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Southside Regatta





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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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore

Do not muzzle the OX while it threshes the grain

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In other words the worker deserves his [and her!] wages not least those in HK who have suffered from a litany of losses over the past year including the 800,000 or so in the FnB industry who have had a particularly difficult time. It is very much to be hoped that as we appear to be emerging from the various degrees of restriction imposed in 2020, that the Year of the Ox will bring its proverbial abundant harvest to all----or as a minimum a return to normality. No prophecies mind you-----but an earnest wish that it's not a false dawn.

And none too soon: last month's letter expressed the hope that:

QT 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*. UNQT

As everyone knows that *Dictat* was imposed and a similar fate befell the customary CNY Festivities, although the special Takeaway Trade flourished. So at the time of writing 'Not yet'!----- but the hope is kindling, following the easing of restrictions on 18th Feb, that we shall shortly see a resumption of yacht racing, to follow that of dinghy sailing courses which because of the smaller crews resumed earlier in the month.

Thanks to steady support from members using ABC as a haven over the past year your Club has kept its' head above water' without having to dig too deeply into reserves. More recently the

unseasonably warm and clement weather has seen large numbers enjoying their time off on our 'Tropical Island', which is a gladsome sight [and site!], with the new addition of a hacked trail to the island peak. The only downside being that numbers have frequently threatened to breach the 50% rule, requiring temporary delays for outgoing passengers.

On a similar theme all sailing courses, child, youth and adult are now fully booked until July. Yes ---July! This is a tremendous success story and a great tribute to the skills of our----extremely busy ---coaching staff. While enforced family stays in HK have certainly been a contributing factor there is a clear underlying strength in demand. So much so that it is a great pleasure to announce that the Club has placed an order for a package of one new safety RIB and 3 each new Tera and Quest dinghies for summer delivery to cope with relentless demand. This is a significant investment for the future benefit of members and the local community [which brings in a welcome source of revenue for the Club]. And a tangible vote of our confidence in ABC's future post pandemic. Full details on request.

And so on that positive note here's looking ahead to better times for all in the coming year; *floreat* ABC for the benefit of members and out loyal staff alike.

ABC's Cuisine d'Etoile

Your Commodore had the good fortune and great pleasure to join the special New Year's Eve Lunch at ABC running from Noon to 1800 to accord with Tonga Time at the Countdown. An inspired adaptation by the GM to provide for a gala occasion within the constraints of the Covid restrictions.

And, aside from the NY festive aspect, what a culinary delight it turned out to be, as the F&B team excelled themselves with a Gastronomic treat; a 12 course Menu Degustation; a delectable melange of French-influenced haute-cuisine dishes with an Indian gem and an English [yes English!] classic . It was a culinary sensation and a magnificent logistics achievement by Robin and his F&B team who richly deserved the ovation enthusiastically given by the 20 replete diners at its conclusion. Though unqualified to make the award itself all felt the sumptuous meal reached Michelin standard!

Subsequently another group held a celebration with a similar menu.

View the two menus in following pages





New Year Eve's

Extended 12-Course Lunch Menu

Starts 12pm until 6pm at The Main Clubhouse

Celebrating Tonga, Samoa & Kiribati's NYE Countdown
at 5PM SHARP!!

Hors d'oeuvres

Oysters Kilpatrick, Zucchini Fritters, Serrano Ham Melon

Amuse Bouche

Escargot Vol-au-vent, Salmon Caviar Blini, Caprese Bites w/ Basil Vinaigrette

Soup

Bouillabaisse de Marseille

Appetizer

Heirloom Tomato and Basil Terrine

Salad

Kale, Quinoa, Cured Beet Root, Pomegranate w/ raspberry vinaigrette

From The Sea

Curried Royal India Seabass Fillet w/ crispy naan bread

First Main Course

Sous-Vide Roasted Pheasant w/ caramelized baby carrot, parsnip

Palate Cleanser - Lime Sorbet

Second Main Course

USDA Beef Tenderloin Wellington w/ port jus

Cheese Course

Aged Cheddar, Camembert, Beaufort, Stilton w/ crackers, dehydrated fruits

Dessert

ABC Special New Year's Gin & Tonic Cheese Cake

Mignardise

Apple Tartlet, Chocolate Caramel, Raspberry Macaron, Lemon Meringue



SPECIAL 12-COURSE LONG LUNCH MENU

Hors d'oeuvres

Oysters Kilpatrick, Zucchini Fritters, Iberico Ham Melon

Amuse Bouche

Escargot Vol-au-vent, Salmon Caviar Blini, Smoked Salmon with Capers

Soup

Bouillabaisse de Marseille

Appetizer

Tomato Mozzarella

Salad

Kale, Quinoa, Cured Beet Root, Pomegranate w/ raspberry vinaigrette

From the Sea

Curried Royal India Seabass Fillet w/ crispy naan bread

First Main Course

Sous-Vide Roasted Game Hen w/ caramelized baby carrot, parsnip

Palate Cleanser

Mango Sorbet

Second Main Course

USDA Beef Tenderloin Wellington w/ port jus

Cheese Course

Aged Cheddar, Camembert, Beaufort, Stilton w/ crackers, dehydrated fruits

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

THE NEW COVID-19 LIFE

Since February, our staff have to be tested every 14 days. We at least aimed to test all staff involved with sports, but are now testing all staff as everyone is in contact with each other at some stage, so it is not logical to only test the sport staff. Now in line with this logic, we should all be tested every 14 days including Members, but this is not in the plan at all. Therefore our testing is completely useless but compulsory; that's nothing new under our new Covid life.

This infectious disease created another shocker for our Club, forcing us to cancel our prime race – the Four Peaks Race. This was a great disappointment for many sailors and runners, who train for month to complete this grueling race. Sadly, racing was not allowed; we have tried to seek alternative dates and we will keep you informed if there is any chance of holding this race later, but this seems very unlikely.

STAFF PARTY 2021

In the previous issue of Horizons, I informed you about the staff party probably happening on 1 March on Middle Island; but again with Covid-19 limiting the number of people per function, it had been postponed. While I am writing this page, and the regulations changing nonstop, it has become impossible to confidently plan anything. If it does not happen as planned, alternative dates during the year will be chosen for a proper party.

NEW PATH ON MIDDLE ISLAND

I must remind members that the path going to the top of the hill has been cleaned by our staff for safety reasons, but this path is outside our boundaries and responsibility. Therefore, should you decide to go up, it would be at your entire

risk and responsibility; we have placed a warning notice at the start. This path is not for beginner trail walkers or unaccompanied children. There are very steep parts, and lots of wildlife such as snakes, spiders, wild boar.... I recommend that if you decide to go up, it would be safer to have a working phone, never to be alone and to inform someone that you are going up, so if we do not see you coming back we can take proper action.

EASTER

As usual, our food and beverage team have prepared a big choice of menus and buffets for Easter; but the traditional Easter egg hunt and egg race will as last year depend on the Covid-19 situation, so please keep checking the e-letter regarding these family events.

TOP COVID-19 SAFETY TIPS



1. Stay 1.5 metres away from others
2. Wear a mask while waiting for tables
3. Wear a mask while collecting your food
4. Wear a mask when getting up to use the restroom
5. Do not visit other tables or stay 1.5 metres away
6. Do not wait at bar area without a mask
7. If you must remove your mask for eating and drinking, do it safely
8. Wash your hands frequently

STAFF MOVEMENTS IN JANUARY

There were a couple of departures In January, plus Ah Ming is heading for retirement.

Sherlom, Jim Tan Casis Ng

Sherlom, Jim Tan Casis Ng started working for the Club in Septembers 2019, primarily as Middle Island waiter; he was also sometime assigned duties at the Coffee Shop. Sherlom has now decided to go back to the Philippines to run his own IT business, and we wish him all the very best.

Michael, Ching Yuk-leung

Michael Ching Yuk-leung has worked for us as senior waiter since December 2013, and has now moved to the food and beverage department of Chinese University.



Cheung Chi-ming

Cheung Chi-ming: you must all know Ah Ming, our senior coxswain, who started with the Club in January 1981, making him the second longest serving staff after Lau Wai Key, who left a few years ago. With Ah Ming departing, there are a lot of history and skills leaving the Club, but he is in need of rest after 40 years with us, to take care of his family and his knees. There will be a leaving party, with members invited to wish him farewell. As I write this article the date has not been fixed; we will inform you of the date and time through the e-letter.

A large photograph of a white two-deck motorboat with a blue canopy and blue fenders, floating on water. The boat has the number '26799' on its side. The background shows other boats and a harbor setting.

ABC Junk for Hire

Available for Parties, Day Trips and Water Sports

Pick-up at ABC, Central pier, Causeway Bay or TST public pier. The ABC can provide food and beverages including a range of hot and cold dishes, desserts and drinks. ABC chef and waiters are available. Email fnb@abclubhk.com

Rental of speedboats, banana boats and water ski can be arranged via Freely Marine Services at 9276 2932.

Daytime: 9am – 5pm
Night-time: 6pm – 11pm
Monday – Friday: HK\$5,000
Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays: HK\$5,800
Maximum passengers: 42

For details, please contact ABC membership services manager Cobo Liu at 2553 3032 or mbs@abclubhk.com

THRILLING FINISH IN THE *Vendée Globe*

WORDS - BARRY HILL ■ PHOTOGRAPHS - VENDÉE GLOBE



Congratulations Yannick

Yannick Bestaven, the 48 year old French skipper of Maître Coq IV, is the overall winner of the ninth edition of the Vendée Globe . Although he actually took the gun for third place off Les Sables d'Olonne, France at 03hrs 19mins 46 secs on Day 80, Thursday 28 January 2021 his time compensation of 10 hours and 15 minutes, awarded by an international jury for his role in the search and rescue of fellow competitor Kevin Escoffier, Bestaven took victory 2hrs 31mins 01secs ahead of Charlie Dalin and 6hrs 40mins 26secs of Louis Burton who both finished ahead of him and take second and third respectively. The skipper of Maître Coq IV was one of the two skippers who led the fleet for the longest time: 26 days, or 32% of the overall time; an excellent result for the sailor who grew up in Arcachon on the south west coast of France near Bordeaux.



Yannick Bestaven raises the Trophy



Charlie Dalin crosses the line

Bestaven finished in light Biscay drizzle on a two metre swell in 20 knots of westerly wind before being warmly welcomed back to the Les Sables d'Olonne channel where well wishers lined the balconies and streets to acclaim the new winner of the Vendée Globe. Although he was not tipped among the possible winners of the race, Bestaven revealed himself as an outstanding sailor on his first time in the southern oceans where he was at his best in the Indian Ocean, passing Australia's Cape Leeuwin in third place and then in the Pacific, emerging first at Cape Horn with a 15 hour lead.



Boris Herman cracks his flares

After building the biggest margin of the race; 440 hard earned miles thanks to a smart climb up the South Atlantic, Bestaven must have thought his chances of winning this Vendée Globe were over, when during three frustrating days he was all but becalmed south of Rio, and saw his margin melt away in the hot Brazilian sun. Not daunted, Bestaven summoned his resilience and proved his race winning credentials as he fought back into contention by the Azores. His final, key move was to head north in the Bay of Biscay which allowed him to arrive on the heels of a low pressure system and accelerate faster on a long, direct track into Les Sables d'Olonne over the last 24 hours, chasing Dalin and Burton across the line to hold his time to win outright.



Full speed to the finish for Prysmian



Celebrations at the finish

Over an ocean racing career spanning nearly 20 years Bestaven has tasted success in the Mini class, winning the Mini Transat in 2001, and then in the Class 40 where he twice won the Transat Jacques Vabre. In the 2008 Vendée Globe he was dismasted in the Bay of Biscay and had to retire within 24 hours of the start. He has taken his time to return to the Vendée Globe but came back with a well-appointed, but small team of specialists from all fields including the America's Cup.

The ninth edition of the race had a record entry of 33 skippers and has been marked by complicated weather patterns for both the descent down and the ascent back up the South Atlantic, including regrouping of the leading pack in a persistent period of light winds early in the Pacific, and again off Rio de Janeiro. Difficult, short, crossed sea conditions in the Indian Ocean meant the newest, most powerful latest generation foilers could not sail to their full potential. Two of them, Thomas Ruyant's LinkedOut and Charlie Dalin's Apivia, both suffered damage to their foil systems which compromised their speed on starboard tack. Eight skippers had to retire after sustaining various failures or damage to critical equipment.

The most dramatic moments of the race came on Day 22, 30 November 2020 when PRB, the IMOCA of third placed Kevin Escoffier broke up suddenly at 640 miles south west of Cape Town. Escoffier was forced to abandon into his liferaft in minutes. Four skippers were requested to reroute to help locate and rescue Escoffier. Although 61 year old veteran Jean Le Cam was first on the scene and got close to Escoffier it was 11 hours later when Le Cam was finally able to rescue the stricken skipper from his liferaft. The international jury announced their time compensations on 16 December 2020 at six hours for Germany's Boris Herrmann, 10hrs and 15 mins for Bestaven and 16hrs and 15 mins for Le Cam. Little did race watchers realise that this redress would ultimately decide the final winner after the closest, most competitive finish in the history of the race with the first three skippers crossing the line in less than eight hours.

On Day 90 of the race, 11 skippers have yet to cross the finish line and proudly add their names to the elite group of outstanding sailors who have completed the Everest of the Seas.

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Spring and Easter Junior (age 7-11) and Youth (age 11-18) Sailing Courses

Thank you for your Easter bookings; now, all our courses are full. There are some spaces for weekend Junior Courses on Saturdays.

Summer Junior and Youth Sailing Courses

The summer programme starts on 14 June, and will continue Monday to Friday until the end of August. Booking opens on 9 March for Members, and 23 March for Non-members <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/training>.



Adult Sailing Courses

Adults (aged 18 and above) start with our 5-day **Adult Beginner course**, which follows the HKSF syllabus. You will learn the basics of sailing both singlehanded (Zest/Pico) and double-handed (Quest) dinghies. Successful sailors will be able to sail in light winds.

Intermediate Sailing Activity is a 1-day activity for you to enjoy sailing after Levels 1 & 2. You will have fun, make new friends and polish your skills. Plus, you'll gain sailing experience in various wind and sea conditions, preparing you to participate in our cruising and racing activities.

Sailors who have completed 5 days of Intermediate Sailing Activity, including on some windy days, may join our cruising activity. The next one will be a sailing trip on RS Quest to Stanley on 4 April. Our instructor can advise during your Intermediate Sailing Activity, in case you are not sure whether you are ready for the challenge.

If you are interested in joining club racing, you may sign up for our **Adult Racing Club** (Zest/Pico) and **Introduction to Laser** (Olympic class dinghy) courses. You may take these repeatedly, for practice and friendly races.

For more details and dates, please visit the website. <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/adult-sailing>

Beginner Level 1 & 2	5-day Course	Monthly & some weekday courses
Intermediate Activity	1-day Course	Mostly Saturdays
Adult Racing Club	1-day Course	Mostly Sundays
Intro to Lasers	2-day Course	10 & 11 April or 29 & 30 May
Sailing Trip	1 Day	4 April
Improver Level 3	5-day Course	Next course starts 25 April
Advanced Courses	2-day Course	By request



Powerboat Training Courses

Our first course for powerboating is **RYA Powerboat Level 2** – a 2-day practical course which provides the skills and background knowledge needed to drive a powerboat. Topics include low speed close quarters handling, man overboard recovery, an introduction to driving at planing speed, and collision regulations.



After Powerboat Level 2, you can enrich your experience by joining our **Powerboat Handling** or **Powerboat Trip**. We will help you polish your close-quarter driving skills, and introduce you to a nice tranquil bay, or a great seafood restaurant accessible by boat.

If you're interested in planning and making day boating trips to explore new destinations, our 2-day **Navigation and Day Cruising Course** is perfect for you. You will put the knowledge and practical skills learnt in Powerboat Level 2 to use. We will also have some fun navigation exercises, for you to boost your boating confidence.

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

RYA Powerboat Level 2	2-day Course
Powerboat Handling	1-day Activity
Powerboat Trip	1-day Activity
Navigation and Day Cruising	2-day Course
RYA Safety Boat Course	2-day Course

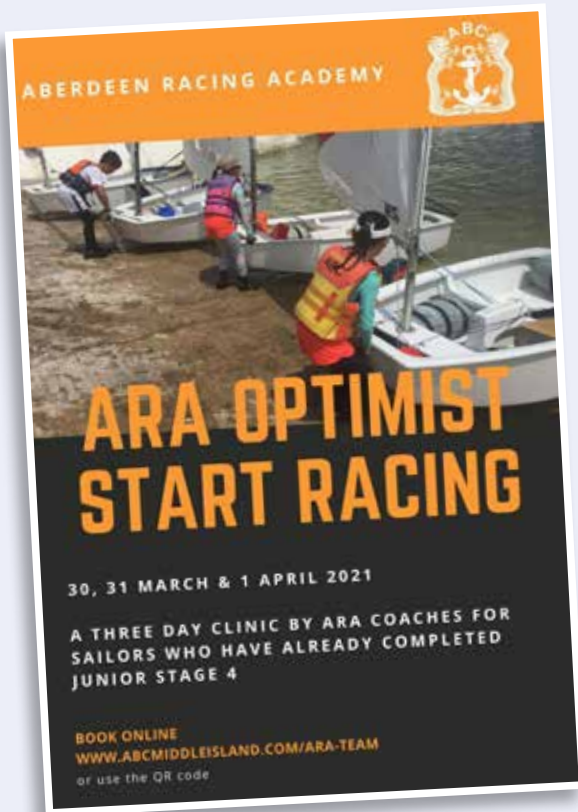


Match Racing Training

Following the success of the club Match Racing Day last year, a new training course will be run at ABC to promote this fun, tactical, exciting racing format. Attending 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 : 21 April (Wed) 7-9pm at ABC Main Club
Practical sessions : 24 & 25 April (Sat & Sun) 9am-5pm at Middle Island
More details and book online <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/dinghy-match-racing>



Optimist Start Racing

This Easter, we will hold a race training camp for sailors who have already complete Junior Stage 4 and are interested in racing. The three half-days training camp will introduce sailors to the Optimist Racing dinghy so they can transfer the skills they have already learnt into this type of boat. We will also start to cover some of the key racing rules and skills, as well as some typical race training drills. Spaces are limited so please book online. If the scheduled course is full, add your name to the waitlist and we will try to schedule another programme.

ABERDEEN RACING ACADEMY



Fleet Maintenance Update

Despite the COVID-related closures in 2020, our fleet has spent more days on the water than ever; and staying on top of the maintenance of over 70 dinghies certainly keeps us busy. The Club continues to invest in the dinghy fleet, and in 2021 we already have confirmed orders for another 11 dinghies. Five RS Zest dinghies are on order and are expected to be delivered in March/April. The first Zest arrived at ABC in 2019 and has been used alongside the Picos for Youth and Adult courses, proving to be a great upgrade to the Pico. These 5 new Zest will mean half of the Pico fleet will be replaced this year.

We have also just ordered 3 Tera and 3 Quest dinghies as additions to the fleet; these will allow us significantly more flexibility when scheduling courses. In particular, we will be able to increase capacity for intermediate courses for adults, and Stage 3 and 4 courses for juniors, which are where we have seen our biggest wait lists. Unfortunately, delivery times have been extended due to COVID and Brexit, but we hope to see these boats arrive at ABC during the summer.

In the meantime, we have been working on maintenance and upgrades to our fleet. Below are some of the changes we made in January.

Laser 1 dinghies upgrades

Some of the key changes we made on the Laser include the downhaul which is now permanently fixed to the boat. To rig, you simply pass the dyneema (black line) through the tack eye on the sail, pull it back down and tie it off around the vang fitting. It can then be adjusted as normal through the deck cleat. No more hunting around for lost blocks!

We have also setup a fixed boom tie down for the clew with the outhaul. The friction is no more than if you tied it off normally, but it will again prevent loss of any ropes.

We also have a simple loop tied in at the mast base, which can be pulled over the vang. This is actually a class requirement as it stops the mast from coming out of the boat should you capsize.





Feva Fleet

The Feva fleet had a complete overhaul, as we replaced ropes and elastic that had excessive wear as well as blocks that were no longer working 100%. We also looked at the control lines and standardised them on all boats as much as possible, although we do have two generations of Fevas which means there are some differences. One significant change we made was to install a new cleat at the lower end of the mast so that the main halyard can be cleated near the deck, instead of the mast head which has always proved to be difficult. We believe this will be a welcome change for sailors and instructors alike.



A new tool in the toolbox!

After seeing the potential through using a borrowed sewing machine, we now have our own machine at Middle Island, and it has been put to good use doing some straightforward repairs on training sails. Being able to do these repairs inhouse saves time and money for the Club.

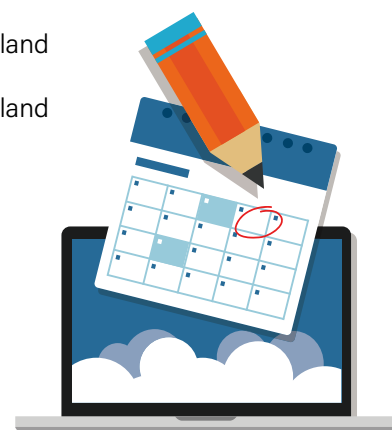


ARA Regatta Calendar

TBA	Hong Kong Race Week	@ Middle Island
14 March	ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day	@ Middle Island
20 & 21 March	HKSF Festival of Sports	@ Port Shelter (TBC)
18 April	ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day	@ Middle Island
16 May	ABC Tong Po Chau Dinghy Race Day	@ Middle Island
22 & 23 May	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; but we are looking at alternatives.

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





RACE 1: 4 OCT 2020

RACE 2: 25 OCT

RACE 3 & 4: 1 NOV

RACE 5: 15 NOV

RACE 6: 6 DEC

RACE 7: 10 JAN 2021

RACE 8 & 9: 24 JAN

RACE 10: 7 MAR

RACE 11: 21 MAR

RACE 12: 28 MAR

RESAIL: 11 APRIL

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2020-2021





F&B PROMOTION



March PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Farm to Table Fish & Greens Menu
(Supporting Sustainable
Local Fisheries and Greens)

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Spring Dishes

April PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Modern Mexican Flavours

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Spring Dishes



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

March & April Cocktails of the Month



Al Fresco \$65

Gin, grapefruit, citrus,
elderflower, aperol

Pinky Rose \$65

Vodka, raspberry,
pineapple, citrus, egg
white, peach bitters

El Nino \$45

(Non-Alcoholic)

Grapefruit, ginger beer,
angostura bitters

Raspberry Colada \$50

(Non-Alcoholic)

Raspberry, pineapple,
coconut cream, soda



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - March



Baron de Ley Blanco
Rioja, Spain

Tasting Notes:
Pale yellow with greenish glints. The nose surprises you with an attractive explosion of exotic aromas, wild herbs and dill.
On the palate, a perfect balance of acidity and alcohol, with a long fresh finishing.



Baron de Ley Reserva
Rioja, Spain

Tasting Notes:
Ruby-red colour. On the nose with its powerful fruity character mingling with traces of coconut, toffee and wild herbs.
Follow with sensation of soft, supple volume gradually extends across the palate to end with a long finish. Finishing with long red berry fruit aftertaste.




HK\$54 / GLASS
HK\$240 / BOTTLE




✕ Hints of marmalade, red grapes & pepper
✕ Floating fruity signs off with a smidge of spice and raspberry

Beer of the Month

\$32
Bottle (500mL)



Brand Origin : Britain
Alc./Vol. : 4.2%

Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - April



WINE OF THE MONTH **AULD**

AULD FAMILY WINES

\$54 glass / \$240 bottle

RIESLING
2020
EDEN VALLEY, AUS
Intense floral aromas coupled with hints of citrus. Great depth and fruit driven upfront. The wine displays length, minerality and finishing with crisp acidity.

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EXCLUSIVE WINE, CHAMPAGNE & WHISKY DINNERS!!

**Please keep an eye on your emails as
we will resume the postponed events as soon as
the government's restrictions are lifted.**

**The previously cancelled reservations will be honored
and given a priority for the booking.**

These events are strictly by invitation and on a first come first served basis.

Please email Robin at fnb@abclubhk.com
to be included in the VIP invite list for these exclusive events!



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION



Seoul-Tokyo BBQ & Ramen Night

with Free-Flow Options

Saturday, 6 March • 7pm

HK\$299 for adults

HK\$199 for children aged 3–12 years

HK\$229 for senior citizens

We're bringing back the USDA Premium "Wang Galbi" Beef on BBQ (limited to 1 serving per adults) with a wide range of Korean delicacies! Complementing these dishes and going head-to-head will be the Tokyo Ramen Station. Plus, the usual extra-long spread of fine Korean & savoury Japanese dishes.



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Mediterranean Grill Night

with Free Wine Tasting for Home Delivery

***Saturday
13 March
7pm***

HK\$268 for adults

HK\$168 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$208 for senior citizens

Mediterranean cuisine is famous for its high proportion of healthy fats. Not only is it healthy, but the cuisine is highly rated worldwide for its deliciousness! On this night, you will be served a wide array of appetizers, salads, fresh grilled seafoods, meats and poultry infused with Mediterranean herbs and cooking style. Surely not to be missed!



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION



South American Fiesta with Free-Flow Options

Saturday, 20 March ▪ 7pm

This night, we will feature famous dishes from many South American countries – mainly Argentina, Brazil, Chile & Peru. There will be a wide array of appetizers, salads, grilled seafoods, meats and poultry with delectable desserts. Surely a night to remember!

HK\$278
for adults

HK\$178
for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$218
for senior citizens



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South India Chennai Night with Free-Flow Options

Saturday, 10 April | 7pm
The Galley & The Patio

HK\$257 for adults

HK\$157 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$207 for senior citizens

This night with savoury home-style delights from southern India features authentic Indian dishes. There will be a roti canai & dosa station with the perennially popular extra-long buffet spread!



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F&B PROMOTION

Meat & Wine Night

WITH FREE WINE TASTING FOR HOME DELIVERY

Saturday, 24 April · 7pm
The Galley & The Patio

Fresh garden salads, starters, premium cold-cuts and delectable desserts on buffet. Mains to order from the menu: choice of premium US Nebraska 1855 Beef, Free Range Chicken, Grass-fed Australian Lamb, Grass-fed farm Pork & Sashimi-grade Scottish Salmon, with appetising sides.

Adults: **HK\$298** (Beef & Lamb),
HK\$258 (Chicken & Pork),
HK\$288 (Salmon)

Concessionary prices for members over 65 years of age:

HK\$228 (Beef & Lamb),
HK\$198 (Chicken & Pork),
HK\$218 (Salmon)

Children aged 3-12 years old:

HK\$158, with same choice of mains in kids portion
OR may order à-la-carte



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

**Book
Early!**

ABC Easter Programmes

Good Friday, 2 April

Seafood BBQ Gala with LIVE BOSTON LOBSTER

*Half a Lobster for each paying adult member!

The Galley & The Patio, 7pm

Meat-less dinner. Fabulous range of seafood on the grill including mussels, bay prawns, Alaska crab legs, whelks, clams, scallops, trout and salmon; with sides of steamed vegetables and sweet potatoes.

Adults: **HK\$398** only

Concessionary price for members over 65 years of age: **HK\$328**

Children aged 3-12 years: **HK\$228**

Saturday, 3 April

Lamb on a Spit

The Patio, 7pm

Roast lamb accompanied by fantastic choice of salads, vegetables, pasta, curries, seafood and delicious ABC special desserts.

Adults: **HK\$269** only

Concessionary price for members over 65 of age: **HK\$219**

Children aged 3-12 years: **HK\$169**

Easter Sunday Activities, 4 April

Early-Bird Breakfast Buffet

The Patio, 7:30am – 11am

Adults: **HK\$38**

Children aged 3-12 years: **HK\$58**

Easter Egg-Hunt

Children's Playground, 11am – 11:30am

An egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Children's Playground

Children aged up to 10 years: **HK\$45**

Easter Brunch & Delectable Dessert Buffet

The Galley & The Patio, 12nn – 3pm

Enjoy your choices from freshly prepared buffet offerings of salads; hot cross buns; ham and marinated roast lamb; barbecued sirloin steak, satays and sausage varieties; entrées including shepherd's pie, squid ink pasta with prawns, pizza and spaghetti Bolognese, stews; grilled Mediterranean vegetables and corn on the cob.

Plus, witness and enjoy our talented team of pastry chefs' delectable desserts show – ranging from fresh fruit to carrot cake and chocolate cake, mango pudding, cupcakes & beautifully decorated cakes.

Adults: **HK\$297**

Concessionary price for members over 65 years of age: **HK\$237**

Children aged 3-12 years: **HK\$197**

Add **HK\$70** for free-flow sparkling wine and Carlsberg can beers.

To reserve for your family and friends,
call reception at 25528182 or email booking@abclubhk.com



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會

Home Wine Delivery March 2021

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 13th March) 6:30-8:00pm at The Patio

CHAMPAGNE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Champagne Ayala Brut Majeur NV – Champagne, France In 2005 the Bollinger family bought this fine estate, with the intention of restoring it to its former glory. Light gold colour with notes of citrus and white fruits aroma. Well balanced with fruity freshness and long finish.	HK\$445		
SPARKLING	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Faustino Brut Reserva NV – Rioja, Spain Using Macabeo and Chardonnay, growing on a poor soil but that is perfect for grapes in having fresh and fine aromas. Aroma of ample, complex and harmonious. On the palate which is well-balanced and persistent with an intense quality finish and aftertaste.	HK\$135		
WHITE WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Marques de Murrieta Pazo Barrantes Albarino 2017 – Rias Baixas, Spain An Albariño of great personality, with a striking and fragrant varietal character and surprising bottle ageing potential. It charms the nose with intense floral, fruity and balsamic aromas and delights the mouth with its depth, elegance and freshness.	HK\$195		
Pio Cesare Gavi DOCG 2019 – Piedmont, Italy Pale straw colour with ripe fruit and clean spicy fragrance. Good complexity flavor, smooth, silky, rich and slightly aromatic. Consumed young but can age up to 3 years.	HK\$210		
Robert Mondavi Private Selection Chardonnay 2019 – California, USA <i>FREE Neoprene wine bag with purchase of 2 Robert Mondavi items</i> Displaying aromas of tropical fruits with a hint of cinnamon and maple and toasty finish. Medium-bodied Chardonnay is lovely to pair with appetizers and summer vegetables.	HK\$150		
Coldstream Hills Chardonnay 2018 – Yarra Valley, Australia <i>FREE Saltram Chardonnay and Saltram Shiraz with Purchase of 6 Coldstream Hills items</i> Vibrant and aromatic with grapefruit, apple blossom and lemon barley, complexity with subtle French oak background. On the palate a layer of white nectarine and grapefruit.	HK\$375		
RED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Marques de Murrieta Reserva 2015 – Rioja, Spain It is a red reserva wine with a balanced aging of two years in new and partly new American oak barrels and a year and a half in bottle. The result is an elegant wine that combines complexity and fineness, summing up the best attributes of our identity and actuality.	HK\$295		
Pio Cesare Barbera d'Alba DOC 2018 – Piedmont, Italy Barbera grapes grown in Barolo area, giving full structure and complex flavor with spicy and ripe fruit, blackberry aroma and a hint of toasted tobacco.	HK\$295		
Robert Mondavi Private Selection Merlot 2017 – California, USA <i>FREE Neoprene wine bag with purchase of 2 Robert Mondavi items</i> A blend of Merlot plus small portion of Petite Sirah and Malbec. Aromas of ripe red cherry, Asian plum and cranberry. Follow with dark cherry, toffee and mocha with a long finish.	HK\$150		
Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir 2019 – Yarra Valley, Australia <i>FREE Saltram Chardonnay and Saltram Shiraz with Purchase of 6 Coldstream Hills items</i> Fragrant aroma of strawberry, cherry and cranberry. Elegant on the palate with silky and long tannin profile. Cranberry and sour cherry with a balance of French oak.	HK\$375		
Please Note: The listed items do not qualify against minimum monthly F&B charges			
Grand Total :			

Member Name: Mr. / Ms / Mrs. Membership Number: _____

Tel No: (Office) _____ (Home) _____

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery Date: _____ Member Signature: _____

Total amount will be charged to Member's account. Order accepted by email or in person.

Order email : bar@abclubhk.com or call 2555 6216

FREE delivery will be offered for purchase over 12 bottles, please allow 3 working days for delivery.

All wines are subject to availability

Home Wine Delivery April 2021

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 24th April) 6:30-8:00pm at The Galley & Patio

PROSECCO	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Tar & Roses NV – King Valley, AUS Lifted bouquet of green apples, grapefruit with hints of pear and spring flowers. Refreshing with a crisp acidic finish.	HK\$180		
ROSE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Auld Family Wines 2020 – South Australia, AUS Salmon pink in color with subtle spice and a crisp dry finish, refreshing on palate, pairs amazing with oysters.	HK\$145		
WHITE WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Sticks Sauvignon Blanc 2019 – Yarra Valley, AUS Pale straw color with lime hues. Tropical notes of guava, elderflower and chamomile. Clean acidic finish.	HK\$120		
Deep Woods Estate ‘Estate’ Chardonnay 2020 – Margaret River, AUS Pale straw color with ashes of green. Bright notes of peach and nectarine balanced by layers of mint with vibrant natural acidity.	HK\$180		
All Saints Estate Marsanne 2020 – Rutherglen, AUS Vibrant straw color. Aged in old French barrels shows fresh, aromatic with variety of textures and complexity.	HK\$210		
Tar & Roses Pinot Grigio 2020 – Central Victoria, AUS A luscious textural wine with mouth-filling juicy pear and honeydew melon characters, well-balanced, crunchy acidity. Alluringly fragrant with sweet nashi pear, white stone fruit and mandarin flavors.	HK\$165		
RED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Pontifex GSM 2016 – Barossa Valley, AUS <i>James Halliday 93pts</i> Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre - Each of the three varieties contribute to this medium-bodied, well balanced wine. Shiraz is likely responsible for the tannins that provide both texture and structure, mourvedre adding a savory flourish.	HK\$175		
Aphelion ‘NB’ Grenache 2019 – McLaren Vale, AUS <i>James Halliday 94pts</i> Light bodied and juicy. Hints of red currant, sour cherry and cinnamon flavors. A lively acidity on palate with smooth soft finish.	HK\$225		
Auld Family Wines ‘Strawbridge’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Langhorne Creek, AUS <i>James Halliday 94pts</i> Deep burgundy with ruby red hues. Nose enticing aromas of blackcurrant, toasted cacao and a hint of eucalypt. Good fruit weight upfront of blackberry and earthy notes, with firm chewy tannins, red berry and dark chocolate after-taste lingers.	HK\$210		
Hugh Hamilton ‘Black ops’ Shiraz Saperavi – McLaren Vale, AUS <i>James Halliday 95pts</i> Nose of white pepper, dried ginger, raspberry and cinnamon. Full bodied, intense in character and texture. Whiff of liquorice with subtle hint of chocolatey oak.	HK\$240		
Please Note: The listed items do not qualify against minimum monthly F&B charges			
Grand Total :			

Member Name: Mr. / Ms / Mrs. Membership Number: _____

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



Part A (Master)

Dates : 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 : 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:

1. Students who attend these two courses will be required to sit their examinations at the H.K. Marine Dept. after completion of the course. Successful candidates will be entitled to operate a vessel in Hong Kong waters up to 15 metres in length with engines of any power.
2. Courses are entirely theoretical for the 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
(Please book your exams earlier, the suggest exam date is 6 – 8 weeks from the date the 1st part of the course is attended.)
Examination Application : <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/mo84p.pdf>
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Marine Dept. : Seafarers' Certification Section
Marine Department, 3/F Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, HK.
Telephone : 2852 4941
Fax : 2541 6754



Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses Application form

Part A (Master)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s): _____

Account number: _____ Telephone: (Mobile) _____ (Office): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 22, 23 April 2021 | Thursday, Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19, 20 August 2021 | Thursday, Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4, 5 November 2021 | Thursday, Friday |

Please debit HK\$1,800 from my account

For Non-Member please include a cheque for HK\$2,200. Payable to Aberdeen Boat Club Ltd.

Address: 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Signature

Date

Part B (Engineer)

Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ Forename(s): _____

Account number: _____ Telephone: (Mobile) _____ (Office): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 29, 30 April 2021 | Thursday, Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26, 27 August 2021 | Thursday, Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11, 12 November 2021 | Thursday, Friday |

Please debit HK\$1,800 from my account

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