

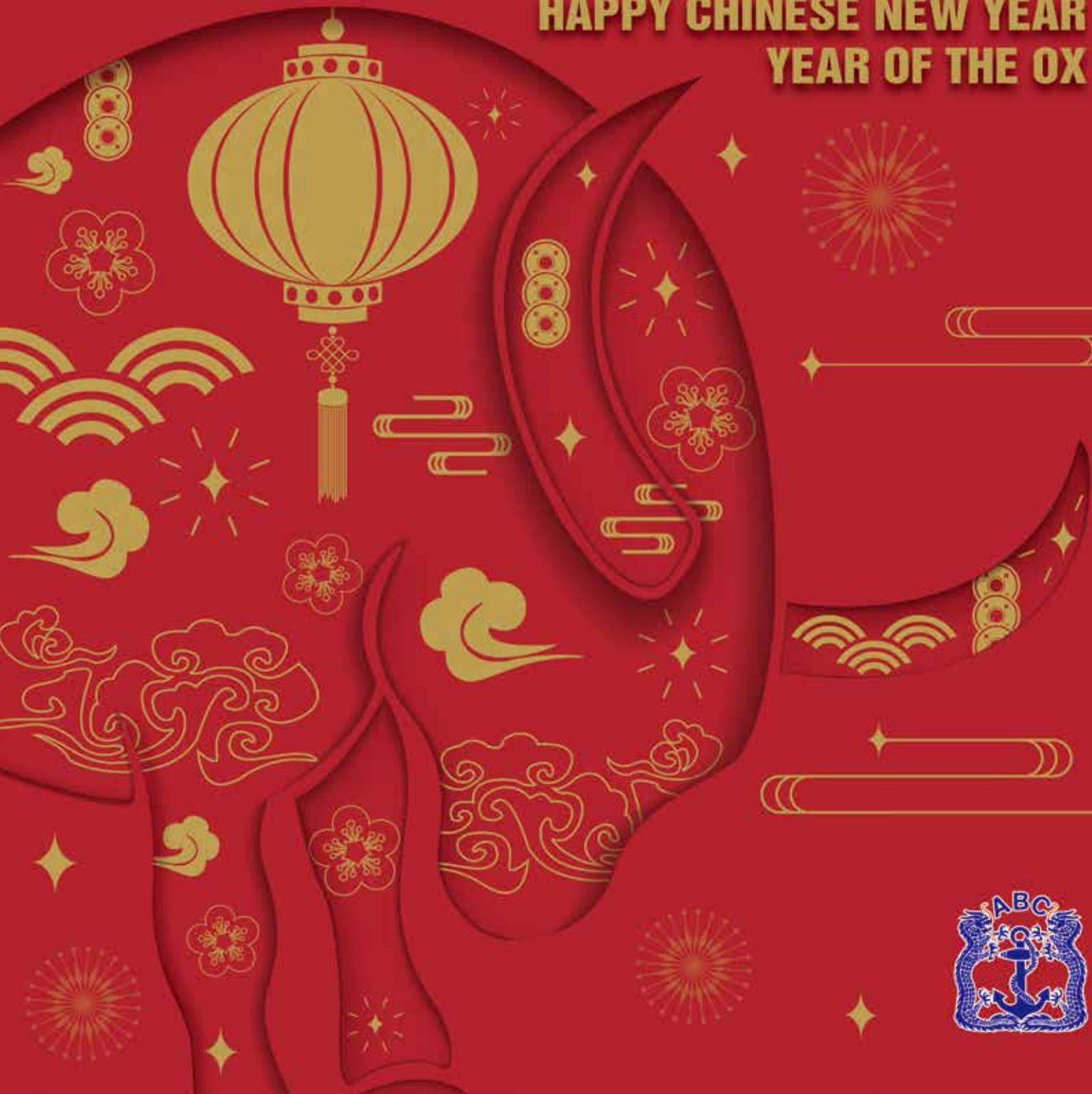
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**HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE OX**





February – April 2021

Dates	Yachts - ABC	Dinghies	Yachts - Others Clubs
February 2021			
Sat 6	ABC Four Peaks Race		
Sun 7	ABC Four Peaks Race		
Sat 13			COA CNY Macau Regatta
Sun 14			COA CNY Macau Regatta
Mon 15			COA CNY Macau Regatta
Sat 20			RHKYC Monsoon Spring Cup
Sun 21	ABC Valentine Pursuit Race (Ladies Helm)		RHKYC Monsoon Spring Cup
Sun 28		ABC Tong Po Chau Series Spring 1 / RHKYC Post Christmas 2	
March 2021			
Sat 6			HHYC Monsoon Spring 1
Sun 7	ABC Waglan Series Race 10		RHKYC Ladies Helm
Sat 13		RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival	RHKYC China Sea 200 Dash / COA Solaris Pasta Rally / HHYC Monsoon Spring 1 (backup)
Sun 14		RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival / ABC Tong Po Chau Series Spring 2	RHKYC China Sea 200 Dash
Sat 20			HKSF Festival of Sports / HHYC Monsoon Spring 2
Sun 21	ABC Waglan Series Race 11		HKSF Festival of Sports / RHKYC Po Toi Challenge
Sat 27			HHYC Monsoon Spring 3
Sun 28	ABC Waglan Series Race 12	RHKYC Post Christmas 3	
Tue 30			RHKYC Rolex China Sea Race starts
Wed 31			RHKYC Rolex China Sea Race starts
April 2021			
Sat 10			HHYC Monsoon Spring 4
Sun 11	ABC Waglan Series Race Resail	RHKYC Post Christmas 4	
Sat 17			HHYC Monsoon Spring 5
Sun 18		ABC Tong Po Chau Series Spring 3	
Sat 24			RHKYC Tomes Cup
Sun 25			RHKYC Nations' Cup



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Chris Pooley
Commodore

Predictions of Astrology ought to serve but for winter talk by the fireside.

Francis Bacon [Of Prophecies]

Harmless leisure chit chat and fun in other words, yet at the turn of the year and CNY portentous predictions proliferate, in serious political and economic publications. Not only are so many of these predictions subsequently confounded, but as the abysmal outgoing year attests no one can predict the global effects of a 'bolt from the blue' such as Covid ----even though its origins were in 2019.

Having said that, a prediction of the global reaction from future pandemics was made in 2018 by Sir Martin Rees in his book 'On the Future' who forecast that the societal fallout would be far higher than in previous years as feelings of entitlement are so strong in these globally interconnected days. Thus there would be massive social disruption with workers staying at home and health services overwhelmed even with an infection rate as low as 1%. That is indeed exactly what we have all experienced in 2020, with no end as yet in sight ----notwithstanding optimistic predications founded on vaccine hopes!

No-one, [certainly not me in my last newsletter!] predicted that the Club's Festive events from Halloween onwards would be disrupted or cancelled altogether. By the time this is read members will have celebrated New Year for the first time ever on Tonga time after a long lunch!

At the time of writing restrictions are due for review on, or before, 6th Jan [12th night]. What happens thereafter is anybody's guess, predictions

are impossible when governed by whim. What *can* be predicted with reasonable certainty is that the Club's F&B facilities will somehow remain open, carry on and cope as best as Managers and staff can manage. Sailing courses will be run, dinghy races, the Waglan series and the Four Peaks Race [6th-7th Feb] will all go ahead unless proscribed by *Dictat*.

It must be everyone's fervent hope that a sufficient degree of normality will have settled upon us by CNY [12th-15th Feb] so as to allow members to enjoy the full range of the Club's customary celebratory events, augmented by relief at the relaxation of restrictions-----but that's *not* a prediction.

By then we will all have said a heartfelt Goodbye to 2020 and coping as best and as cheerfully as we can with whatever the Year of the Ox puts in our paths, which has, surely [not a prediction!], to be an improvement on the past 12 months! Spare a thought at that time for ABC's dedicated staff who have had to cope with everything that members had to endure over the past year while continuing to serve and work hard and cheerfully for our enjoyment. They do the Club and members a great service, and I thank them all hugely for that.

So on that note may any troubles readers encounter last only as long as their New Year's Resolutions!

Kung Hei Fat Choi, wishing all members better fortunes to come on the back of the Ox!

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

KUNG HEY FAT CHOY

恭喜發財

Let's start the year with some good news: in the December Committee Meeting, it was decided that, in order to ease your burden a little, Monthly Subscriptions will not be increased this year, contrary to what has been previously announced.

At the time I am writing this article, we are still under strict COVID 19 restrictions – closing at 6pm, 2 persons per table, no guests, and limited to 50% of our seating capacity.

By the time you receive this issue of the magazine, I really hope there would have been some improvement, and that our activities are back to full speed again.

The 2020 festive season was initially looking very gloomy in the Club; but thanks to your great Takeaway orders, we made up for the financial part at least, and kept my chefs busy.

Let's hope that 2021 – the Year of the Metal Ox – will bring better prospects than the year of the Rat. To be honest, it will be difficult to do worse than 2020, the year of the Metal Rat.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is early this year; and as every year, the Club will be closed for the usual Chinese New Year staff break. We shall close the Club after lunch on 11 January, at 3pm; until 8am on 14 January. For the Chinese New Year period, our Food and Beverage Department has arranged a very special Chinese takeaway menu. This year, you can pre-order the famous Turnip Cake (Lo Pak Go). So, we can still be with you during our 2-day closure.

On behalf of the staff, I take this opportunity to thank all Members who have contributed to the voluntary staff gratuity this year. This gift to the staff serves to organise the New Year staff party, to share equally as Club "Lai See", and contributes to the staff assistance program. This program has been in place since 2010. Its purpose is to support the wellbeing and encourage the development of ABC staff. The program aims to develop a caring work environment, by assisting staff with achieving career targets through further education, enjoying important moments in life such as through birth and wedding gifts, and easing the burden of any financial crisis.

STAFF PARTY 2021

As for the usual staff party, with all this COVID 19 going on there might not be the big party in a hotel this year; but much more of a day out on Middle Island for all to enjoy kayaking, sailing, swimming for the brave, and a good meal catered by an outside company so that all staff can enjoy the day. This will take place on 1 March.

NEW ACTIVITY ON MIDDLE ISLAND

During December, the ARA instructors Daniel, Jonno and Richard took on the task of again clearing the path going up Middle Island hills. The task is not yet finished, but surely we (adults of course) can soon take a small hike to burn the calories after partaking of a sumptuous meal cooked by Chef Aurelien.



SUMMARY OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

On Saturday 14 November the latest information on the progress of our Middle island project took place on Middle Island. A very detail presentation and speech was given by our Vice Commodore, Barry Hill who received full support from the attendance for his dedication and work on this ever-ending approval process. The key issues discussed were the ecological survey for the EIA imposed on us in 2019 with the discovery of the infamous amphioxus, a protected species of invertebrates living in sand patches located right in front of our club. This discovery caused 11 months delay to the EIA draft submission to the Environment Protection Department. During this working period the Development Committee was heavily involved in preparing a mitigation strategy

to resolve the amphioxus issue, preparation of alternative designs with a new way to create the land formation without disturbing the species and to send the submission of the draft EIA by end of January. The actual Middle Island clubhouse after its reinstatement following damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut was also presented and considered sufficient probably for longer term than originally planned. Lastly it was announced that the programme to complete the process to obtain the right to develop is forecast for the third quarter of 2023 with an expected programme for construction currently forecast from the fourth quarter of 2023 to the third quarter of 2025.

Last point discussed was the finance aspect of the project so far funds raised up to June 2020 were standing at HKD 62.6M and the total expenditure to date is HKD 14.1M comprising:

- Utilities related costs to upgrade the existing Short Term Tenancy to a Permanent Occupation Permit - HKD 6.6M
- Consultancy costs to prepare design submissions, undertake site investigations and prepare submissions to Government HKD 7.5M
- Balance in Development Fund at June 2020 is HKD 48.5M
- Supplement to insurance payment for Middle Island reinstatement following Typhoon Mangkhut damage - HKD 4.4M (excluded from HKD 62.6M amount above)

FORWARD KEY DATES

Approval of EIA	- June 2021
MI Temporary Occupation Permit Renewal	- August 2021
Commence ABC Scope Review	- September 2021
Approval of Rezoning	- October 2022
Approval - Foreshore & Seabed Gazette	- September 2023
Commence construction	- December 2023



Middle Island Development Town Hall Meeting

The seventh Town Hall Meeting to explain the current status of the proposed development at Middle Island was held on Saturday 14 November. Middle Island was chosen as the venue for the meeting to allow members to familiarise themselves with the layout of the intended land formation, the promise of good weather and a fine post meeting brunch.

Chairman of Development Committee, Barry Hill, provided a detailed presentation which recapped on the challenges and highlights since the project began in 2012, the current status of the Government approval process and the way forward. The review of the history of the project served to illustrate the frustrating delays which have been incurred and which have been primarily outside of ABC control.

The latest and most significant of these delays has resulted from the discovery of the protected species amphioxus in 2018. This small lancelet type creature, which has adopted the sandy seabed directly in front of our pontoons as its habitat, has caused a complete redesign of the land formation and rework of the

detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. This important report which is an essential part of the approval process will now be submitted in January 2021 with approval forecast for June 2021. Mr Hill emphasised that approval of the EIA report would provide a solid basis for subsequent Town Planning Board approval for the right to develop Middle Island.

The presentation concluded with a review of the financial status of the project and the programme of activities which are necessary to get to the point where ABC would be in a position to award a contract to begin construction of the works. This is currently forecast for December 2023.

The meeting was well received by the 26 members who were present and who contributed to a good interactive discussion with important questions and observations.

Development Committee



ABC GOLF TOURNAMENT

13 NOV

Kau Sai Chau
South Course



Tribute to Wayne Thompson

1948 - 2020



It is with much sadness that we have to advise the passing of former Commodore Wayne Thompson in California on 8 December 2020 at the age of 72. He had been getting better from an illness in a US Veteran Hospital when he became infected with Covid 19 from which he was unable to recover.



which was moored in the typhoon shelter but was unfortunately stolen off the mooring in the late nineties and never recovered. Wayne was the regular skipper on ABC Boats, Escapade and Red Eye winning many races and events with his keen eye for navigation, tactics and on board refreshment.

Wayne joined the ABC in 1986 and served on the General Committee from 1989 to 1994. He made valuable contributions to the operations and development of the Club as Rear Commodore for Building and Development, Vice Commodore for Sailing and a two year term as Commodore. Middle Island was officially opened in December 1989 and Wayne was at the forefront of ensuring the teething problems associated with the initial usage of this new ABC asset were resolved for the benefit of members.

In addition to his sailing exploits Wayne enjoyed representing ABC in the Snooker Team and our matches against local rivals always benefited from his prowess on the baize and the gentle goading of the opposition.

Wayne was an accomplished sailor and during his 34 years as a member of the Club he was very proactive in supporting the sailing events organized by the Club and participating in a wide variety of Hong Kong regattas and series races including several passages to the Philippines in the San Fernando and China Sea Races. He owned a 38 foot boat called Deliverance

Those who knew him will recount many tales of humour and incident with Wayne. There are too many to include here but perhaps his robust chairing of Committee meetings, the introduction of the Thompson Ruben Sandwich, returning from the Philippines without a keel and being asleep on his junk as it sunk come to mind.

Rest in peace good friend.

**General Committee
Aberdeen Boat Club**



Wayne with other Greybeard Commodores



Welcome to the New Members

April 2020

Anne Wong Johnston
Ronnie Cheng
Wong Ryan Tai Cheong
Siriol Wyn-Jones
Wong Chen Ho Jeremy
Cheung Pui Ting, Agnes
Elliot McMahan
Cheung Lisa Miu Han
Wong Wai Ho, Oliver

June 2020

Lawrence Davis
David Hinde
Kenny Kwok
Alexander Leung
Lee Ching Yiu
Lauren Yee
Eric Young
James Kai Fung Ashwood
Wong Sean Yi
Joyce Fellemann
Jason Fuellmann
Michael Forrer
Robert Foster
Claudia Tong

Lau Kwok Kin, Thomas
Cheong Chi Pin
Abou Rabie
Wong Sui Ki, Anthony

July 2020

Charles Lam
Chiu Wai Kin, Ken
Tse Davis Chi Yin
Chung Wing Sze Vince
Joey Chan
Dr Stanton Ho
Ian Kristen Kam
Shum Tin Wei, Derek
Wong Wang How, Dennis

August 2020

Mark Davey
Chan Kin Hung, Jacky
Paul Jenkins
Hermie Lee
Michael Ng
John Nolan
John Pies
Daniel Wong
Kelvin Wong

Dorathy Chan
Peter Lui
Alexander M Colin-Jones
Grace Leung
Lui Ka Lun, Roy

September 2020

Chan Caleb Yuet Ming
Chan Chun Yew Cliffton
Tsui Po Wing, David
Daniel van Rees
Brendan Li
Malsen Rogers
Brandon Jack Foo
Aily Margaret Mcfadyen
Nikolas Moussis
Ulysse Hathuc
Jack Dingemans
Jonty Hart
Conrad Lumsden
Lai Haicheng
Samuel Mohinani
Kai Storey
Bertille Voets
Wan Charles William
Yung Leung Wai

October 2020

Irene Wong
Peter Woo
Fu Nicolas Dez Yee
Lee Kai Kit Jack
Liu Xiang Jun
Michael van Vuuren
Wong Keng Yi, Kristy
Chan Joseph Tsun Ting
Lam Yeuk Hey Anthea
Hah Hei Tung, Keana
Lau Jaden Tsz Lok
Zaara Bhatia
Ho Yat Ming
Lam Fong Sin
Harshavardhan Bhav

Farewell for the Leaving Members

April 2020

Joanne Allum
Yeung Ying Lai
Paul Cummins
Randall Hall
Jonathan Wong
Joanne Allott
Giles Cardonnel
Richard Yeung
Christopher Jobson
Jan Ole Hagen
Ricky Chung

May 2020

Leung Sean Sheung Yat
Simon Speeks
Ho Paul Yiu Po

June 2020

Paul Bayne
Prof John G Malpas
Zeng Yong Qiang
Li Yat Keung

July 2020

Conard So
Jean Noel Payer
Cary Cho
Warren So
Chony Wai Moon, Joe
Carles Lai
Raphael Thanikimani
Eloi Defline
Han Gustafsson
Patrick Lee Pak Wing

August 2020

Elizabeth Nye
Thomas Wolf
Michael Arruda
Michele Clark
Nissim Tse
Michael Sheppard
Robert Smailes
Gary Kinsley
John Woo

September 2020

Abigail Hughes Tyrrell
Rob Daniel
Emma Renfrew
Lawrence Lau
Marina Sackmann
Jazper Sackmann
Sulin Mei
Patricia Yung

October 2020

Chung Kwai Fat
James Szeto
John Gurney
Wade Gillett
Grayson Richard
William Wright
Kai Greiffenhagen
Sean Poon
Leung Chi Tien Steve
Stephen Mackenzie

Vendée Globe

The Everest of the Seas

The Vendée Globe
around the world
race is seen as the
world's toughest
sporting challenge.
The concept is easy
to understand. Sail
around the world,
alone, without
stopping and without
assistance.



Map Route VG2020



Words by Barry Hill
Photos by VENDÉE GLOBE

The event was created in the spirit of the Golden Globe which was held in 1968; the first non-stop solo around the world race via the three great capes of Good Hope, Leeuwin and the Horn. Out of the nine pioneers who set sail in 1968, only one made it back to Falmouth on 6th April 1969 after 313 days at sea. Sir Robin Knox-Johnston thus became the first person to sail alone around the world without stopping.



Start Fly Past



Apivia at Speed

Twenty years later, around the world yachtsman Philippe Jeantot, introduced the idea of a new non-stop race around the world and the Vendée Globe was born. On 26th November 1989, thirteen sailors set off from Les Sables d'Olonne for the first edition which lasted over three months. Known as the Everest of the Seas, it has seen 167 contenders line up at the start

of this extraordinary race with only 89 having managed to cross the finishing line. This figure alone signifies the massive challenge of this global event in which solo racers are confronted with ice cold conditions, mountainous waves, heavy skies and howling gales in the Atlantic and Southern Oceans.

The race takes place every four years with records tumbling in 2016-2017 when Armel Le Cleac'h set the fastest ever time of 74 days. His victory came after the most tightly fought duel in the race's history, with Alex Thomson finishing just 16 hours later.

The circumference of the earth is 24,296 miles but the majority of competitors will sail a distance of around 28,000 miles to find the best course through the many weather systems that circle the globe. This planetary voyage is a climatic journey comprising three distinct phases; firstly to sail down the Atlantic, then cross the base of the Indian and Pacific oceans, and finally sail back up the Atlantic.



Sea Explorer Foil



Clarisse Cremer at Sunset



Full Speed in the Southern Ocean

During the first phase between Les Sables d'Olonne and the Cape of Good Hope, at the tip of South Africa, the solo racers must sail along the anticyclone of the Azores in the North Atlantic, followed by its equivalent of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic. The second phase consists of taking advantage of the Roaring Forties weather systems that barrel in from the west in the Southern Ocean so as to be pushed rapidly between Good Hope and the Horn.

To limit the risk of encounters with icebergs, the course includes an Antarctic Exclusion Zone which goes around the Antarctic between the 45°S parallel on the Crozet Islands side and the 68°S parallel off Cape Horn. The third phase is the 7000 mile run through the South and North Atlantic to the finish, again taking care to avoid the anticyclones and find the best track through the trap of the intertropical convergence zone otherwise known as the Doldrums.



Initiatives Coeur

The IMOCA Open 60 class yachts used in the Vendée Globe are highly complex machines using all the latest technology to achieve greater hull speeds. Many of the new generation of yachts in the current race now feature foiling daggerboards which achieve speed increases of up to 15% compared to earlier generations. Alex Thompson in Hugo Boss currently holds the 24 hour speed record of 536 miles together with the maximum speed record of 38.5 knots both of which were achieved in 2018.

The 9th edition of the Vendée Globe left Les Sables d'Olonne to the sound of a French Airforce fighter jet fly past on Sunday 8 November 2020. 33 skippers were on the start line comprising 17 veterans, some of whom were entering for the fifth time, and 18 rookies who had qualified over the last two years with various offshore races and Atlantic crossings. The group included a majority of French competitors, eight other nationalities and six women. At the time of writing on Day 28 of the race, 5 competitors had retired.



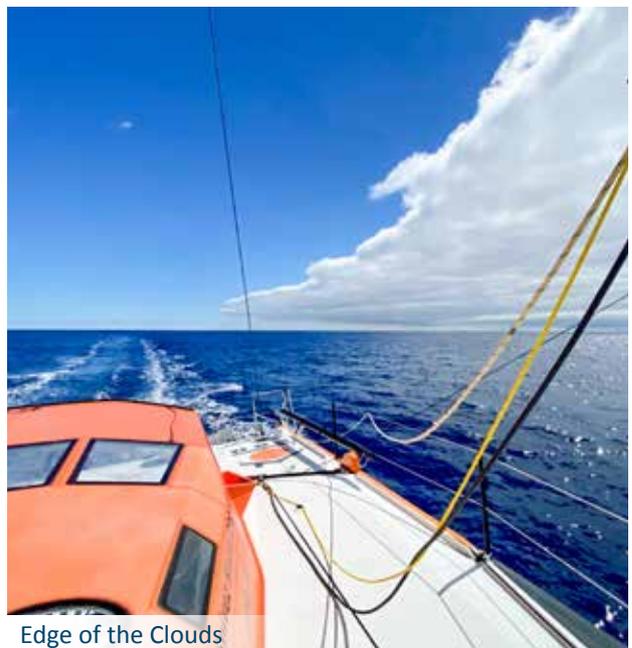
Arkea Paprec Retires to Cape Town

As the fleet headed out into the Bay of Biscay there were two main course options. Head due west and face the incoming south westerly storm Theta to get to better wind on the western side of the Atlantic or duck the storm by heading directly south. Alex Thompson who was narrowly beaten into second place by just 16 hours in the last edition had no doubt to head west as did over half of the fleet. They were rewarded with getting a better line to the south but took an early hammering with gear damage and precious little sleep for the first few days.

The first casualty of the race was Jérémie Beyou, one of the pre-race favourites, who was forced to turn back to the start after suffering a succession of problems including rudder damage and a broken backstay after three days of racing. After three days in port to fix the boat he restarted some 2700 miles behind leader Alex Thompson who was just entering the Doldrums.



Maxime Sorel © Bernard L6 Bars/Alea #VG2020



Edge of the Clouds



Not the Doldrums

On Day 8 Nicolas Troussel became the first retiree after his mast was broken in two in 40 knot winds but he was able to return to Les Sables d'Olonne.

Much further south Thompson discovered that Hugo Boss had suffered structural damage to the bow after the pounding from the storm. With instructions from his team he was able to effect a complicated repair which took several days during the calmer seas around the St Helena high. Once into the westerly rollercoaster Thompson suffered further damage to his starboard rudder and had to retire into Cape Town.

On Day 21, Kevin Escoffier who was in third place and positioned 550 nautical miles south west of Cape Town triggered his distress beacon. He was in a 35 knot south westerly doing 25 knots at night when the bow of PRB buried itself in a huge wave and seconds later the boat had practically broken in two. Within 3 minutes he was in his liferaft, which became his home for over 11 hours, before the oldest veteran competitor in the race Jean Le Cam, who had immediately altered course in Yes We Cam came to make an incredible rescue.

Sam Davies on Initiatives Coeur and Sebastien Simon on Arkea Paprec also retired into Cape Town leaving 28 competitors still in the race. Leader Charlie Dalin on Apivia is averaging 21 knots and has a 200 mile advantage over his closest rival Thomas Ryant on Linkedout as they get into smoother seas to the east of Cape Horn. They have about 16000 miles to run to the Nouch buoy which marks the finish line of the Vendée Globe in Les Sables d'Olonne.



Happy Sam Davies



Hero Jean Le Cam



The VG Trophy

VIRTUAL VENDÉE GLOBE



At the same time as the 33 actual skippers took the gun on the starting line, I joined an incredible 850000 skippers to set off for the virtual Vendée Globe . The programme uses real time wind conditions and has several navigational aids including a video simulation of your boat to help you prepare your course and monitor your competitors. Skywalker is currently in 11,000th position near the Antarctic Exclusion Zone with 14000 miles to run and a forecast return to Les Sables d'Olonne in mid January.





MIDDLE ISLAND SPORT AND RECREATION UPDATE



The past 24 months has seen great developments at Middle Island, particularly with the dinghy fleet modernisation and the training courses on offer. During 2020 the participation levels on our Training Courses has seen tremendous growth.

Keeping up with this development has been no mean feat, and to recognise his hard work and better reflect his actual roles and responsibilities, we are pleased to announce that Howie Suen has been promoted to Watersports Training Manager.

To enable us to develop to the next phase, we are also pleased to welcome Vickie Tsui into the new role of Watersports Training Assistant. Vickie joined us in November, and has quickly been learning the ropes. You may have already met, spoken with or emailed Vickie but we are pleased to officially welcome her here.

We are very proud of how the programme has developed in the past two years, and we are looking forward to the next phase of development and an exciting 2021!

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Easter Junior and Youth Sailing Courses

Week 1 : 29 March to 2 April

Week 2 : 5 to 9 April

The schedule is online and opened for booking. We're offering all the usual Junior and Youth Courses over 2 weeks. If you haven't booked yet, you can check out the latest schedule and availability at <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/training>.



Match Racing Training

This course is aimed at adult sailors. Following the success of the club Match Racing Day last year, and looking ahead to the next Dinghy Cruiser Challenge on 9 May 2021, a new training course will be run at ABC to promote this fun, tactical exciting racing format. Joining these courses will definitely give you new insights on using Racing Rules to your advantage in Match Racing – honing your sailing skills and match racing manoeuvres.

Details of the courses are as follows:

Theory Evening: 13 January (Wed) 7-9pm at ABC main clubhouse

Practical sessions: 16 & 17 January (Sat & Sun) 9am-5pm at Middle Island

More details and book online <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/dinghymatchracing>



Adult Sailing Courses

The following courses are scheduled throughout the year. For more details and dates visit the website. <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/adult-sailing>

Adult Beginners

5-day Course

Monthly & some weekday courses

Intermediate Courses

1-day Course

Most Saturdays

Adult Racing Club

1-day Course

Most Sundays

Intro to Lasers

2-day Course

Once per month

Adult Level 3

5-day Course

Next course in November

Advanced Courses

2-day Course

By request



Powerboat Training Courses

RYA Powerboat Level 2

2-day Course

RYA Safety Boat Course

2-day Course

Powerboat Refresher

1-day Course

Powerboat Trip

1-day Course



<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/powerboating>



Junior and Youth Spring and Easter Sailing Course

Bookings open on:

14 December 2020 - ABC Members

1 January 2021 - Non-Members

abcmiddleisland.com/training



Spring Saturday Junior Courses
(A) Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 20, 27, Mar 6
(B) Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 17, 24

Easter Junior and Youth Courses
(A) Mar 29 - Apr 2
(B) Apr 5-9



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ABERDEEN RACING ACADEMY

Southside Regatta was just the second ranking regatta of 2020, after so many Covid-related interruptions during the year. Each of the sailors had their own goals for this event, and for some it was their first ranking regatta – including Toby Ouyang who was the youngest at 8yrs old. The teams were supported on the water by Head Coach Daniel Dolega and Coach Jono Slattery, and assisted by Coach Ting Chan as Richard was kept busy with Race Management at our home event. Read more about the Southside Regatta in the following pages.

ARA ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, the Academy recognises sailors who have achieved great results, and those who have made big gains on their own development pathway. These are in the form of annual awards; the following are the 2020 awards.

Top High Performance Team of the Year *Casey Law and Augustin Clot*

Winning the Southside Regatta for a second year in a row has sealed the deal.

Although they have not had the international regatta experience this year due to Covid restrictions, they have shown they continue to be a strong team for Hong Kong. This team is now training with the Hong Kong Sports Institute, although due to Covid closures at the institute they have been training with the ARA more than expected this year. We look forward to following their progress in 2021.



High Performance Most Improved *Juliette Clot and Maddalena Di Salvo*

This team was formed just at the beginning of 2020, as Juliette's previous crew left Hong Kong for Australia. Juliette and Maddie got on well together from day one and had an impressive learning curve – so much so that they got noticed by the Hong Kong Sports Institute and began training with the Hong Kong team from the middle of the year. Far from making up numbers, the team also win races and they did this again in the final race of the recent Southside Regatta. This team has plenty more potential to shine.



Top Optimist Sailor of the year *Cameron Law*

For the second year in a row, Cameron takes the top spot in the ARA Optimist squad. This year, he has been under more pressure from his teammates, Ethan, Nick and Vernon; but it has been impressive to see how he has worked on his weaknesses and even turned some of these into new strengths.



Most Improved Optimist Sailor *Nicholas Zhan*

A little over a year ago, Nicholas was racing in the Optimist Green Fleet for novice racers, but in 2020 he stepped up and surprised many with some top 5 finishes. He has made the biggest gains in the past 12 months, and is challenging the top sailors in the Hong Kong Optimist fleet.



Most Improved Optimist Training Squad Sailor *Nathaniel Sims*



Making big improvements in Team B, Nate confidently transitioned from Green Fleet into the new Intermediate Fleet in 2020 and is another sailor who will be moving to the main fleet in 2021. He has been learning fast and working hard, and the benefits can be seen in his results.

Most Improved Intermediate Sailor *Nathan Hon*

Although Nathan left Hong Kong 12 months ago, he returned in the summer, and since then has made big gains and is now one of the strongest sailors in Team B. His third place in the intermediate fleet at the recent Southside Regatta was a great indication of his potential. In 2021, we expect him to transition in to the main fleet and be competitive in the fleet very quickly.



If social distancing rules allow, we will be hosting an awards party for the ARA team in early 2021, and will be able to share more photos of the winners with their prizes. Congratulations all!

ARA REGATTA CALENDAR

19 to 24 January 2021
Hong Kong Race Week
@ Middle Island

28 February 2021
ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day
@ Middle Island

13 & 14 March 2021
RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival
@ Middle Island

14 March 2021
ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day
@ Middle Island

20 & 21 March 2021
HKSF Festival of Sports
@ Port Shelter (TBC)

18 April 2021
ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day
@ Middle Island

16 May 2021
ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day
@ Middle Island

22 & 23 May 2021
HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta
@ HHYC

We are also hoping that there will be opportunities for safe overseas travel in 2021, so that our sailors can take part in international regattas. Typically, we would plan to join events in Singapore in March, Thailand in May, and then Europe in the summer.

ARA TRIAL DAYS

We were pleased to be able to reschedule the August trials to September, and have welcomed sailors to the new Optimist Team C. This is our new entry level team to the ARA, and the sailors join training on Thursday after school and on Saturday afternoons.

If you would like to know more about joining the ARA team, please contact Daniel headracecoach@abclubhk.com

Southside Regatta 28 & 29 November

By Richard Knight

Photos by Panda MAN Takumi Images

Over 100 competitors took part in a socially distanced Southside Regatta at the end of November. We were delighted to have been able to run this event just before Covid restrictions were tightened in December.

The forecast for the weekend was a positive one, although the wind was a little more northerly than sailors and race management teams would have liked. This led to some gusty and shifty conditions, but it was the same for all the sailors and they would have to factor this into their race strategy. Most importantly, there was wind – and racing got underway on the two racecourses on time.

The biggest fleet in the regatta were the Optimists as usual, and this year we had adopted a new initiative from HKODA to split the fleet into Intermediate and Main fleets. The difference was that the Intermediate fleet sailed to a closer windward mark, thus reducing the time of their race. This made it easier for less experienced sailors to finish within time limits and for the Race Officer to get the next race started. Although they started at the same time, to give the big fleet start practice, the results were kept separate.



Feedback from this format was good and it led to a more positive experience for more sailors. There are still probably some adjustments to be made to find the best compromise on the racecourse options, as the top sailors in the main fleet don't always get the clear racetrack, they expect/deserve.

In the Intermediate Fleet, RHKYC sailor Bram ten Berge dominated, with four out of six race wins. At the age of 9, Bram is certainly a sailor to watch for the future. Karen Leung from the HKSF squad was in second, and just two points separated ABC sailors Nathan Hon and Nathaniel Sims in fourth and fifth places.

The main fleet saw a close battle between Peter Jessop (HHYC), Cameron Law (ABC) and Emily Polson (RHKYC). Impressively, his trio didn't count a race result outside the top 5 in the six races, and they all won at least one race. They would eventually finish in that order with ABC's Ethan Kong next in fourth. In fact, there were four ABC sailors in the top 10, which is a result we are very proud of.

Also racing on the same race area was the 2.4mR fleet of six sailors. ABC is always happy to host this fleet, and like everyone else they were pleased to get some more racing in for what has been a tough year for regattas. Foo Yuen Wai made the best of the conditions and took six from seven race wins. Puk Chi Yeung was second and Leung Wun Wa was third.

The remaining classes all raced on the second race area, which was set west of Po Toi. Although this is a more open race area, there were still shifts on the course, with the wind starting the day at 020 and shifting to about 050 by the end of each day.



The 29er was the biggest division on this race, with 13 entries. Casey Law and Austin Clot (ABC sailors now training with the HKSI) managed to repeat their success from last year, and finished with four out of eight race wins to take top position. Pei Yip and Pasu Chu from the HKSI squad finished in second place with 16 points overall, while Juliette Clot and Maddalena Di Salvo finished in third, just one point ahead of Ulysse Ha Thuc and Jack Dingemans, who won a tie break thanks to their race five win against the fifth-place team of Douglas Leung and Lam Chak Sum. It was great to see a good size fleet, and the majority of these are current ABC sailors or sailors who were recently promoted from ABC to HKSI. This regatta was also used as the 2020 29er Hong Kong Championships, so giving the winners two titles.

The 420 fleet may have only had four teams, but the racing was impressively close between the top two teams, which meant they counted exactly the same scores with the tie only broken in favour of Sorcha Whyte and Oriane Voets as they won the final race. That meant Julia Jacobsen and Duncan Gregor finished second overall, with Karise Li and Kyle Tam in third.

The Laser 4.7 fleet was won by HHYC sailor Richard Tsui with four race wins out of six, while Lucas Minne and Alexander Ching took second and third, respectively. In the Laser Radials, it was the Hong Kong Sports Institute that filled the podium. Nick Bezy managed to stay ahead of Ben Koppelaar in the last race to secure a two-point margin, while Stephanie Norton finished third with a consistent string of third place results.



The newest class in this regatta was the foiling Waszp class. This is a new and growing fleet in Hong Kong, and we will no doubt see more of them next year. On the first day of the regatta, this fleet raced on the 'Fast boat' race track; but the more challenging sea state made the going particularly tough for them and they requested to join the Stanley Race track on day two. This did allow everyone involved in the regatta to see them race, but the slightly flatter water also gave them a better chance to stay on the foils. Adam Neveux came out on top with four race wins, three of those on day one. Shann Mutreja was second and Thibault Minne was pushed into third, only based on the result of the final race of the regatta.

With all races completed, the competitors were rewarded with a timely finish on the Sunday. With a socially distanced prize giving planned for the following Tuesday, it was unusually quiet after racing at the Club, but this was a necessity given the times we are living in.

On behalf of the Club, I want to thank the team of over 30 volunteers that helped us put on this great event. Led by our race officers, Barry Truhol, Inge Strompf Jepsen and Bonnie Cheung, the team involved people from ABC, HHYC and RHKYC, and reflects the ongoing inter-club support Hong Kong dinghy regattas receive these days.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the next edition of the Southside Regatta in late 2021, hopefully with more socialising and less distancing possible.





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Four Peaks Race – Training and Family Outing Options Near ABC

By John Currie (4PR 2021 - Chairman)



Within the last few months (until the time of writing), our Club's yacht racing events have remained relatively intact. If all continues to be well, ABC's 37th Four Peaks Race will be held on 6 & 7 February, not impacted by Covid-19.

HK's 'great outdoors' is normally a best kept secret, but during this prolonged Covid period it has never been so well frequented. Testimony to this is the hordes of hiking enthusiasts that can be seen almost every day.

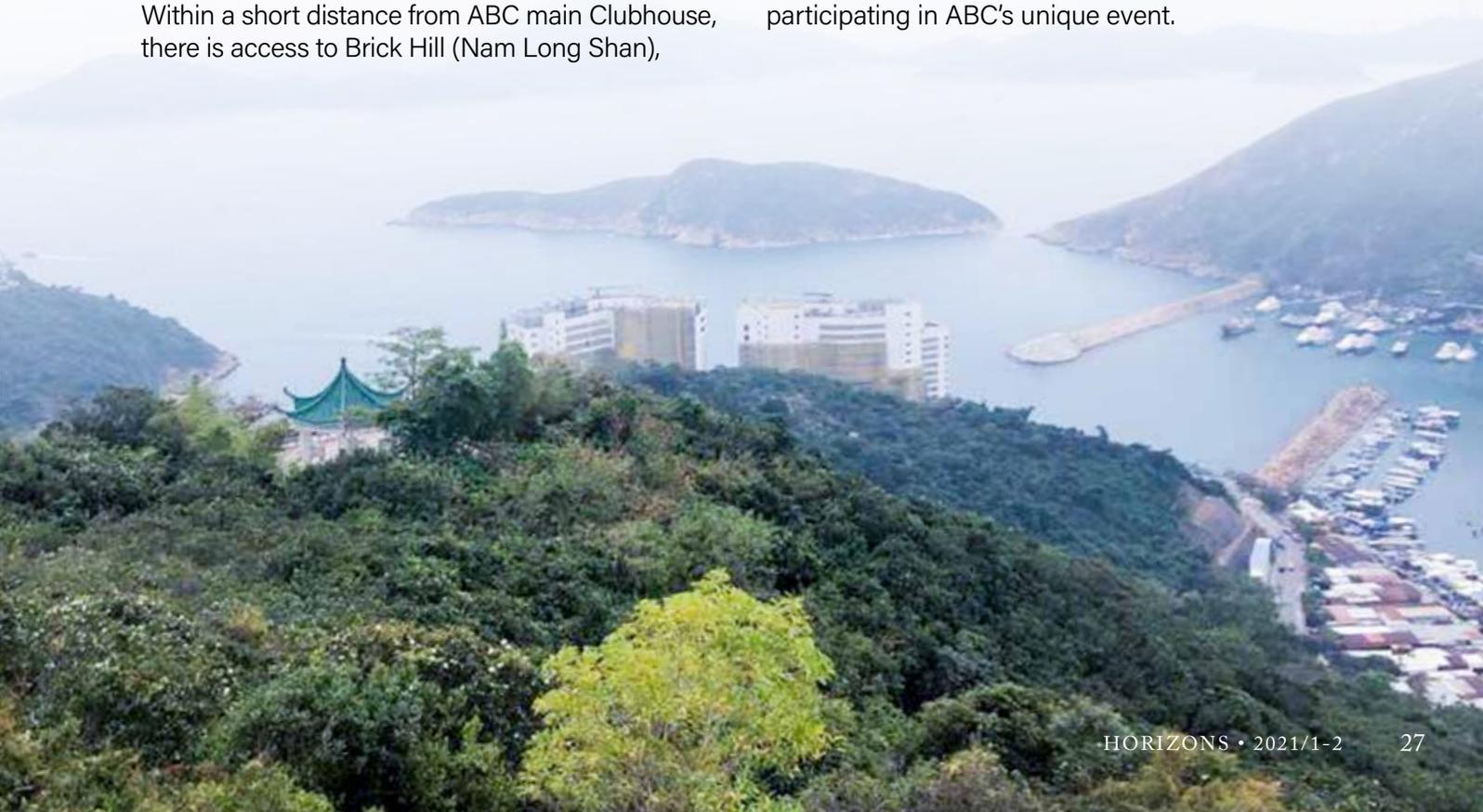
The hills and country parks, where plenty of trails can be found, give plenty of scope for 4Peaks preparation and fitness. Off the beaten tracks are normally visible via multi coloured ribbons set by explorers keen to reach obscure view points and rock outlets for fishing. Teams undertaking numerous recces as they prepare for the event are well familiar with such trails within race "drop off zones" that cover MOS, Violet Hill, Lantau peak and tricky Stenhouse on Lamma Island. Most teams commence race preparations from November onwards.

Within a short distance from ABC main Clubhouse, there is access to Brick Hill (Nam Long Shan),

which is ideal for a quick work out and offers rewarding views over MI, Lamma and beyond. This is one of my favorite summer runs, especially at sunset (I thoroughly recommend members to have a go). Another workout option is the track over Ap Lei Chau, which is another local attraction since the opening of the MTR Southern line. The track section descending to Ap Lei Pai has ropes to assist, as the trail is quite well worn out.

Another option, should you prefer a flat run to start with, is from the Club to Repulse bay via Deep Water Bay – approx. 4km – and thereafter head up South Bay Road towards HK Int School, beyond which, at the road's end, take a short off trail route up to the catchwater and swing left up to Violet Hill. At the trig point, for a quick return option, head to Parkview and thereafter downhill via Deep Water Bay Road; overall approx. 12km. Violet Hill (Peak # 2 in this year's event) will be manned by checkpoint volunteers during the Saturday evening.

Hopefully, this insight encourages readers and families to experience the local trails which may in time lead to higher peaks and ultimately participating in ABC's unique event.



Waglan Series 2020-21

Word and Photos by FRAGRANT HARBOUR



Race 5

With an easterly airstream affecting southern China, winds on Sunday, the 15th of November 2020, were, as predicted by the Observatory, Force 4 with gusts in the 20s. Not surprisingly, many of the 19 boats gathered at the entrance to Repulse Bay on the south side of Hong Kong Island for the start of Race 5 of the Waglan Series 2020-21, had reefed their sails.

There were two fleets sent off by race officer, Alex Johnston, in two starts. Not exactly on schedule as the fishing boat that had hauled its nets on the line during Race 3 re-appeared and did the same thing again. Johnston raised the AP flag but, fortunately, after a 5-minute delay, was able to get the IRC boats away at 1105.

Eleven keen entries pounded through the chop, then tacked and headed for the windward mark laid at approximately half a nautical mile into Repulse Bay. But it wasn't without incident as *Wicked* was over and weaved its way back through the fleet with *Jarrah's* skipper voicing his disapproval in colourful terms.

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The countdown then began for the eight HKPN entries – four in Division A and four in Division B. At 1110, they started without incident.

All boats did Course #20 but the faster IRC boats – both Division 1 and Division 2 – took in TCS2 and Waglan Island for a distance of 21 nautical miles. The two HKPN divisions (A & B) did the shorter course of 14.6 nautical miles which had them leaving Beaufort Island to starboard, rounding Fury Rocks, leaving Castle Rock to starboard, then Chesterman Buoy and finishing off Middle Island.

Not long after the committee boat, *Shun Fung*, had positioned itself at the finish, a message was received that *JeNa PaBe* was in some difficulty in the channel between Beaufort and Po Toi Islands. Quick work by the Aberdeen Boat Club's safety boat towed the J-80 out of imminent danger while HKPN B entry, *Shun Shui*, accompanied the 26-footer back to Middle Island. Both boats retired.

Don Law's *Xena* finished in two and a half hours to claim both line and handicap honours in IRC 1. Next over the line was *Neo One* but Stefan Filip and crew had to settle for a 4th place on handicap. Although fourth to cross the line, *Juggerknot* scored a deserved 2nd on handicap followed by Paul Leese's *Redeye*.

In IRC 2, star performer *Red Kite II* took line and handicap honours, followed by *Wicked* and *Zesst*.

In HKPN A, *Legende II* powered around the shorter course in two hours, 15 minutes and 20 seconds. Reveling in the conditions, the big Beneteau Oceanis 51.1 took line and handicap honours. In 2nd was Sunny Leung's *Jibulai* and 3rd, Eddy Lee's *Generations*.

Arthur Cheng's *Boss* was 1st in HKPN B on handicap, followed by the J-80, *Mozzie*, and in 3rd ABC club veterans John Berry and crew on *Five-O-One*.



Race 6

The morning of Sunday, the 6th of December 2020, was bright and sunny but slightly hazy as the Aberdeen Boat Club's committee boat dropped anchor between Repulse Bay and Round Island, in preparation for Race 6 of the Waglan Series 2020-21.

Race officer, Alex Johnston, was concerned about conditions which were predicted to ease off as the day progressed, along with the flooding tide. So he opted for Course #21 to include, for IRC, Castle Rock (p), Po Toi Island (s), Waglan Island (p), Sung Kong (s), Fury Rocks (p) back to the Tai Tam Club Mark and finishing off Round Island, providing several options for shortening the 17.3-nautical-mile course, should the need arise. HKPN were given the 12.9-nautical-mile Course #21 B/C, omitting Waglan and Sung Kong.

It was a relief for Johnston to get racing underway on schedule with the 1055 warning signal gun for a combined 10-boat IRC 1 & 2 start in the somewhat fluky conditions, averaging 6-8 knots, with gusts of 10-12 and occasionally higher.

In IRC 1, *Intrigue* led off the line, heading 045 degrees to the windward mark, at a distance of 0.4nm in towards the Repulse Bay beach and was first to round, followed by *Wicked* in IRC 2.





Five minutes later, it was a more sedate start for the eight boats in a combined HKPN A & B start. *Five-O-One* opted for a pin end start, approaching on port tack while *Legende II* and the J-80 *Mozzie* led off the line. It was looking ominous for a short while as the HKPN fleet closed on the windward mark when the breeze died but fortunately it was soon revitalised with the fleet then heading for Castle Rock.

Leaving Repulse Bay, *Intrigue* initially stretched and held its lead until a tactical call saw *Jinn* and *Neo One* overhauling the Bashford 41 after clearing Po Toi.

Having rounded Waglan and Sung Kong, it was *Jinn* that led *Neo One* around Fury Rocks, hoisting its asymmetric cleanly before heading for the Tai Tam Club Mark and back to the Round Island finish. However, despite being overtaken by *Neo One* which took line honours in IRC 1, *Jinn* claimed handicap honours ahead of *Intrigue* and *Juggerknot*.

Wicked won line honours in IRC 2 by 35 seconds over *Red Kite II* but lost out to the latter on handicap, finishing 2nd with *Zesst* 3rd.

Fortunately the sea breeze had kicked in swinging easterly and eliminating any need for shortening the courses.

Meanwhile *Legende II* led the HKPN fleet around Fury Rocks, followed by *Generations*, with *Jibulai* and *Five-O-One* close on its tail before hoisting their kites and running back to Tai Tam, rounding the Club Mark and heading home.





Legende II comfortably took line and handicap honours in HKPN A with *Jibulai* 2nd on handicap and *Generations* 3rd.

The J-80 *Mozzie* claimed line honours in HKPN B but was relegated to 2nd on handicap behind *Boss*. *Shun Shui* placed 3rd.

"A pleasant sail and great day," commented Gideon Mowser and Arnie Lundy, having finished 2nd on *Intrigue* in IRC 1.



Race 6 of the Waglan Series 2020-2021 completes racing in the Series for 2020 and wraps up the first of two mini-series. After five days of racing, comprising four Island races and two windward / leewards, *Jinn*, with four bullets, tops the IRC 1 leaderboard, with *Juggerknot* 2nd, just one point ahead of *Redeye*.

With six bullets, *Red Kite II* claims victory in the IRC 2 mini-series with *Zesst* and *Wicked* 2nd and 3rd respectively.

With two bullets and three 2^{nds}, *Jibulai* takes the HKPN A mini-series honours, ahead of *Generations* with two bullets and three 3rd places. The J-80, *JeNaPaBe*, took the 3rd slot.



In HKPN B with five bullets and discarding a 2nd place, *Boss* takes the honours with *Five-O-One* 2nd and *Shun Shui* 3rd.

Social distancing regulations prevented any day or mini-series prize-giving.

Racing in the Waglan Series 2020-2021 resumes with Race 7, an islands course, Race 7, on the 10th of January 2021.



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January PROMOTIONS

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS MENU

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February PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio

Modern Chinese New Year's Festive Menu

The Four Peaks Restaurant

New Winter Dishes

SPECIAL HOT POT SET for winter at Tong Po Chau !!

Catering to the new demands and the cooler weather, we will have a set hot pot available on request throughout January and February. The set will have an attractive price starting at only \$199 per set (\$66 per person).



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Winter Warmers Cocktails of the Month

Mulled Wine

Orange
Cinnamon
Cloves
Red Wine
Brandy

\$58

Ginger Lemongrass Herbal Honey

Ginger
Lemongrass
Honey

\$45

Himalayan Masala

Black Tea
Cinnamon
Cloves
Masala Tea

\$45

Himalayan Masala

Milk Tea
Cinnamon
Cloves
Masala Tea

\$50



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - January



Biodynamic wines from New Zealand

Millton Crazy by Nature Cosmo Red Blend 2017
 Malbec and Syrah with a splash of Viognier. Dark and brooding with lifted black pepper aromas, dense palate with mint, chocolate and Asian spice.

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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - February



FAIRVIEW

FAIRVIEW DARLING CHENIN BLANC 2019
Tasting notes:
 Fresh pineapple, citrus and notes of honeydew on the nose. The palate is crisp and vivacious balanced with citrus blossom, apricot and a gentle oak finish. Great with salads, especially those containing wild onions and a bit of fruit. The wine can also handle spicy food.

FAIRVIEW PINOTAGE 2018
Tasting notes:
 Bright reds and vibrant blackberries, rubies and plum notes with hints of dark chocolate. Full bodied palate followed by plums, dark forest berries, cedar oak with elegant creamy tannins on the finish. Can be enjoyed with food like in pork.

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\$228 for adults,
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This gives rise to Peranakan interpretations of Malay/Indonesian food that is similarly tangy, aromatic, spicy and herbal. On this special night you will be able to taste the wide range of dishes including fish head curry, assam laksa, chicken keluak and more...

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Concessionary price for member over 65 of age

\$188

Children

(between 3-12yr olds)

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Exclusive 2021 Valentine's Dinner

♥ Sunday, 14th February ♥
♥ Four Peaks Restaurant ♥
♥ 7pm ♥

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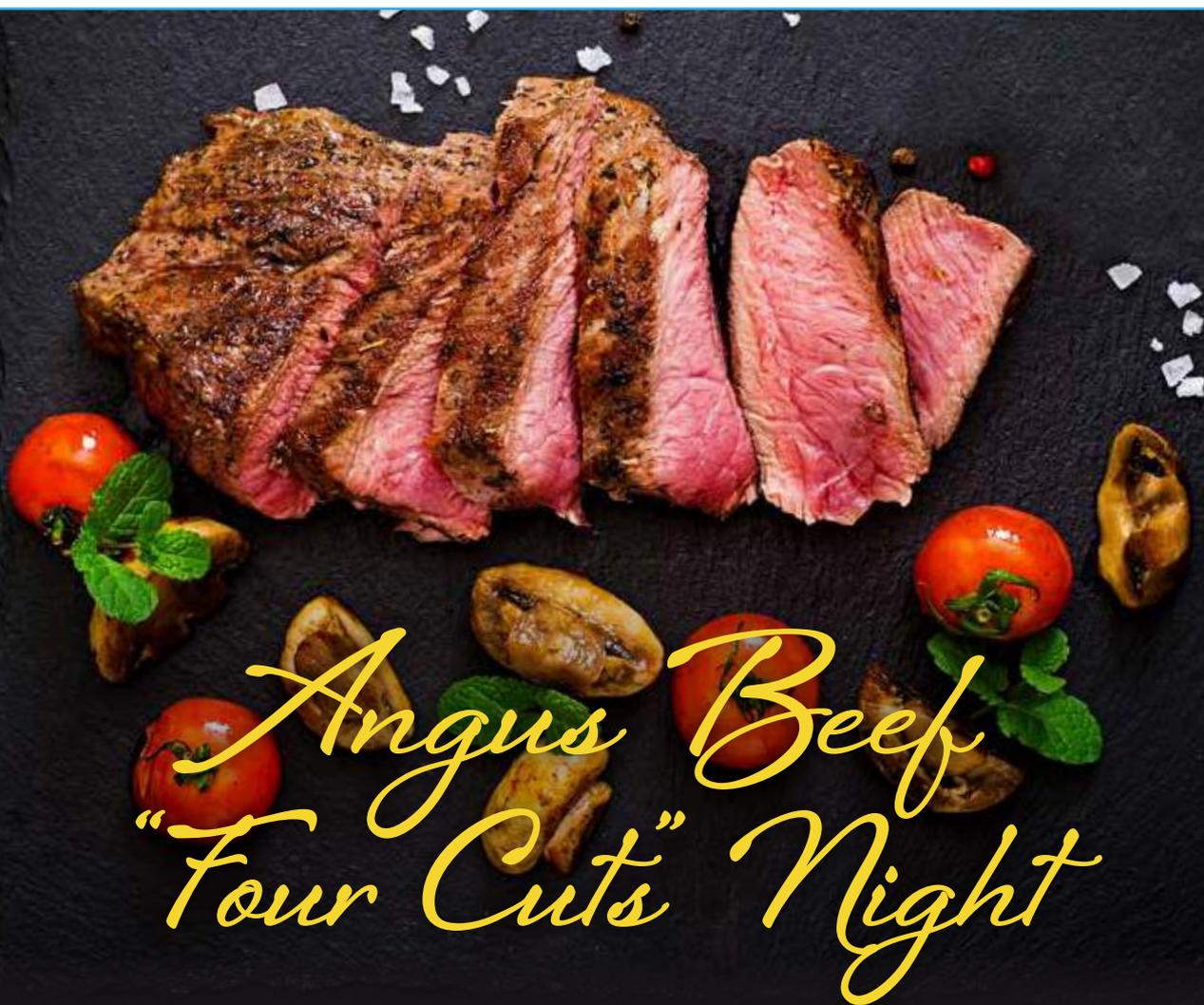
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Angus Beef "Four Cuts" Night

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Saturday, 27th February | 7pm | The Galley & The Patio

Taste the four cuts of premium Angus beef, fresh from the grill: Rib-Eye, New Striploin, Tenderloin and the rump.

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\$328

for adults

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for children age 3–12 years

\$268

for senior citizens



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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses (Part A Master, Part B Engineer)



Part A (Master)

Dates : 21, 22 January 2021; 22, 23 April 2021; 19, 20 August 2021; 4, 5 November 2021
Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Syllabus : Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.
Cost : HK\$1,800 for member/person/course. HK\$2,200 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates : 28, 29 January 2021; 29, 30 April 2021; 26, 27 August 2021; 11, 12 November 2021
Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Syllabus : Engine general construction, Diesel & Petrol fuel, fuel systems, electrical systems, ignition systems, Lubrication, cooling & pumps, transmission systems, operation & maintenance, fire & gas precautions.
Cost : HK\$1,800 for member/person/course. HK\$2,200 for non-member/person/course.

Notes:

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2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the related exams. Practical boating is not required for the examination.
3. Examinations are normally held on selected Thursdays, you may register for your exams with the Marine Dept. by post or in person. Document required for the examination application:- a ready examination application form, one photo, a copy of your identity document, eyesight exam result. Report from a registered doctor, examination fee HK\$1,255, cheque payable to "The Government of the HKSAR" (Candidate must take both Part A (master) & Part B (engineer) exam together at the first attempt). There will be a minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 20 students/course. If there is insufficient support for a course, that course will be cancelled and those already enrolled will be informed accordingly. Members who responded to the initial inquiry and whose names are held on file will be given priority.
4. Course Instructor: Alan Chau.
5. Please forward the completed application form(s) to Ms Cobo Liu by email mbs@abclubhk.com or by post or hand to the Admin Office of the Club.
6. Website information for applying to take exams with the Marine Dept.
Website for Exam Date : http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/npvo2.html
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses Application form

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Please enroll me on the course for Part A (Masters) to be held at 7:00pm – 10:30pm

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Date

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Piper-Heidsieck Prohibition Brut N.V. (France) A harmonious mixture of bright, crunchy pomelo, blonde grapes and juicy white fruits creates the delightfully surprising sensation of lightness embraced by the structure and depth from the Pinot Noir; all beautifully balanced. <i>92 Points ~ Wine Spectator 2017; Top 100 ~ Wine Spectator 2019</i>	HK\$330		
WHITE WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Bellingham Homestead The Old Orchards Chenin Blanc 2019 (South Africa) Aroma of juicy stone fruit and pears providing an enticing entry. The intricate fruit core is supported by a textured mouthfeel and slight creaminess, with delicious candied lime notes on the long finish.	HK\$135		
Grove Mill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019 (New Zealand) Intense tropical fruit aromas for which Wairau fruit is known. On the palate these juicy characters are accompanied by a weighty creaminess that hangs off of a long, citrus-driven finish. <i>Greg Lane Awarded Tonnellerie de Mercurey NZ Young Winemaker of the Year 2018</i>	HK\$150		
RED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Bellingham Homestead Shiraz 2017 (South Africa) Intense dark ruby red colour with flavours of plums, blackcurrants and pepper with hints of dark chocolate and mixed spice. On the palate, it boasts with blackberry fruits, violets and black pepper <i>83 Points & 3.5 Stars ~ Platter's South African Wines Guide 2019</i>	HK\$135		
Unico Zelo Pastafarian Nebbiolo 2018 (Australia) Aromatically it's a twist on the classic "tar and roses" adage, think more violets and pencil shavings with a whiff of cardamom. But this is far more red fruited and juicy than your average, with ripples of balsamic strawberries and chinotto over the top of a pitch perfect balance of acid to tannin.	HK\$195		
Petaluma Yellow Label Coonawarra Merlot 2015 (Australia) This is a big, bold, deeply flavoured dry red wine. This wine has red fruits, blackberries and abundant soft sandy tannins. Cedar and fresh tobacco combine with gentle bay leaf spice and dried herbs to produce an elegantly structured wine of finesse. <i>95 Points ~ James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019</i> <i>5 Red Star Winery ~ James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019</i>	HK\$325		
Meerlust Estate Rubicon Bordeaux Blend 2016 (South Africa) Aroma of dark bramble fruit, cassis, plum, incense and liquorice. The wine is concentrated yet restrained with dark fruit flavours of pastille, mulberry and dark chocolate, all held in an intricate lattice of polished sleek grape tannin. <i>93 Points & 4.5 Stars ~ Platter's South African Wines Guide 2019</i> <i>97+ Points ~ Greg Sherwood MW, A Fine Wine Safari 2018</i>	HK\$330		
Hunter's Pinot Noir 2019 (New Zealand) Rich dark fruit notes of ripe plum and wild berries flows seemingly onto a fresh palate with black current and cherry fruit. Soft tannins compliment the dry spice on the palate that extends to a smoky finish. <i>89 Points ~ Wine Enthusiast</i>	HK\$210		
FORTIFIED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Maxwell Classic Tawny (500ml) (Australia) A blend of 86% Shiraz and 14% Grenache. Dark chocolate caramel colour with a lifted aroma of caramelised honey and raisins. The palate is viscous, sweet and luscious with intense sultana, dark chocolate, vanilla bean and hints of clove. The aging of this classic tawny has resulted in a very complex wine with a lingering aftertaste.	HK\$180		
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PROSECCO	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Balliamo Prosecco DOC NV – Veneto, Italy Balliamo means let us dance in Italian and reflects the playful nature. On the nose, attractively intense, fruity and aromatic, with hints of wisteria flowers and Rennet apples. On the palate, very well-balanced and appealing, extremely delicate almond note that is typical of Glera grapes.	HK\$98		
ROSE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Hecht & Bannier, Cotes de Provence AOC 2018 – Provence, France <i>The 50 Best Rosé Double Gold Medal; Decanter 90pts</i> It is a plump, medium-bodied effort, marked by crisp, citrusy fruit. Passion fruit and grapefruit nuances give it a zippy, refreshing finish.	HK\$98		
WHITE WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Joseph Mellot Tronsec Pouilly Fumé AOC 2018 – Loire, France Subtle flinty minerality peaks through the elegant fruits. Meyer lemon, pears and apple cider are partnered with a fresh and zingy herbal note. Medium bodied and rich, very fresh and lively.	HK\$300		
Mato Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2020 – Marlborough, New Zealand Crisp and easy drinking, vibrant and racy with intense tropical fruits, passionfruit and zesty grapefruit flavours. Fresh and structured acidity with a clean, elegant lingering finish.	HK\$130		
Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve Chardonnay 2017 – Sonoma, USA Lush tropical fruit intertwines with lemon, lime and floral notes. Elegantly layered, it exhibits a rich texture and firm backbone with a hint of vanilla and spice to round out the long finish.	HK\$300		
Pewsey Vale Riesling, Eden Valley 2017 – Eden Valley, Australia <i>Robert Parker 93pts</i> Great length and depth with limes, fresh rosemary, white pepper, hint of tropical fruit. Long finish with fresh natural acidity which balances the flavours intensity and minerality.	HK\$210		
RED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Domaine Les Alexandrins, St Joseph AOC MAGNUM (1.5L) 2016 – Rhone Valley, France <i>Robert Parker 90pts</i> Black fruit and freshly cracked black pepper aroma. Beautifully structured and full-bodied, concentrated dark cherry and prama violet flavours, elegant mineral edge with a long spicy finish.	HK\$590		
Marqués de Riscal Reserva 2016 – Rioja, Spain Aromas of spices, leather, fruit (black plum skin), cocoa and toasty oak nuances. Fine and elegant on the palate, delicate tannins, silky mouthfeel and long finish.	HK\$375		
Isabel Estate Pinot Noir 2016 – Marlborough, New Zealand <i>Dan Murphy's 93pts</i> Aromatic nose emerges with layers of wildflowers, violets, vanilla and red cherry notes. Concentrated flavours of black cherry, Kalamata olive, and dried herb intertwine with sinewy grained tannins and dark chocolate notes creating a memorable spice and light oak toast finish.	HK\$280		
Dorrien Estate Parish Grounds Shiraz 2020 – Barossa Valley, Australia Intense, attractive deep ruby with bright purple hues. Lifted aromas of dark ripe berry fruits, plum and spicy dark chocolate notes, added by notes of cedary oak. Big and rich with the full bodied flavours following on from the rich nose to the concentrated complex layered palate with fine silky tannins adding depth on the lingering finish.	HK\$185		
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