tel: 2239 0336, or send him an email prior to your visit to register your car: [shipshop@rhkyc.org.hk](mailto:shipshop@rhkyc.org.hk).

### WINTER CRUISE AND SNOOZE

Here's the Sunday escape and Weekend's away Cruising programme for this winter. If you're looking for a new adventure, or just starting sailing and looking for a way to safely explore Hong Kong and meet other boating enthusiasts, please put your name forward to come and help me with organising the following cruising events:

#### Frost Bite Rendezvous

To be held in early or mid-January, as close as possible to the New Year. This is a two-day rendezvous on PUI O BEACH, LANTAU. The event is family-oriented and will have plenty of competitions and games for adults and children on the beach. Plus music and dancing in the afternoon and evenings, to celebrate the New Year. Use of the camp site overnight and LCSD BBQ pits recommended, if available.

#### Round Island Chili Cook-Off and Beach Clean-Up

One Sunday on Round Island, during Chinese New Year break. This is intended to be a competitive chili-cooking event that's guaranteed to take the winter chill out of your bones!

Our ABC Chili Cook-off will be a special opportunity for you to put your chili up against others in a friendly competition judged by a selection of picky eaters from the Membership – and Me. For those who love to eat, it's all about the camaraderie, fun, and food. Meet up on Round Island at 10:00 am sharp for a good two-hours clean-up. From 11:30, cook or re-heat your large chilli pot for the judging; and from 1pm the sharing. Plus inflatables, beach games and – for those with thick skin – a good swim to cool off the chili effect.



## OBMG Sponsorship

ABC is proud to announce that On Board Marine Group Ltd (OBMG) are now a supporting sponsor of the ABC Waglan Series 2017/18 and the ABC Summer Series 2018. In addition, the company will be sponsoring the commissioning of the Club's new two VSR ribs, which includes a full electrical systems check, navigational lights, bilge pumps and battery isolator switches.

OBMG will be providing a great list of prizes for both IRC and the HKPN classes, including a full check of all your yacht's electrical systems, Vulcan 9 Chart Plotter, Triton 2 Wind, Depth and Speed pack plus other spot prizes of some great yacht equipment for your boat. Make sure you enter your boat and compete in both the Waglan 2017/18 and the Summers series 2018 for a chance to win !

OBMG will also be offering a 10% discount to all ABC members on their extensive range of marine and boating products. OBMG flyers will be available from reception and the Marine & Sailing Office, outlining OBMG's full range of marine equipment and boating services.



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## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### MIDDLE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT: UNEXPECTED DELAY, YET PROGRESS

With the approach of Christmas 2017, it's time to provide members with an update on the progress of our work for the development of Middle Island. The Development Committee is conscious that progress has not been as good as was originally envisaged, and that members will be understandably disappointed not to see any visible work being undertaken. There are good reasons for this, which are not within our control but which have a direct impact on proceeding with the works.

We have, however, made progress in the past 12 months, and this article will recap on our vision for Middle Island and the current status of the complex approval process.

In 2008, the General Committee considered the long term strategy for development and concluded that the next major logical expansion of the Club should be based at Middle Island. This was primarily driven by the philosophy of the Club being based on boating activities, the significant expansion of dinghy participation over the previous decade, and increasing general leisure use of Middle Island by members.

A Development Committee was established in 2011, to manage all aspects of the proposed development. Following extensive consultation on budgetary estimates and the affordability of such a development the General Committee introduced a Building Development Levy at the end of 2011.

The conceptual design was developed to provide all the functionality considered necessary to serve the best interests of the Club for the foreseeable future, and to provide the following key features:

- Increased on-shore boat storage area
- New clubhouse
- Essential accommodation for sail training
- Kitchen
- Bar and restaurant
- Workshop
- Pontoon berthing

The scheme was presented to the Home Affairs Bureau in May 2015 and was well received, particularly in respect of its alignment with the major policy objective of enhancing sport in Hong Kong. The bureau subsequently stated that it would endorse the scheme once all impact assessments were agreed. This important support from the Home Affairs Bureau allowed the Development Committee to move to the detailed phase of design development and produce the required impact assessments.

#### MORE PRELIMINARY WORK REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT

By the end of 2016, the majority of the technical submissions had been prepared and submitted to various government departments for their review. The general response from government on the technical details of the scheme was favourable, but in 2017 we were advised that more work was needed to verify the robustness of the design of the new sea wall and the impact on the environment.

In order to provide this further justification, it is necessary to undertake additional ground investigation works; this work is now due to commence in January 2018. The results of this investigation will allow the Club to submit the necessary documentation to the Town Planning Board in late 2018. Following approval by the Town Planning Board, the scheme will be subject to the statutory gazettal process.

The unexpected delay of approximately 18 months to the approval process has resulted in the need to review the overall project timescale, and Development Committee is currently assessing the various assumptions in order to present an updated programme to members next year.

#### UPGRADING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

In parallel with the overall development approval process, the Development Committee have been progressing with the necessary upgrades to the power and water services on Middle Island. This important enhancement of the utility infrastructure will allow the Club to secure a Permanent Occupation Permit, support the future development proposal and provide improved services for members. This work has been conducted in conjunction with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and the upgraded infrastructure will be fully operational by the middle of 2018.

In conclusion: the Development Committee wish to assure members that much work is being done to satisfy the government's requirements for progress with this major project. In this 50th Anniversary Year, it is considered that the future development of Middle Island will be a major milestone in the history of Aberdeen Boat Club, and will serve the Club for many decades.

Barry Hill  
Chairman  
Development Committee  
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## COMPETITION REPORT



# Light Winds, Light Turnout: Waglan Series 2017/18 – Race #2 Report

By Alex Johnston

The Waglan Series 2017/18 – Race #2 was held on Sunday 29 October. This was the same weekend as the J 80 Class Champs and China Cup, leading to relatively few entries, with eight boats – five IRC, two HKPN A and one HKPN B.

The RO was Alex J, assisted by AROs Jennifer and Dai Fuk & Sai Fuk, who laid marks and so forth.

The forecast seemed promising, with a north-northeast wind of force 4 to 4. But at 11am, as the competitors gathered for the start, there was merely a breeze at Round Island, just 5 to 6 knots, with the tide on the flood. As some consolation, it was a lovely clear sunny day.

Then, they were off! Slowly....

IRC started first, followed by HKPN - all divisions. The wind showed hints of increasing, but it was patchy, leading to a decision to shorten the race, as otherwise boats would not have made it back to Round island.

They sailed Course #14 from ABC SSI's 2017 – Beaufort to STBD, Fury Rocks to STBD, and Course Shortened at Castle Rock for all classes.

Eventually, the finish line was crossed, and it was time for prize giving on the deck in the sun, then food and beers at the main club.



# WAGLAN SERIES

— 2017 — **12** **races** — 2018 —

Race 1: 8 October 2017

Race 2: 29 October 2017

Race 3 & 4: 5 November 2017

Race 5: 19 November 2017

Race 6: 10 December 2017

Race 7: 7 January 2018

Race 8: 21 January 2018

Race 9 & 10: 25 February 2018

Race 11: 4 March 2018

Race 12: 18 March 2018

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# South China Diving Club Expedition to Christmas Island

*By Rob Christie*





In October, the South China Diving Club took a trip to Christmas Island with 20 of their own divers (some of whom are also members of Aberdeen Boat Club). SCDC leads overseas dive expeditions at least once per year, and prefers to choose destinations based on their offering of the natural marine environment, as opposed to above water accommodation. In today's world, finding dive sites with minimal impact by human activity is difficult. Dive operators in particular can be focused on parading as many divers through a site as possible, and focusing more on delivering creature comforts on the surface to make the "perfect dive holiday". A destination such as Christmas Island is perfect for SCDC because it is far from heavy tourism, and is instead focused exclusively on the diving.

Located just south of the equator in the India Ocean, Christmas Island is an oceanic outcrop

that formed off the peak of ancient volcano, which pushed from the seafloor above the water 10 million years ago. Virtually alone in the middle of the ocean, the island is home to a variety of indigenous and unique wildlife that includes many species of birds and land crabs. For anyone who loves BBC nature documentaries, Christmas Island was made famous in 1990 by David Attenborough, when he presented the mass movement of the red land crabs from the jungle to the coast in a spawning event that is truly awesome in size and intensity.

Like other islands with the same or similar holiday names, Christmas Island was spotted on Christmas Day by the crew of a merchant ship. For many years it was not considered habitable, due to its jagged and rocky coastline and dense jungle. However, once phosphate was discovered in its soil in the late 1800s, a mining operation was set up to start excavation. Later, when the territory was



## DIVERS OF ABC and SCDC TRIP



transferred to Australia in 1958, the mining operation was expanded and a year around community was established to support the industry. There are now around 2,000 full year residents, who form a truly diverse community that mixes Asian and Australian culture and customs in this small outpost.

But it was what lies underneath Christmas Island and hidden from sight that SCDC was seeking to explore. Due to cool, nutrient rich water flowing north from Antarctica, and strong currents flowing westward from the Timor Sea into the depths of the Indian Ocean, Christmas Island is a virtual crossroads for marine life great and small. The seafloor shelf that formed around the island, which briefly levels at 30m depth before dropping hundreds of metres into the darkness, supports a coral garden that is breathtaking in density and diversity.

### Abundant marine life

Large fish such as reef and white tipped sharks, whale sharks and hammerheads pass by Christmas Island throughout the year in search of food during their migrations. Meanwhile, the coral gardens that ring the island are home to large moray eels, green turtles, batfish, groupers, snappers, butterfly fish and schools of jack fish. Together, the undersea world of Christmas Island is a perfect marine ecosystem that is unexploited by commercial fishing or other industry.

Anyone who is familiar with diving in places such as the Philippines or Indonesia or other locations around the Coral Triangle will find much of the sea life of Christmas Island familiar. However, the diving conditions are more challenging than many other popular dive destinations in Asia. Current surges and rough seas still make their way around the edge of the island from the southerly exposed side. But as all experienced divers know, the most diverse and active marine areas happen to be where the current surges strongest. So, diving where the conditions are roughest may take more effort, but the payoff is always breathtaking.

Sadly, the coral reefs of Asia are being badly damaged by warming and acidification of the ocean. Although the problem has been



emerging for many decades, within the past few years the rate at which coral is dying off is alarming. Christmas Island is no exception, and the coral in this highly secluded place has been recently decimated by warm ocean currents. Even the casual diver can easily spot the damage to coral that has bleached and is devoid of life. One can only hope that the decay is reversible, and the coral can spring back to life and start to rebuild the reefs that have taken hundreds if not thousands of years to build.

SCDC is dedicated to making "zero impact" to the sites that it dives. This means emphasising dive technique that doesn't touch or disturb or damage the marine life, in particular the coral: take only pictures and leave only ripples. Finding dive sites like Christmas Island is important to SCDC members, to not only enjoy and photograph the natural beauty of the marine environment, but also to witness what a natural environment should look like.





PAST EVENT



## The Fantastical, Phenomenal Halloween Spookyfest

### WARNING TO GENTLE READERS

Much as Lemony Snicket advises readers they may wish to avoid his tales of misadventure, we must preface this page by recommending that members of a sensitive disposition may wish to avert their gaze from the following words and images, and continue where *Horizons* later resumes normal coverage. For here, we present an illustrated account of a night of unprecedented, unparalleled spookiness and shuddering shenanigans.

So, you consider yourself bold enough to continue?

Then let us begin, by looking back to the night of 28 October, when the Club was hideously transformed for a celebration of Halloween, bedecked with cobwebs and spider silhouettes, scattered with gravestones, as frivolous funsters arrived for a phantasmagorical feast. A feast cooked by ghouls in blood-splattered clothing, served by an army of the undead, assisted by none other than Snow White.

The malodorous offerings were eagerly gorged upon by the ravenous horde, including youngsters who tucked into dangling donuts by simply ripping them apart with their teeth, others who slurped down flagons of fiendish brews formed by fermentation. Among the horde were a jailbird, a joker, a mad-mad monk, wannabe pirates and, perhaps scariest of all, a man in a dinner jacket.

Perhaps you feel relieved this event lasted one night only, and the Club apparently returned to normal. But consider this: the event attracted participation by 230 members. To Philippe de Manny, this makes it a great success, with the very best Halloween event participation in the history of the Club. But always remember on your visits to the Club: they truly walk among us....

Now, if you are not totally trembling with terror and trepidation, you may assess the full fearsomeness of the night, as shown in photos.

And, perhaps, look forward to joining us for Halloween next year. If you dare...







## PAST EVENT







## OBITUARY



**Edwin George Palfrwey**

*27 August 1940 – 15 October 2017*

Born 27 August 1940 in England, and died 15 October 2017 in Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong.

Edwin was one of life's real characters. After leaving Watford Grammar School and starting his professional career, he spent some time in Paris in advertising. He became fluent in French and lived the high life there, even owning a Ferrari for a while.

Eventually the gypsy in him came out, and he started travelling and sailing around the world on private yachts as a deckhand, spending time in the Caribbean on luxury and racing yachts. He continued his journey from there and stopped off for some time in the Seychelles, where he took up farming and worked the fields and got into the local culture. Again bitten by the travel bug, Edwin moved on to the Philippines, where he entered yacht brokering amongst other things.

Edwin landed in Hong Kong in the early 1980s, and continued his endeavours in the yachting and yacht brokering business. Starting

out with Noel Lee and doing his Saturday morning radio shows, Edwin had a great orator's voice. As his knowledge of the local market grew along with his contacts, Edwin started his own company – Edwin Palfrey and Associates, in Marina Tower of the Aberdeen Marina Club. This business became quite successful for a while, and for a few years he provided the sponsorship for the renowned Aberdeen Boat Club 4 Peaks Race.

Hong Kong being what it is, ever evolving and changing, Edwin found it necessary to downsize and form a new organisation; and he began working more closely with boat builders in China.

Edwin finally relocated to China, having formed Ocean-Asia Yachts. He started a new brokerage and worked with designers to build their boats in Chinese shipyards in Shenzhen and Shanghai. It was very much a struggle for Edwin, but he persevered until his health dealt him the final cards, causing him to lose his right leg, and then making it impossible to continue working in shipyards.

Edwin was very much a fighter, whatever life threw his way. He had the attitude that anything could be overcome. He battled colon cancer for several years, and bounced back from that by never giving up. He was once delivering a yacht from Australia to the Philippines, and was caught in a storm and blown 600 miles off his charts yet managed to find his way back.

Edwin never gave up. He finally met something more persistent than himself that he could not overcome. We will all miss Edwin very much, and will remember him for all the things he taught us and his craving for adventure.

Wayne Thompson





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## December F&B Promotions

**Christmas Delicacies  
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**Modern Winter Dishes with Wine Pairing option!  
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### **Updates from the ever popular ABC Indian Kitchen**

- Additional new dishes drawing inspiration from the Southern corridors of India:  
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- Weekend High on Banana Leaf! All-you-can-eat Banana Leaf Curry Thali sets  
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### **Middle Island Hot Pot for Winter**

Catering to new demand and the cooler weather from November onwards,  
Middle Island has a set hot pot available every weekend.  
The set has an attractive price, starting at only HK\$199 per set (HK\$66per person).



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## Wine of the Month

White: Musar Jeune, 2015  
HK\$298/btl & HK\$59/glass

*Tasting notes:*

*Crisp, aromatic and vibrant*

Red: Chateau Musar, 2001  
HK\$420/btl & HK\$89/glass

*Tasting notes:*

*Red cherries, dark chocolate, olives, figs and velvet smooth tannins on the very long finish*



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## Beer of the Month

Gallia Paris, IPA (330ml) HK\$39/btl

*Tasting notes:*

*Citrusy aromas and a pleasant bitterness.*



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## December Hot/Cold Drinks

**Kahlua Hot Chocolate HK\$45 (Alcoholic)  
HK\$32 (Non-Alcoholic)**

Kahlua, chocolate, cinnamon, mini marshmallows on top

**Home, Sweet Home HK\$45 (Alcoholic)  
HK\$32 (Non-Alcoholic)**

Vodka, Bols vanilla liqueur, chocolate sauce, cream, marshmallows on top

**Christmas Mulled Wine HK\$58 per glass,  
HK\$820 per bowl (16 glasses)**

**Hot Ginger Herbs Tea HK\$45 per pot**



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F&B PROMOTION



## December Festive Events



### Chateau Musar Wine Dinner

Date: Monday, 4 December

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Four Peaks

Price: HK\$795 per person

Welcome drink with canapés at 7 pm in the WaglanBar, followed by a four-course dinner with an exclusive range of fine wines from Chateau Musar hosted by the winemaker himself!

### Be Good for Goodness Sake! - Santa Heads to the ABC

Date: Saturday, 9 December

Time: 11am to 3:30pm

Venue: The Galley & The Patio

Price: HK\$198 for adults, HK\$168 for children age 5–12 years and  
HK\$158 for children under 5 years

Lunch, magic show and clown show, face-painting, games, and bouncy castle in the playground. At 2pm, Santa will appear with Christmas goodies.

Parents are asked to deliver a small gift intended for their child, value not exceeding HK\$150, wrapped and labelled, to Reception no later than Friday, 8 December. Make sure your child's name is on the gift – remember, Santa is not getting any younger, and needs your help to remember all the children who have been good this year!

### Special Extra Treats for Dad and Mum:

Mulled wine, gammon ham on toast, warm roasted chestnuts and mince pies.



To reserve for your family and friends, call Reception at 2552 8182 or email [booking@abclubhk.com](mailto:booking@abclubhk.com)



### Lamb-on-a-Spit Night, with wine tasting for home delivery

Date: Saturday, 9 December

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Galley & The Patio

Price: HK\$289 for adults, HK\$229 for senior citizens,  
HK\$189 for children under 12 years

### Commodore's Christmas Cocktails on Middle Island

Date: Sunday, 10 December

Time: 3–6pm

Venue: Middle Island Price: Complimentary

Held immediately following the ABC Waglan Series Race 6, our yearly gathering around a glass or two of mulled wine and Christmas nibbles is a unique opportunity to wish fellow Club members and friends a merry Christmas.

All Club members and families are invited to mix and mingle with our new Commodore and ABC committee members, who will be on deck to share with you their vision for the Club, but most importantly to share a very special Christmas moment.

Warm roasted chestnuts, Christmas fare and drinks will be served.  
Advance notice is required, as there is a maximum attendance of 180.



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### Christmas Eve Dinner

Date: Sunday, 24 December

Time: 7 pm onwards

Venue: The Four Peaks

Price: HK\$599 for adults for a five-course dinner and unlimited sparkling wine,  
HK\$499 for children age 5–18 years for five-course dinner and soft drinks, and  
HK\$349 for children under five, for a three-course dinner.

### Christmas Day Lunch Buffet at Middle Island

Date: Monday, 25 December

Time: 12:30–3pm

Price: HK\$329 for adults and HK\$229 for children under 12 years

### Christmas Day Celebration at the Main Clubhouse

Date: Monday, 25 December

Time: 12 noon to 3 pm

Price: The Four Peaks and deck: HK\$379 for adults and  
HK\$229 for children under 12 years (excluding first course)

The Galley and Patio: HK\$369 for adults and  
HK\$229 for children under 12 years (excluding first course).

Live band on the Patio.

### Boxing Day Brunch at the Galley and Patio

Date: Tuesday, 26 December

Time: Early bird breakfast 8–10:30am; Brunch 10:30am to 3pm

Price: Early bird breakfast HK\$82 for adults and

HK\$68 for children age 3–12 years

Brunch HK\$279 for adults, inclusive of one glass of sparkling wine,  
and HK\$128 for children age 3–12 years.



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## New Year's Eve Party at the Galley and Patio “Sinbad the Sailor Magical Night”

Date: Sunday, 31 December

Time: 8pm until late

Price: HK\$988 for adults, inclusive of canapés, buffet, listed standard drinks and Champagne for toasting at midnight, for children between 12-18 y/o \$588, \$288 for children under age 12.

You and your guests are invited to the ABC's 2017 New Year's Eve, for a fantastic voyage recalling the adventures of Sinbad, as we journey from this year to the next. While no rocs are expected, a magician will roam the Club, and you can dance as wild as dervishes to the tunes spun by DJ David. It's the perfect event for all who must set to sea, possessed with the thought of traveling about the world of men and seeing their cities and islands.

## New Year's Day Brunch Extravaganza at the Galley and Patio

Date: Monday, 1 January, 2018

Time: Early bird breakfast 8–10:30am; Brunch 10:30am to 4pm

Price: HK\$309 for adults, HK\$359 with sparkling wine, and HK\$189 for children under 12 years

## Members' Day on the Junk

Date: Sunday, 7 January

Venue: The Club Junk

Time: 11am to 5pm

Price: HK\$310 for adults, with unlimited Prosecco and a simple curry on board, and HK\$85 for children under 12 years, with a packed lunch

The Club has booked the junk for you and your family and guests to enjoy this first Saturday of the New Year on a cruise around Hong Kong Island.

Limited space for 38 passengers, so please book quickly to avoid being disappointed.

To reserve for your family and friends, call Reception at 2552 8182 or email [booking@abclubhk.com](mailto:booking@abclubhk.com)

# Exclusive Festive Home Wine Delivery December 2017

*Free Wine Tasting (Saturday, 9th December) 18:30 – 20:30*

SPARKLING		\$/Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>PROSECCO :</b> <b>Ca'Selva, Organic Prosecco DOC 2015 (Friuli, Italy) *organic</b> Pale straw yellow with greenish highlights and elegant, long-lingering foam; subtle wafts of apples and peaches; refreshingly fruit-forward, attractively acidulous.		HK\$110		
<b>CHAMPAGNE :</b> <b>Gonet-Medeville, Champagne 1er Cru Rose Extra Brut NV (France)</b> For the dry Champagne Rose lovers! Spicy redcurrant & blood orange aromas. Very dry red berry and citrus flavours are pleasantly bitter and finely etched, with dusty minerals and a dry finish. <b>92 points ~Stephen Tanzer *organic</b>		HK\$335		
<b>CHAMPAGNE :</b> <b>Gonet-Medeville, Champagne 1er Cru Blanc de Noirs Brut NV (France)</b> Intense mineral nose of citrus, green apple, and pungent herbs. Flavours of anise, wet stone, honeysuckle, quinine and brioche, with an impressive finishing lift, cut and persistence. <b>92 points ~Stephen Tanzer *organic</b>		(75cl) HK\$285		
		(1.5L) HK\$600		
WHITE WINE		\$/Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>SAUVIGNON BLANC :</b> <b>Waipara West, Sauvignon Blanc 2015 (Waipara, New Zealand)</b> Charming wine with grassy notes, ripe tropical fruits and lovely underlying depth of old vines flavour. Refreshing dry palate with passionfruit and gooseberry notes, with balanced acidity to give it line and length. To be served with seafood, fish and cheeses.		HK\$125		
<b>CHARDONNAY :</b> <b>Domaine Antonin Guyon, Pernand Vergelesses 1er Cru 2015 (Burgundy, France) *organic</b> Brilliant robe, flowery aromas with a very nice nose of hazelnuts. An elegant wine with a lot of finesse and freshness. Drink now or cellar for another 8-10 years. To be served with cooked fish or white meat in creamy sauce. <b>91 points ~Allen Meadows</b>		HK\$345		
<b>WHITE GRENACHE &amp; VERMENTINO :</b> <b>Marrenon, 'Grand Marrenon Blanc' Luberon 2015 (Rhone, France)</b> Enticing aromas of crushed stone, citrus zest and white truffle notes. This medium-bodied wine is partially fermented and aged in wood, achieving a fine balance of faint wood notes, a sleek, satiny texture and ample freshness. To be served with lobster or omelet with truffle. <b>90 points ~Robert Parker</b>		HK\$135		
<b>GEWURZTRAMINER :</b> Willy Gisselbrecht, Gewuztraminer Grand Cru Frankstein 2013 (Alsace, France) This wine has a deep yellow and clear color. While it reveals a nose of exotic fruits, candied fruits, almond, honey and rose petals, the taste is elegant, fresh, full bodied and well balanced. To be served with Foie gras, Asian cuisine, cheeses and desserts.		HK\$225		
RED WINE		\$/Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>TEMPRANILLO :</b> <b>Martinez Alesanco, Reserva DOCa Rioja 2012 (Rioja, Spain)</b> Smoky, rich dark fruit, spices, redcurrant & citrus aroma. Exceptionally fruity with soft elegant tannins and delicate cocoa and vanilla notes. Well-balanced, savoury oak & long length. <b>Gold medal ~Bacchus International Wine Competition</b>		HK\$135		

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*Free Wine Tasting (Saturday, 9th December) 18:30 – 20:30*

RED WINE	\$/Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>PINOT NOIR :</b> <b>Domaine Antonin Guyon, Chambolle Musigny ‘Clos du Village’ Monopole 2014 (Burgundy, France)</b> Very nice ruby colour with lovely aromas reminiscent of violets and perfumed red cherries. Elegant, beautifully concentrated, silk-textured, this Chambolle Musigny may be kept for 10 years. To be served with roasted pigeon, duck with truffle and cheeses. <b>91 points ~Allen Meadows</b>	HK\$450		
<b>GSM- GRENACHE, SYRAH, MOURVEDRE :</b> <b>Domaine de la Janasse, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2012 (Rhone, France)</b> Intense aromas of black cherry, violet, Moroccan spice & leather. Immediate and robust on the palate with a long ample silky mouth, fine grain rich tannins, layers of white pepper and kirsch. To be served with grilled meat, lamb roasts with herbs or beef stew within the next 20 years. <b>92 points ~Robert Parker</b>	HK\$350		
<b>CABERNET &amp; MERLOT :</b> <b>Chateau Jean Faure, St Emilion Grand Cru 2010 (Bordeaux, France)</b> The best Jean Faure yet. An intense nose of ripe red cherry, raspberry liqueur, and cinnamon nicely lifted by bay leaf and floral notes. Elegant, pure and precise on the palate, well-made in the style of its close neighbour ‘Chateau Cheval Blanc’. Full-bodied, with spicy red berry and ripe red cherry fruit flavors, and a refined and silky tannin structure. Finishes clean and long, with peppery, chocolatey, polished tannins. Best from now through 2025. <b>93 points ~Stephen Tanzer</b>	HK\$500		
DESSERT WINE	\$/Bottle	Qty	Amount
<b>SWEET WINE: GROS MANSENG</b> <b>Domaine Cauhape, ‘Ballet d’Octobre’ 2011 (Jurancon, France)</b> Seductive, fresh and lively, the nose offers a soft caress of exotic perfume and citrus fruits. The mouth is unctuous and finely balanced, releasing a feast of flavours - litchi, peaches and apricot. To be served as aperitif, with foie gras, sweet and sour dishes, fruit tarts and ice cream.	(75cl) HK\$175		
<b>FORTIFIED WINE: BLACK GRENACHE</b> <b>Mas Amiel, ‘40 Ans d’Age’ Maury NV (Roussillon, France)</b> The deep amber colored Maury Doux 40 Years is made from 100% Grenache that spent 40 years in foudre. Offering layers of toasted nuts, toffee, white raisins and cigar wrapper, this beauty is medium to full-bodied with perfect balance between its sugar and alcohol. This is a fabulous dessert wine to enjoy as aperitif or with a chocolate cake, cheese platter, or with a cigar anytime over the coming couple of decades. <b>94 points ~Robert Parker</b>	(75cl) HK\$630		
* Minimum order-12 bottles and mixed case is allowed.		Total:	

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(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount will be charged to Member’s account. Order accepted by mail, fax or in person.

Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945.

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All wines are subject to availability.

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# ABC Christmas Youth Sailing Programme Dec 2017 to Jan 2018

The Christmas holidays can provide some of the best times to sail; normally we can expect great conditions with good wind, making this time of the year ideal for our more advanced courses. Naturally, it's 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! Full details are available at [www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com) and from Angela at [SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com](mailto:SailingSecretary@abclubhk.com).

## 18 – 22 December 2017 (Application Deadline: 8 December 2017)

Date & Time	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ (Member/ Non-member)
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11; can swim with water confidence	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 1	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 2	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec AM	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 3	1,080 / 1,990
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec	HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18 ; can swim with water confidence	2,650 / 3,980
Mon 18 – Wed 20 Dec	3 Days Supervised Practice	Age 11-18; Pass HKSF L2	1,590 / 2,388
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Dec	HKSF Improver Level 3	Age 11 – 18; Pass HKSF L2 with 1 year sailing experience since	2,650 / 3,980

## 27 – 29 December 2017 (Application Deadline: 15 December 2017)

Date & Time	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ (Member/ Non-member)
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec AM	Optimist Practice	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 1 & 2	648 / 1,194
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec PM	Optimist Practice	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 1 & 2	648 / 1,194
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec AM	Optimist Practice (Solo)	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 3 & 4	648 / 1,194
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec PM	Optimist Practice (Solo)	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 3 & 4	648 / 1,194
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec	Laser I Introduction Course	Age 11 or above; Pass HKSF L2	1,590 / 2,388
Wed 27 – Fri 29 Dec	3 Days Supervised Practice	Age 11-18; Pass HKSF L2	1,590 / 2,388

## 2 – 6 January 2018 (Application Deadline: 22 December 2017)

Date & Time	Activity	Eligibility	HK\$ (Member/ Non-member)
Tue 2 – Sat 6 Jan AM	Optimist Stage 1	Age 7 – 11; can swim with water confidence	1,080 / 1,990
Tue 2 – Sat 6 Jan PM	Optimist Stage 2	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 1	1,080 / 1,990
Tue 2 – Sat 6 Jan PM	Optimist Stage 3	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 2	1,080 / 1,990
Tue 2 – Sat 6 Jan AM	Optimist Stage 4	Age 7 – 11; Pass Optimist Stage 3	1,080 / 1,990
Tue 2 – Sat 6 Jan	HKSF Level 1 & 2 Beginner Course	Age 11 – 18; can swim with water confidence	2,650 / 3,980
Tue 2 – Thu 4 Jan	RS Feva Introduction Course	Age 11-18; HKSF L2 or equivalent experience	1,590 / 2,388
Fri 5 – Sat 6 Jan	RS Feva Gennaker Course	Age 11 – 18; Pass RS Feva Intro	1,060 / 1,592

### Please note course timings:

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

**PM course:** 1:30 pm-5 pm (1 pm ferry from main Clubhouse)

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



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