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| Dates | Yachts - ABC | Dinghies | Yachts - Others Clubs |
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| May 2021 | | | |
| Sat 1 | ABC Classic Yacht Rally | | |
| Sun 2 | ABC Classic Yacht Rally | RHKYC Post Christmas 5 | |
| Mon 8 | | | RHKYC Summer Cup |
| Sun 9 | | ABC Dinghy Cruiser Challenge | RHKYC Summer Cup |
| Sat 15 | | | RHKYC Inter-Class Festival / COA Mirs Bay Rally |
| Sun 16 | | ABC Tong Po Chau Series Spring 4 | RHKYC Inter-Class Festival |
| Sat 22 | | | RHKYC Spring Regatta / HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta |
| Sun 23 | | | RHKYC Spring Regatta / HHYC Open Dinghy Regatta |
| Sun 30 | ABC Summer Series 1 | | RHKYC Spring Regatta Resail |
| June 2021 | | | |
| Sun 6 | | ABC Tong Po Chau Series - Summer 1 | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 1 |
| Sat 12 | | | HHYC Summer Saturday 1 / COA Mid Summer Rally |
| Sun 13 | ABC Summer Series 2 | | COA Mid Summer Rally |
| Mon 14 | | | COA Mid Summer Rally |
| Sat 19 | | | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 2 (Mirs Bay) |
| Sun 20 | | | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 2 (Mirs Bay) |
| Sat 26 | | | HHYC Summer Saturday 2 |
| Sun 27 | ABC Summer Series 3 | | |
| July 2021 | | | |
| Sun 4 | ABC Summer Series 4 | | |
| Sun 11 | | ABC Tong Po Chau Series - Summer 2 | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 3 |
| Sat 17 | | | HHYC Summer Saturday 3 |
| Sun 18 | ABC Summer Series 5 | | COA High Island Seafood Rally |
| Sun 25 | | | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 4 |
| Sat 31 | | | HHYC Summer Saturday Final |
| August 2021 | | | |
| Sun 1 | ABC Summer Series 6 | | |
| Sun 8 | | ABC Tong Po Chau Series - Summer 3 | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 5 |
| Sun 15 | | | HHYC Typhoon Series Race 6 |
| Sat 21 | | | HHYC Typhoon Series Final |
| Sat 28 | | | COA Four Pubs Rally |
| Sun 29 | ABC Summer Series 7 | | |



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COMMODORE'S LETTER



Chris Pooley
Commodore

[i] As full of Spirit as the month of May.

[Henry iv Part I: Rebels---speaking of the King's army]

[ii] June too soon

[Mariner's rhyme of the Hurricane season]

As for *Spirit* ABC's youth and sailors as a whole---- with sailing courses full through the summer--- have it in spades, exemplified by the huge success of Russell Aylsworth and Akira Sakai coming 2nd overall in their 49'er in the International Olympic Qualifiers in Oman; just pipped for selection by one place despite 7 bullets in the series. The disappointment is surely surpassed by the quality of the achievement itself, bringing great Kudos to the two sailors while reflecting much credit on ABC's Dinghy Training squad over many years.

RHKYC also merits mention as their Stephanie Norton actually **won** an Olympic place in the Laser Radial Class, so congratulations to all three young sailors on your outstanding performance. For more on the Oman Qualifiers and the ABC background to AK and Russell's superior performance, see article in the following pages.

With regard to the Hurricane [aka Typhoon] rhyme, that season will soon be upon us with the informed expectation that the forecast of a very hot summer [March was the warmest on record] is likely to bring with it more frequent and/or more severe typhoons. ABC members, whether sailors or not, are well aware of the damage that can be wrought. So Marine Services Manager – Alex Johnston's article with its sage guidelines and tips is a timely reminder of preparations *ALL* boat owners should take into account and follow throughout the season [which can last until November!]

Following the welcome easing of restrictions affecting yacht racing afloat we are able to look

forward to what is a very full summer calendar as some compensation for what looks like a continuing lack of travel opportunities. No space on Dinghy courses until August [Sorry!] but the yacht calendar has been enhanced by the inaugural Beneteau Cup Regatta over the weekend of 15th-16th May. If you are not part of a regular crew do try and hitch a ride for what is certain to be a memorable weekend of fun and a proud event for ABC as Beneteau's chosen partner to showcase their yacht range.

That new event is sandwiched between the overnight Classic Yacht Rally on 1st May and the start of the regular Summer Series on 30th May. With luck we may also see a resumption of the restaurant visits----suspended last year---after each race. If not then MI with its special menus, awaits ---albeit with required spacing. Irksome, obviously but we just have to make the best of it and celebrate in style when the cloud finally lifts.

Late summer should see the arrival of the 6 new Dinghies which, with additional instructors, will create more openings on Dinghy courses [Book now!].

Much tangible to look forward to, with the potential, dangling at the time of writing, of a long-awaited emergence from the Covid shadow to restore life to normal.

In the meantime let's make the most of what we do have and offer at ABC, which despite all the headwinds is not at all that bad.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

SPORTS ON MIDDLE ISLAND

Covid restrictions were finally eased for sports from the first week of February – allowing us to restart the Aberdeen Racing Academy, all sailing courses and training, plus all paddling courses and Powerboat courses. So far, all courses have been fully booked weekdays and weekends; and we've seen a new surge in interest in adult dinghy courses and paddleboarding. Easter was particularly busy this year. I guess that after the months of Covid 19 frustration, with members not being able to do anything in Hong Kong, our courses became that breath of fresh air everyone needed. Since February, we have been so successful that for the first time ever our dinghy school and sport academy is finally financially independent, and doesn't need the hot dog sales to keep it running.

For a moment, I am nearly tempted to say, "Thank you, Covid". Nearly....

In March, we opened the summer course bookings. Once again, ABC members had two weeks advance booking ahead of non-members. The non-members' booking opened at 9am on 23 March, and by 1pm, 80% of scheduled courses were already full. We have since added additional courses, and the summer programme will now start 2 weeks earlier, on 31 May.

You will be glad to know that 4 Quests, 5 new Zest and 3 new Tera are on the way to us as I write. They should have been with us early May, but they were delayed due to the blockage in the Suez Canal – so they may arrive a little later, yet still on time for the increased summer program.

To further support this enormous increase in activity, an XS RIB order was confirmed, and this will be with us in June.

DEVELOPMENT ON MIDDLE ISLAND

Our current focus is on finalising the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, which will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Department in the next few weeks. The approval of the EIA submission is forecast to be in October this year. This EIA took about 18 months to complete; it could have been shorter without the discovery of the amphioxus [small, eel-like animals], which resulted in a complete rethink of the hardstand concept.

The next and hopefully last step to complete will be the section 12 A of the Town Planning Bureau, leading to the right to develop Middle Island around the third quarter of 2023. The construction should start in the fourth quarter, and end in 2025.

We will undertake a further review of income and projected capital cost in the latter half of this year. The Building Levy will continue until October 2021, when it will be subject to the regular biennial review.

HOUSE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE: FRESH IDEAS AS FOUL SMELL ELIMINATED

The House and Building Committee has constituted a new subcommittee, to review the 2015 Master Clubhouse redevelopment plan. This new committee comprises three elected committee members, one who is one co-opted and one legal adviser. They met with Wilkinson and Ceilly, who prepared an overall project plan in 2015 and will certainly come back to us all with a vision for the future of our main Clubhouse. The few ideas flying around now are to look at a better use of the roof, and looking at installing a lift as we are not all young anymore, and some of our members cannot access some parts of the Club. This is becoming a focus these days.

If any member would like to see the general idea, please do come and see me in my office, and I can take you through the rough idea on my PC.

The foul smell that we “enjoyed” sometimes in late March was due to an aging main sewage pipe, a 40-year-old concealed sewage pump and 40-year-old, damaged underground sewage tank. These have all been replaced, and I sure you did not even notice the work that was exceptionally well performed overnight by our local plumber.

We have now installed new waterproof shade covers in front of the sailing classroom at Middle Island; replacing the one we used to have that was good for the sun but useless when rain started to fall, and expensive. The new one is cheaper, better and locally sourced – even better for reducing our carbon impact.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK IN ABC

I am sure you have tried our new promotion: the menus on Middle Island and in the main Clubhouse now feature a logo next to the fish items. We have recently joined the AFFS, the accredited fish farm scheme, in order to keep our low carbon impact and improve our greening efforts. This scheme means we are now buying fish only from local aquaculture farms that comply with the production and delivery conditions set by the AFCD and AFFS.



The production is extremely controlled and imposes many restrictions on using chemicals and

medications for the fish, which you will typically find in other non-accredited farms or imported fish. By Improving the quality of locally produced aquaculture products, together with a product quality assurance system, it is hoped that firstly, Hong Kong will compete with the international market in terms of quality and safety; and secondly you will be assured of safer fish products with far less chemicals and toxic metals than found in fish from other sources.

Likewise for our vegetables, we have for many years followed the same principles, to prioritise local supplies, and found that we have very good and knowledgeable farmers in Hong Kong and just across the border growing delectable produce.

The proximity of supply considerably reduces our carbon impact, and the quality available locally is improving every year, while keeping the price reasonably low.

A similar principle was recent applied to the Vodka and Gin ecoSPIRITS, which locally produced in a very organic and sustainable way by first refilling the bottles so we do not throw away more glass, and selling the product in bulk rather than prepacked.

We will keep on looking for new products like these, with an eco-friendly attitude, to give our Club a more sustainable approach to our work and leisure.

The next items we are looking at are the take-away bags and boxes, as well as the magazine delivery. I shall get back to you on this.



GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

LONG SERVICE STAFF DEPARTURE: GOODBYE TO ABC'S GENTLE GIANT

In the previous edition of Horizons, I informed you of the departure on retirement of Cheung Chi-ming, known as Ah Ming. He worked for the Club in the Marine Department for 40 years, and was that gentle giant on the pontoon and on boat decks, always ready to help with a big smile. He's a character who will not be forgotten: always calm and helpful, with many skills, particularly in fiberglass repair, big boat driving and boat maintenance.

Being a shy, kind and happy person, he did not wish to have a big farewell party at the Club. Nevertheless, we had a surprise staff leaving party for him on his last day, when Club directors and staff gave him a fond farewell with a great leaving gift. Surely he will come back from time to time, to work part-time by helping on big regatta days.



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From Optimist beginner to Olympic Contender

A story about ABC's sailing and racing programs and a young sailor who embraced all the programs had to offer.

Background

Training in Hong Kong during year 2020 with COVID was a stop and go affair at best. Multiple "pauses" in sports activities occurred. In December, Hong Kong's Nationally sponsored 49er skiff sailors Russell Aylsworth, and Akira Sakai (AK) departed for Sydney to continue training for the Olympic qualification in Abu Dhabi, expecting no further interruptions. They departed HK the last day before another lockdown.

Training in Sydney with AUS National team ended abruptly with an outbreak on Sydney North shore in late December, and the boys fled to Melbourne, and continued training with AUS team, for the then scheduled Melbourne regatta in January. This would be a great tune-up to get in some racing in (after 1 year) before the actual qualifier. However, that regatta was then abruptly cancelled at the last minute due to a COVID case at the racing venue. That led to a flight to Abu Dhabi for the February scheduled Asian Olympic qualification after a 1 year delay. After waiting a year, the Abu Dhabi qualification was then cancelled soon after the boys arrived. They waited it out (and trained) in Abu Dhabi as rumor had it that Oman would put together an Asian Olympic qualifier in March or April. After a one year delay due to COVID, along with a year of uncertainties regarding training, and even the event itself, the Mussanah Open Championship / Asian & African Olympic qualifier in Oman was finally held.



Present - Oman, April 2021

The Oman coast stretching to the East and South of the Strait of Hormuz, particularly Mussanah, offers consistently hot and dry conditions, with an onshore breeze of average 10-12knts, daily from about 1pm to 4pm. Travelling by vehicle from Abu Dhabi in early March the boys arrive in Massunah for 7 days quarantine, and although delayed at the border, the containers of equipment arrive in time to support about 10 days pre-race training in the local conditions.

After two days of registrations and measurements racing finally started on Saturday April 3rd. Light winds prevailed for the first 3 races and Russell/AK scored a 10/1/12. Not a consistent showing, but a bullet nonetheless and a lot of racing to go.

| Rank | SailNo | HelmName | CrewName | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total | Nett |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| 1st | CHN 251 | Chao Xiang | Hong Wei | 1.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 2nd | CHN 616 | Wang Xin | Zhou Zhibo | 3.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 |
| 3rd | RSA 470 | Alex Burger | Benjamin Taibot Daniel | 7.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 4th | IND 316 | Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa | Varun Ashok Thakkar | 5.0 | 10.0 | 3.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| 5th | KOR 200 | Won Jae Lee | Lee Dong Gyu | 8.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 6th | KOR 411 | Bong Jin Chae | Shin Sangoin | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 7th | HKG 880 | Akira Sakai | Russel Williams Aylsworth | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 |
| 8th | CHN 555 | Liuhan Wang | Zaiding Wen | 4.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 |
| 9th | THA 279 | Don Whitcraft | Dylan Whitcraft | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 |
| 10th | OMA 145 | Musab Al Hadi | Waleed Issa AlKindi | 11.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 11th | IND 301 | Prince Kurisinkal Noble | Manu Francis | 2.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 |



Sunday Day 2 brought in a mixed breeze, and given the light conditions, we witnessed more inconsistency. Another bullet, but an 11th and UFD penalty landed the boys in 9th place. Racing still not even half completed with 15 races scheduled and a medal round, but the hole was getting deeper.

| Rank | SailNo | HelmName | CrewName | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Total | Nett |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|------------|-------|------|
| 1st | OMA 145 | Musab Al Hadi | Waleed Issa AlKindi | (11.0) | 6.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 29.0 | 18.0 |
| 2nd | CHN 251 | Hong Wei | Chao Xiang | 1.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | (12.0) | 8.0 | 32.0 | 20.0 |
| 3rd | IND 316 | Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa | Varun Ashok Thakkar | 5.0 | (10.0) | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 |
| 4th | RSA 470 | Benjamin Talbot Daniel | Alex Burger | (7.0) | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 31.0 | 24.0 |
| 5th | THA 279 | Don Whitcraft | Dylan Whitcraft | 9.0 | 5.0 | (10.0) | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 34.0 | 24.0 |
| 6th | CHN616 | Wang Xin | Zhou Zhibo | 3.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 43.0 | 28.0 |
| 7th | KOR200 | Bong Jin Chae | Shin Sangon | 8.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 4.0 | 9.0 | 48.0 | 33.0 |
| 8th | KOR411 | Won Jae Lee | Lee Dong Gyu | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | (10.0) | 7.0 | 7.0 | 44.0 | 34.0 |
| 9th | HKG 880 | Akira Sakai | Russel Williams Aylsworth | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 50.0 | 35.0 |
| 10th | CHN555 | Zaiding Wen | Luhan Wang | 4.0 | 8.0 | (11.0) | 9.0 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 48.0 | 37.0 |
| 11th | IND 301 | Prince Kurnisikal Noble | Manu Francis | 2.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 3.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 10.0 | 54.0 | 39.0 |

Monday, Day 3, similar breeze and certainly looking for that lost consistency. The boys really needed to up their game. Everything was on the line and they managed a 2,5, and another bullet and pulled back up to 5th place. Although, a good effort to claw back, there was still a lot of work to do and races were running out.

| Rank | SailNo | HelmName | CrewName | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | Total | Nett |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|-------|------|
| 1st | IND 316 | Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa | Varun Ashok Thakkar | 5.0 | (10.0) | 1.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 36.0 | 26.0 |
| 2nd | RSA 470 | Benjamin Talbot Daniel | Alex Burger | (7.0) | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 42.0 | 35.0 |
| 3rd | CHN 251 | Hong Wei | Chao Xiang | 1.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | (12.0) | 8.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 48.0 | 36.0 |
| 4th | THA 279 | Don Whitcraft | Dylan Whitcraft | 9.0 | 5.0 | (10.0) | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 51.0 | 41.0 |
| 5th | HKG 880 | Akira Sakai | Russel Williams Aylsworth | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 2.0 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 58.0 | 43.0 |
| 6th | OMA 145 | Musab Al Hadi | Waleed Issa AlKindi | 11.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | (13.0) | 5.0 | 56.0 | 43.0 |
| 7th | KOR200 | Bong Jin Chae | Shin Sangon | 8.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 4.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 60.0 | 45.0 |
| 8th | CHN616 | Wang Xin | Zhou Zhibo | 3.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 8.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 73.0 | 58.0 |
| 9th | IND 301 | Prince Kurnisikal Noble | Manu Francis | 2.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 3.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 10.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 73.0 | 58.0 |
| 10th | KOR411 | Won Jae Lee | Lee Dong Gyu | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | (11.0) | 9.0 | 11.0 | 75.0 | 64.0 |
| 11th | CHN555 | Zaiding Wen | Luhan Wang | 4.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 6.0 | (12.0) | 7.0 | 12.0 | 79.0 | 67.0 |
| 12th | IND 104 | Jain Sandip | Munna Pandit | 12.0 | 13.0 | 4.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 11.0 | 4.0 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 90.0 | 75.0 |
| 13th | OMA173 | Ahmed Alkassiri | Abdulrahman Al Mashtari | 13.0 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | (15.0 DNC) | 92.0 | 77.0 |

Tuesday day 4, scoring a 9,7,2 dropped the boys back to 6th with only 3 races to go. Talking with coach Rory Godman, anything less than 3 top 3 sores on the last 3 races or its really finished.

| Rank | SailNo | HelmName | CrewName | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | R11 | R12 | Total | Nett |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|--------|------------|------------|------------|--------|----------|------|------|------------|------|-------|------|
| 1st | IND 316 | Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa | Varun Ashok Thakkar | 5.0 | (10.0) | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 52.0 | 42.0 |
| 2nd | CHN 251 | Hong Wei | Chao Xiang | 1.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | (12.0) | 8.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 63.0 | 51.0 |
| 3rd | RSA 470 | Benjamin Talbot Daniel | Alex Burger | 7.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 | (12.0) | 11.0 | 69.0 | 57.0 |
| 4th | THA 279 | Don Whitcraft | Dylan Whitcraft | 9.0 | 5.0 | (10.0) | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 67.0 | 57.0 |
| 5th | OMA 145 | Musab Al Hadi | Waleed Issa AlKindi | 11.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | (12.0) | 5.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 70.0 | 58.0 |
| 6th | HKG 880 | Akira Sakai | Russel Williams Aylsworth | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 2.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 75.0 | 60.0 |
| 7th | KOR200 | Bong Jin Chae | Shin Sangon | 8.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 4.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 15.0 DNF | 4.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 85.0 | 70.0 |
| 8th | CHN616 | Wang Xin | Zhou Zhibo | 3.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 8.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 86.0 | 71.0 |
| 9th | KOR411 | Won Jae Lee | Lee Dong Gyu | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | (11.0) | 8.0 | 11.0 | 2.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 92.0 | 81.0 |
| 10th | IND 301 | Prince Kurnisikal Noble | Manu Francis | 2.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 3.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 10.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 103.0 | 88.0 |
| 11th | CHN555 | Zaiding Wen | Luhan Wang | 4.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 2.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 9.0 | 108.0 | 93.0 |

On Wed day 5, the boys following a second place close out the day before scored not only "top 3" places, but put in 3 bullets, putting them up into second place.

| Rank | SailNo | HelmName | CrewName | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | R11 | R12 | R13 | R14 | R15 | Total | Nett |
|------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------------|------------|------------|------|----------|------|------|------------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1st | IND 316 | Ganapathy Kelapanda Chengappa | Varun Ashok Thakkar | 5.0 | (10.0) | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 61.0 | 51.0 |
| 2nd | HKG 880 | Akira Sakai | Russel Williams Aylsworth | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 2.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 78.0 | 63.0 |
| 3rd | CHN 251 | Hong Wei | Chao Xiang | 1.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | (12.0) | 8.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 85.0 | 73.0 |
| 4th | RSA 470 | Benjamin Talbot Daniel | Alex Burger | 7.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 | (12.0) | 11.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 86.0 | 74.0 |
| 5th | OMA 145 | Musab Al Hadi | Waleed Issa AlKindi | 11.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | (12.0) | 5.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 87.0 | 75.0 |
| 6th | THA 279 | Don Whitcraft | Dylan Whitcraft | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | (11.0) | 4.0 | 89.0 | 78.0 |
| 7th | KOR200 | Bong Jin Chae | Shin Sangon | 8.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 4.0 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 15.0 DNF | 4.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 102.0 | 87.0 |
| 8th | CHN616 | Wang Xin | Zhou Zhibo | 3.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 8.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 106.0 | 93.0 |
| 9th | CHN555 | Zaiding Wen | Luhan Wang | 4.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 5.0 | 12.0 | 2.0 | (15.0 UFD) | 5.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 124.0 | 109.0 |
| 10th | KOR411 | Won Jae Lee | Lee Dong Gyu | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 2.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | (12.0) | 125.0 | 113.0 |
| 11th | IND 301 | Prince Kurnisikal Noble | Manu Francis | 2.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 3.0 | (15.0 DNF) | 10.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 135.0 | 120.0 |

Thursday the final day, was the medal round. It would take another bullet by Russell and AK in the final medal round, and India scoring at least 5 boats behind to close the gap and take first. Russell and AK got the bullet (remarkably), and from the finish line, watched India, (who were 8th around the top mark into the last leg) work their way through the fleet, finally finishing 5th. With that, India (and great credit to them) earn the one Asia spot for the Olympics 49er. Counting the medal race Russell and AK scored 7 bullets in the 16 races, compared to 2, the most bullets for any other team, yet early on inconsistency was key to this result.

A thrilling time in Oman, but this story is really about how does a kid growing up in Hong Kong, ever get to the point where they are competing in an international sailing competition, just a hairs breath from Olympic qualification?



AK, Russell & Rory

Rewind- Hong Kong, 2009 - 2013 : Optimist beginning....

Russell started sailing in the Optimist beginner group in 2009, at the age of eight. ABC provided sailing instructions, headed by Kevin Lewis, who had just brought in Rory Godman as a coach, with Kevin continuing as trainer. This implementation by ABC allowed sailing students to take either a sailing development tiered path, or a racing focused path focus.

For Russell, this was an especially exciting option as he wanted to sail as fast as he could, even in the early years.

Russell attended instructed sailing for about 6 months in the Optimist, under Rory's watchful eye.



Race ready 12 years old



First time Optimist sailing



Pattaya Thailand



I remember that in those early months, Rory dubbed the ABC's racing squad the "Aberdeen Racing Academy"; and all Russell could think of was getting into that initial ARA team. As the young Optimist fleet headed out around Middle island for training, Rory would shout "Follow Russell!" and he would lead the pack.

Russell was included in the ARA in late 2010, and by April 2011 he was in racing form, as can be seen in the two early Optimist photos. ABC continued fully supporting the sailors, certainly in HK training and events, but also overseas.

Thailand was a memorable event for the sailors, as for many, including Russell, it was their first international event. Russell ended his Optimist career early, at 12 years old (as he grew too big), yet at the top of the HK rankings.

Also, Russell figured the Club offered many opportunities to just get out on the water and try out all the boats!



Having some fun!!!

Photo: Kevin-Lewis

HKODA (Low Point) Rankings

| National Ranking Position | Name | INSTRUITOR | Date of birth | YGR Age | Total Points | Discard Points | Points to count | gender | ABC R |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| RANKING | Name | INSTRUITOR | DOB | Age | Total Points | Discard Points | Points to count | gender | points under 12 |
| 1 | Russell Aylsworth | ABC | 10 April 2001 | 12 | 35.75 | 11 | 24.75 | M | 5 |
| 2 | Dukar Tullberg | RHCYC | 17 July 2001 | 12 | 42.95 | 17 | 25.25 | M | 2 |
| 3 | Rudolf (DGR) | RHCYC | ***** | 12 | 40.75 | 16 | 30.75 | M | 8 |
| 4 | James Davidson | RHCYC | 02 June 2001 | 12 | 51.75 | 15 | 36.75 | M | 7 |
| 5 | Thomas Uthman | L Asia | 25 June 2001 | 12 | 55 | 17 | 38 | M | 10 |
| 6 | Alan Poon | L Asia | 07 March 2001 | 12 | 54 | 12 | 42 | M | 11 |
| 7 | Ernie Fung | RHCYC | 12 April 2001 | 12 | 58.5 | 19 | 49.5 | F | 3 |
| 8 | Amy Hoang | RHCYC | 10 April 2001 | 12 | 54 | 28 | 56 | F | 28 |
| 9 | Fallen White | RHCYC | 10 November 2001 | 11 | 84.25 | 25 | 59.25 | M | 25 |
| 10 | George Burtel | ABC | 09 April 2001 | 12 | 87.25 | 34 | 63.25 | M | 24 |
| 11 | Scottie Martin | ABC | 20 August 2002 | 11 | 91 | 25 | 65 | M | 18 |
| 12 | Taylor Young | ABC | 02 October 2003 | 10 | 91.25 | 18 | 72.25 | M | 8 |
| 13 | Charlie Stewart | ABC | 17 January 2004 | 9 | 102.75 | 23 | 79.75 | M | 22 |
| 14 | Alex Morgan | ABC | 19 January 2002 | 11 | 107.75 | 29 | 82.75 | M | 14 |
| 15 | Timothy Loucutt & Joseph | RHCYC | ***** | 10 | 107.5 | 24 | 83.5 | M | 21 |
| 16 | Ashur Hani | RHCYC | 20 Aug 2002 | 11 | 109 | 25 | 84 | M | 16 |
| 17 | Georgi Duncan | RHCYC | ***** | 10 | 111 | 25 | 86 | M | 15 |
| 18 | Evel Tullberg | RHCYC | ***** | 11 | 106.75 | 26 | 86.75 | M | 20 |
| 19 | Max Murty | RHCYC | 25 October 2001 | 12 | 112.25 | 22 | 90.25 | M | 17 |
| 20 | Samuel Higgins | RHCYC | ***** | 11 | 122 | 27 | 95 | M | 27 |
| 21 | Chris Bely | L Asia | 04 February 2001 | 12 | 124.25 | 22 | 99.25 | M | 23 |
| 22 | Milo Wain | RHCYC | 05 March 2001 | 12 | 125 | 28 | 96 | M | 18 |
| 23 | Zoe Brewer | RHCYC | 23 February 2002 | 11 | 128.5 | 31 | 97.5 | F | DNAC |
| 24 | Hannah Jepson | RHCYC | ***** | 11 | 136 | 31 | 99 | F | DNAC |
| 25 | Max Ryan | RHCYC | 22 January 2001 | 12 | 130.75 | 31 | 99.75 | M | DNAC |
| 26 | Lau Wei Kai | TBC | | | 121 | 31 | 100 | | DNAC |
| 27 | Casper Watkins | RHCYC | 13 August 2001 | 11 | 133 | 29 | 104 | M | 26 |
| 28 | Lee Kai Lap | TBC | | | 135 | 31 | 104 | | DNAC |
| 29 | Jack Liddell | RHCYC | 27 January 2002 | 10 | 137 | 36 | 103 | | |
| 30 | Lara Oates | RHCYC | 17 April 2002 | 11 | 136 | 29 | 103 | | |
| 31 | Tristan Salmon | RHCYC | 28 October 2002 | 11 | 138 | 31 | 103 | | |
| Total number of HKOD Optimist Sailors under 12 | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| Plus Non-Optimist Race | | | | | | | | | 1 |

Hong Kong, 2014 - 2018 : Into the 29ers

Russell started sailing 29ers at 12 years old. It was really an early step into the 29ers, but Russell was just growing too big. He needed to gain strength early to handle the boat. Russell sailed with Matthew Wright for the first few years on the 29er. Russell and Mathew entered their first 2, 29er events, the 29er North American and World championships, Cork Ontario, Canada, finishing 19th in Silver fleet in North Americans and 23rd for Bronze fleet in Worlds. Russell was 13, the youngest sailor in the fleet, just getting

started. Russell competed in **27 further regattas on the 29er**, switching helm to Calum Gregor in the middle of his stretch. Russell and Calum won the RHKYC Around the Island race in 2015 and repeated winning in 2016. Sydney, Keil, Medemblick, Wales, Melbourne, Auckland and Los Angeles (many international cities multiple times over the years) rounded out the local events. Once again, all made possible by the support of the ABC.





Russell & Matthew Medemblick



Calum & Russell Youth WORlds 2016 - Day 1



2015/09
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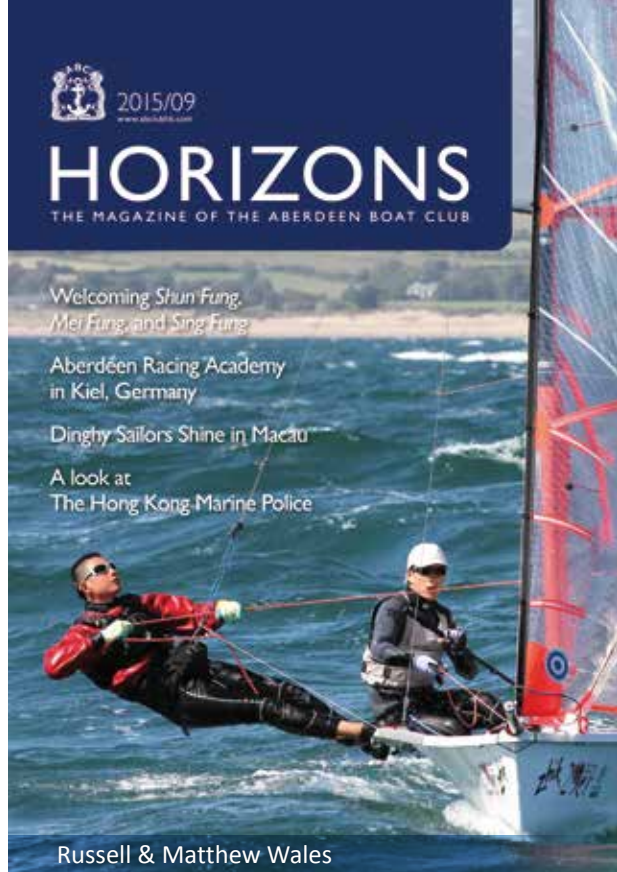
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Russell & Matthew Wales



Russell & Matthew, Cork 2014

- Australian Youths Sidney
- HK 29er Championships
- HK Festival Of Sport
- Kieler Woche
- Europeans Medemblick
- UK Euro Cup / Wales
- World Championships / Wales
- Around the Island Race HK (Overall Winners 2015 & 2016)
- HK 29er Championships
- Sail Sydney
- HK 29er Championships
- HK Race Week
- 29er Euro Champs / Medemblick
- 29er Pre-Worlds (German Champs) Memdeblick
- World Championships / Medemblick
- HK Opening Regatta
- HKSF Youth Championships
- Sail World Cup Melbourne
- Youth Worlds / Auckland
- HK 29er Open
- HK Race Week
- Kiel week, 29er Euro Cup
- US National Championship
- World Championships
- ABC Opening Regatta
- HKSF Youth Championships 29er
- ABC South Side Regatta

Hong Kong, 2018 - 2020 : From 29ers to 49er

The HK-based 29er Worlds in Jan 2018 would be the last 29er race for Russell. As with the Optimist before, he'd outgrown the 29er and needed to move up. The problem was, at 16 Russell was too new and inexperienced for HKSF to sponsor on a 49er, and ABC Racing Academy topped out at 29ers. However, once again the Club stepped up to support youth sailing and development.

I would buy the 49er, and ABC agreed to support storage and coaching and events. This was a perfectly suitable arrangement, as I know that in many countries buying the 49er is the only option to get started.

ABC Racing Academy supported Russell and new helm, ABC sailor and coach Akira Sakai (AK) for about a year and a half for the following 5 events, culminating in 3rd overall for the Around the Island race.

The next 11 events, leading up to Oman, were supported by HKSF.

16 Events to date on the 49er. AK and Russell started with World Sailing Ranking over 150 and ranked at 62 in 2020.



RHKYC Round The Island Race 2018



Russell & AK Training in Hong Kong



Training in big swell/wind, off the Nine Pins



Photo Credit - Kevin Lewis

ABC Sponsored

- 49er Ocean Bridge Regatta
- Kiel Week
- 49er Euro Championships Gdynia
- 49er World Championships, Aarhus
- RHKYC Around The Island

HKSF Sponsored

- 49er Hempel World Cup, Genoa
- 49er Volvo Europeans, Weymouth
- 49er Kiel Week
- 49er Ready Steady Tokyo
- 49er Hempel World Cup Enoshima
- 49er Asian Champs Abu Dhabi
- 49er Oceana Championships Auckland
- 49er World Championships Auckland
- 49er Oceana Geelong, (Melbourne)
- 49er World Championships Geelong 49er
- 49er Olympic Qualifier Mussanah Open, Oman

Hong Kong, Present :

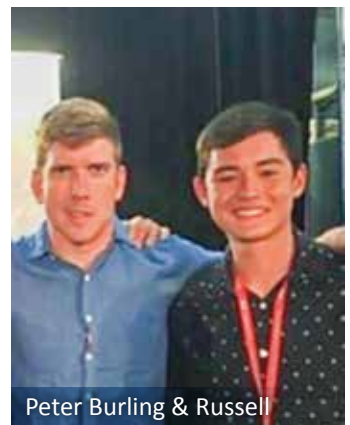
So, what's next? Paris 2024? Time will tell, yet young sailors including Russell and many, many others can continue to dream, with ABC helping to make those dreams possible.



AK & Russell Abu Dhabi Prep



Burling & Tuke messing about with Russell & AK when not on a 49er



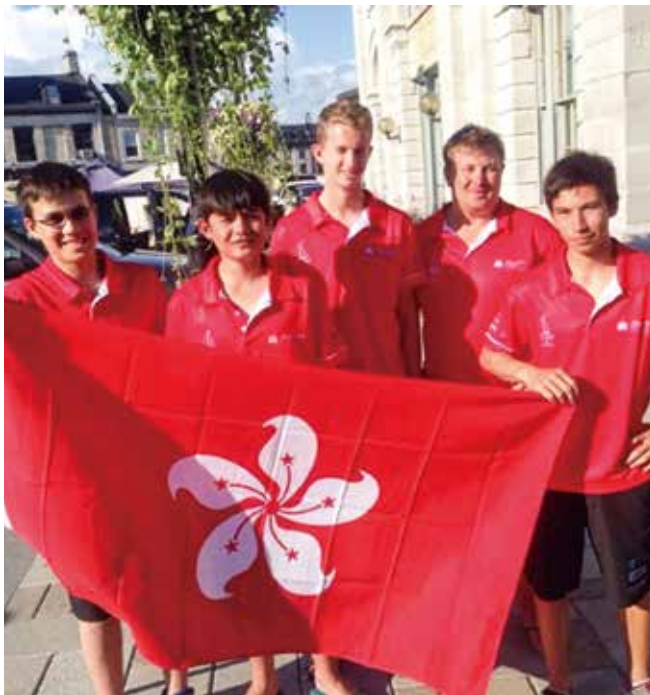
Peter Burling & Russell



“Reelin’ in the years....”



“Reelin’ in the years....”



Russell, Larry & AK



Aberdeen Racing Academy is with Calum Gregor and Russell Aylsworth in Stanley, Hong Kong.

Feb 21, 2016 · 🌐

Russell backstroke





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Thanks also to HKSF, who overhauled the Elite Sailing Program 2 years ago, for their effort and support.



ABC Marine

Typhoon Preparations

The ABC Marine Office would like to take this opportunity to remind you to make the necessary typhoon preparations ahead of the 2021 storm season here in HK – such as inspecting your mooring lines, swivels and shackles. These should be replaced, if required, as part of your regular repair & maintenance of your vessel on a mooring.

However, it has been brought to our attention that some boats are not using the correct equipment on Club moorings.

There should be a galvanised shackle attached to the ring on the top of the buoy, then the swivel, then another shackle onto your mooring lines, which should have a metal thimble. Some moorings have the swivel attached directly to the ring on top of the buoy, which is not correct and results in wear/stress. There have been boats lost off moorings in past typhoons due to this incorrect practice.

All components in system should be galvanised – not stainless steel which becomes brittle over time when exposed to the marine environment.

Please see the example in the photo.

Please also note that the shackles should also be wired through the pin and shackle body,



Example of this shackle wiring

under load. To protect the marine environment, please do not use plastic cable ties.



- ▲ The correct method of attachment to a mooring buoy: buoy ring - shackle – swivel – shackle to the mooring lines, with a metal thimble to prevent wear and tear on a particular spot. This allows movement of all of the components in the mooring system, which absorbs excess energy.



Some other important reminders

- Ensure that your vessel has sufficient fenders on both sides of the vessel if moored in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter (TYS). Powerboats which have high freeboards should have fenders at both at deck and water level, to prevent contact with other vessels.
- Place extra storm mooring lines with suitable chaff protection through the fairleads on the deck of your vessel. If in the Aberdeen TYS, you will require extra lines on to your mooring buoys, fore and aft. Top tip – use washing-up liquid to provide some lubricant through the fairleads.
- All loose equipment and other belongings such as tenders and paddleboards must be securely tied down or stowed below. Otherwise, during a storm these will be blown away, causing damage to your vessel or others in the vicinity.
- All sails on yachts should be secured, with extra lines over the main sail cover, or removed entirely. Boats with furling jibs should also drop the sail and stow below – especially if on an open water mooring which is more exposed to the weather. If a furling jib becomes loose during the storm, it will flog in the wind and potentially put the yacht's mast and rig at risk, due to the excessive stress.
- Yachts should place halyards forward to act as additional security for the rig. If secured to the base of the mast, they will hit the rig and chafe in the high winds.
- All hatches and openings in the hull should be closed securely and watertight.
- Make sure all cockpit and deck gunnels are clear, to allow excessive water to drain.
- Once the T3 is issued, all Club ferry and sampan services will be suspended, until this or the T3 following higher signals is lowered.
- If you have any additional questions regarding your Typhoon preparations – please contact the ABC Marine Office.

IMPORTANT:

For Club moorings in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, please *DO NOT* tie your mooring buoy(s) with an adjacent mooring. This puts additional load and stress onto your mooring system. The buoys must be able to move, to absorb the energy when the wind or sea state is high.



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Race 11

Waglan Series

2020-21

Words and Photos by
Fragrant Harbour



Jinn leads Red Kite II off Castle Rock

It was a grey and overcast morning on Sunday, the 21st of March 2021, as the Aberdeen Boat Club's committee boat arrived between Round Island and Repulse Bay in preparation for Race 11 of the Waglan Series 2020-21. The breeze was oscillating between 25 and 90 degrees and varying from 5 to 11 knots.

Race officer of the day, Jennifer Li, the Aberdeen Boat Club's sailing manager, opted for a windward mark at 50 degrees, at a distance of about 600 metres in the direction of the feng shui hole in The Repulse Bay apartment building.

At 1100, ably assisted with signals by Wong Tim Fuk, the ABC's marine supervisor, Li got the combined 12-boat IRC 1 and IRC 2 Divisions off on Course 15A. Distance – 18.7 nautical miles.

The Dehler 42, *Daydream*, had a dream start with the J-111, *Juggerknot*, at the slightly biased pin end and led the fleet around the windward mark, before hoisting its orange kite and heading out of the bay for Chesterman Buoy. In hot pursuit came *Redeye*, *Neo One* and *Juggerknot*.

Red Kite II, *Arcturus* and *Ding Dong* led the IRC 2 pack over the line.

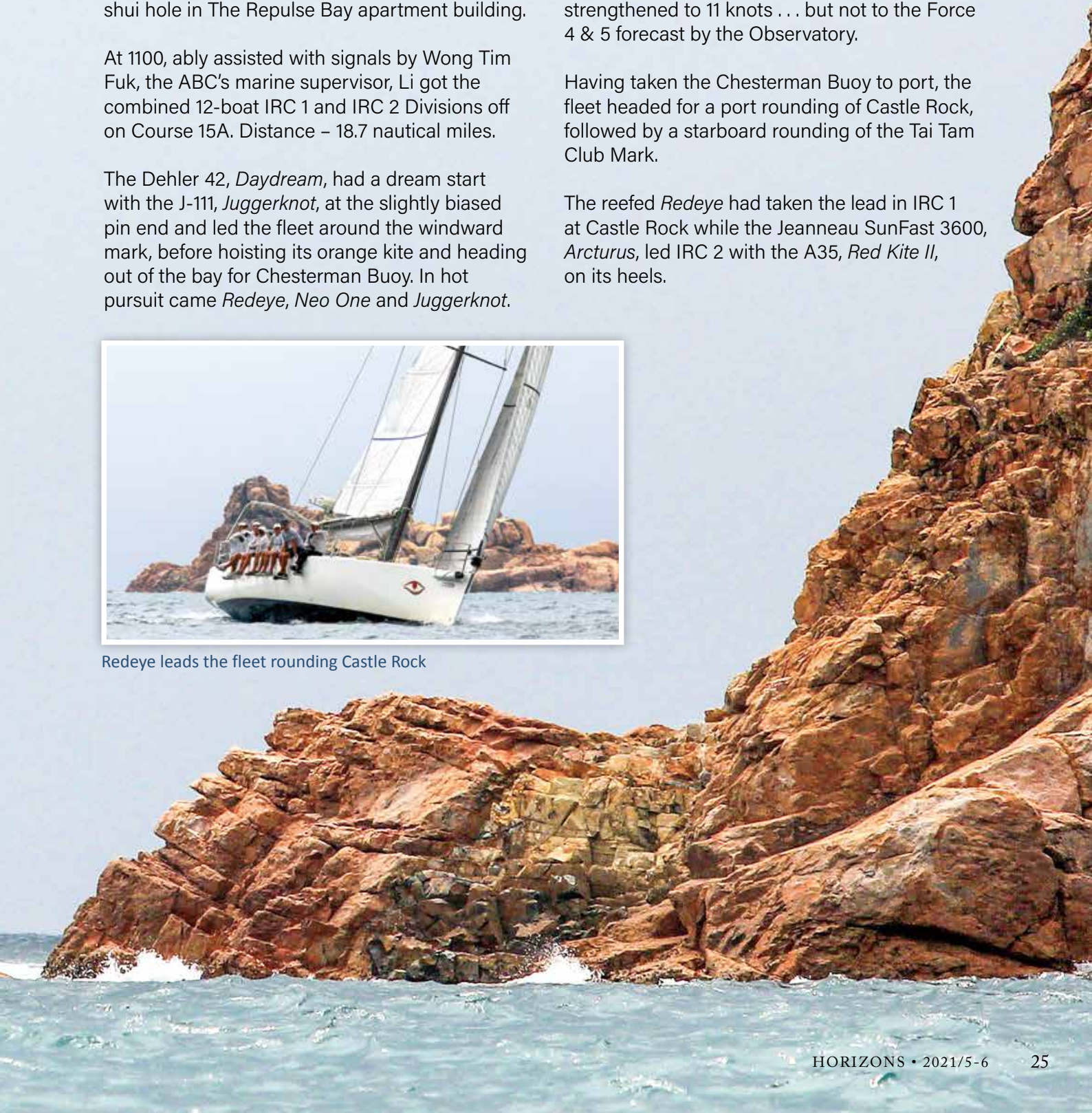
Five minutes later, the breeze had eased for the start of the combined seven HKPN A and B Division yachts, sent on the shorter 14.2nm Course 15B. There the J-80, *Mozzie*, was well placed whilst the Beneteau Oceanis 43, *Five-O-One*, the Bavaria 34 cruiser, *Shun Shui*, and the Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 409, *Boss*, initially struggled to make it across the start line. Fortunately, away from the land the breeze had strengthened to 11 knots . . . but not to the Force 4 & 5 forecast by the Observatory.

Having taken the Chesterman Buoy to port, the fleet headed for a port rounding of Castle Rock, followed by a starboard rounding of the Tai Tam Club Mark.

The reefed *Redeye* had taken the lead in IRC 1 at Castle Rock while the Jeanneau SunFast 3600, *Arcturus*, led IRC 2 with the A35, *Red Kite II*, on its heels.



Redeye leads the fleet rounding Castle Rock





Legende II takes line honours in HKPN A

The big Oceanis 511, *Legende II*, led the HKPN A fleet followed by *Mozzie* (HKPN B) as they turned the corner at Castle Rock with *Five-O-One* bringing up the rear.

After rounding the Tai Tam Club Mark, the IRC yachts headed for channel marker TCS 2 where, after hoisting their kites, returned for a starboard rounding of Chesterman Buoy and into the finish off Round Island. Unfortunately, it was during this leg of the race that the Oceanis 45, *Sea Wings*, shredded its kite.

The Neo 400, *Neo One*, took line honours in IRC 1 in an elapsed time of 2:35:56 but was relegated to 4th on handicap. *Redeye* crossed 2nd to claim 3rd on handicap. *Daydream* inched out the X-55, *Xena*, at the line by six seconds to claim handicap honours. *Xena* slipped to 6th.



Shun Shui hugs Castle Rock



The X-55, Xena



Xena approaches Castle Rock

There was much celebration on board the SunFast 3600, *Zesst*, when it took the gun for line and handicap honours in IRC 2 with chants of "We are the champions" resonating from the rail. *Red Kite II* finished 12 seconds ahead of *Arcturus* for 2nd and 3rd respectively on handicap.

Meanwhile, the HKPN fleet, having taken the Tai Tam Club Mark to starboard, rounded Beaufort Island returning to the finish line off Round Island, after passing Castle Rock to port and rounding Chesterman Buoy to starboard.

Legende II, in HKPNA, was the first to exit the Po Toi Channel and first home in 2:27:25 to finish 2nd on handicap. The Oceanis 46, *Jibulai*, was briefly slowed when it sailed too close to Beaufort Island's shoreline but still finished 1st on handicap. *Generations* claimed 3rd.

Mozzie led the HKPN B fleet at Castle Rock and continued to extend its lead to claim the daily double. *Boss* finished 2nd in both line and handicap placings. *Five-O-One* overhauled – but lost out to *Shun Shui* – for 3rd on handicap.

Once again, social distancing regulations prevented any prize-presentation so participants are looking forward to a bumper celebration once restrictions are eased.

Island Race 12 in the Waglan Series 2020-2021 will be held on Sunday, the 28th of March 2021, with re-sails of the windward / leeward Races 8 & 9 on Saturday, the 10th of April, and the Island Race 7 wrapping up the Series on Sunday, the 11th of April 2021.



Zesst heads for the Tai Tam mark



Eddy Lee helms Generations



It's fun on the rail of Jibulai

And the Winner Is ... Snooker!

By Dave Hilling



On 15 March, the ABC invited Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) for the long-awaited return snooker match between the two clubs. After checking the records, it was an entire year since we went to Kellet Island for the last match; and we actually had this event in the diary two previous times – each time it was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, this was third time lucky, and I have to amid it was a bit touch and go, with the scare of another outbreak in the previous couple of weeks.

The ABC snooker room had only been open for a week and a half before the match, after being closed since last November. All the players, myself included, had to dust off their snooker cues and quickly get up to speed, but the main thing was to have snooker back. There was one key difference for this evening, as we were still restricted to a maximum of 4 players at any one time in the snooker room. As a result, the ABC kindly set up tables in the function room, so the other 4 players could have a drink before swapping into the snooker room later for their matches.

The first match pitted Nick Horvath against CK Chan, and was a strong start to the evening between two players who are well acquainted to each other. ABC's Nick came out on top with some solid potting. The next match was a classic (or so I was told, as I was in the function room at the time, so did not see it), in which Tong Yun Fat of the ABC had a high-quality

break of 18 and still had to come back against Alfred Lau of the RHKYC. Fat needed to pot the three final colours to pull ahead, and he did so in style – to give ABC a 2-0 lead for the evening.

The next two matches were both super-close, with a combination of some good shots and a few misses of shots which, if we were fully match fit, would have gone in. RHKYC fared better when it came down to the crunch, and pulled back to 2-2 on the scoreboard. We then had the dinner break, with the ABC staff laying out their customary curry buffet in the function room, which is always well received by both teams.

After the dinner, we needed to complete the final two doubles matches of the evening before 10pm. The first doubles went to ABC. However, despite a gallant effort by Wayne Robinson and ABC captain Dave Hilling in the final doubles match, the RHKYC were always one step ahead. The final result for the evening was 3-3, and it was actually quite fitting that after the challenges for snooker over the last 12 months, there was nothing between the teams.

Snooker was the main winner of the night, and everyone was so pleased to get back to playing in any circumstances we could. Now, we can hopefully look forward to some more matches in the coming months, as things in Hong Kong gradually return to normal.



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Fred Cline, along with Bobby Carnard, a Sonoma farmer and educator, developed a farming method called Green Staring, a system that promotes and enhances biodiversity.

\$54 per glass
\$240 per bottle

CLINE

Wine of the Month Promotion

June

LAWSON'S DRY HILLS
MARLBOROUGH

Making a day on the water even better.

\$58 per glass
\$260 per bottle

"An outstanding winery producing exemplary Wines." - James Halliday

Lawson's Dry Hills produces a range of wines that offer the quintessential essence of Marlborough: elegant fruit focused wines with strong varietal characters that are both expressive and unique.

Exclusive Wine Dinners

by invitation only

"If you can't travel to the exotic wineries to sip the wines (just yet), we will bring them wineries and the wines to you"



We are excited to announce the very exclusive back-to-back "Wine Tour Around The World Series" wine dinners, featuring wines from around the world in total of 8 Series.



6th May, Thursday, 7pm

- Series 2 -
Gems from South of Italy -
Sicily & Sardegna Wine Dinner

Fully
Booked

13th May, Thursday, 7pm

- Series 3 -
Exclusive Lawson's Dry Hills
Wine Dinner

Few
Seats
Left

27th May, Thursday, 7pm

- Series 4 -
Exotic South Africa -
De Grendel Premium Wine

Few
Seats
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The Four Peaks Restaurant (Limited seating - according to ongoing covid-19 restrictions)

This event is 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!

Wine regions selected for these remaining series will be exclusively emailed to the wine-lover's list.

10th June
Thursday, 7pm
- Series 5 -

17th June
Thursday, 7pm
- Series 6 -

8th July
Thursday, 7pm
- Series 7 -

15th July
Thursday, 7pm
- Final Series 8 -



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Takeaway Package



XTC Gelato Takeaway Package

Natural low fat Gelato

**SPECIAL
PROMOTIONAL
PRICE!!**

| Package | Serves approx. | Price |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| 2lt Classic Package | 20 scoops | \$500 |
| 2lt Fun Flavors | 20 scoops | \$650 |
| 4.5lt Classic Package | 45 scoops | \$1,100 |
| 4.5lt Fun Flavors | 45 scoops | \$1,200 |

The package includes the following items, all packed in a poly-foam box to keep the contents cool for hours.

- ◆ One tub of XTC Gelato
- ◆ One sleeve with 12 cones (2x for 4.5lt tubs)
- ◆ One sleeve with 15 cups (2x for 4.5lt tubs)
- ◆ One bag with 15 spoons (2x for 4.5lt tubs)
- ◆ One scooper to make those perfect round scoops (2x for 4.5lt tubs)
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ 2 cooling elements

We have an extensive list of standard flavors as well as a changing list of seasonal specialties.

Flavours available :

Classic : Chocolate XTC or Hong Kong Milk Tea or Caffé Arabica

Fun flavours : Gin Tonic Sorbetto or Pink Grapefruit

For orderings:

Please place your orders at least 72 hours before pick up by email : bar@abclubhk.com or calling Coffeeshop 2552 9494 or 2555 6216



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Mother's Day
with
BOUNTIFUL SUNDAY BRUNCH!

*Free-Flow Sparkling wine for all mothers!

A treat for every Mother, featuring a fabulous range of savoury dishes, carvery and a DIY buffet station.

Sunday 9th May 12pm - 2:30pm

The Main Clubhouse

HK\$319 for adults

HK\$219 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$259 for senior citizens

The Middle Island

HK\$299 for adults

HK\$199 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$239 for senior citizens

(limited seating - please book early!)

Add only **HK\$99** for free-flow Sparkling, Red & White wine, and **HK\$199** with Champagnes from 12pm-2:30pm.



*Free Gift for all Mothers! *Free family photo memorabilia for each table booking!



Welcoming Summer ABC BBQ Gala

with Free-Flow Options at The Patio!!



Saturday, 15th May

7pm • The Galley & Patio

Don't worry if you find it hard to choose from all the seafood, meat & vegetables on the barbeque grills this evening – this is an all-you-can eat event! If you're a BBQ maestro, you can cook sizzling dishes on our outdoor stove; or let our chefs do it for you on this special night. Accompanied by variety of hot and cold dishes, plus ABC special dessert station.

HK\$288 for adults

HK\$228 for senior citizens

HK\$188 for children under 12 years



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



F&B PROMOTION



World of Chinese Cuisine in a Wok! With Chefs Po & Man

Saturday, 22 May
7pm • The Galley & The Patio

HK\$267 for adults

HK\$167 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$207 for senior citizens

Join us for an unforgettable night as you're entertained and inspired by our very popular Chinese Kitchen chefs' outstanding wok skills! They will host the live station on the Patio, to treat you with sumptuous delights from the world of Chinese Cuisine – unique meat, seafood & poultry dishes from different parts of China, and even expanding to the greater ASEAN region. The live stations will be accompanied by savoury cold starters and delicious hot dishes on buffet spread. To round off your meal, enjoy our very own Chinese inspired desserts!



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



Sashimi, Sushi & Katsu Curry Night

with Free-Flow Options

The Galley & The Patio | Saturday, 12 June | 7pm

Summer specials with freshly-cut premium Japanese assorted sashimi (limited to 1 portion per adult), sushi & varieties of battered pork, chicken, prawns, fish in Katsu Curry. There will be unlimited fresh salads, starters, chilled seafood, and a range of Japanese inspired desserts.

Adults: **HK\$299** only

Concessionary price for members over 65 years of age: **HK\$229**

Children (3-12yrs old): **HK\$199** only



Aberdeen Boat Club 香港仔遊艇會



FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY ROAST BRUNCH

WITH FREE-FLOW BOTTLED BEERS FOR ALL DADS!

SUNDAY 20 JUNE
12PM – 2:30PM

THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE

HK\$319
for adults

HK\$219
for children under 12 years of age

HK\$259
for senior citizens

THE MIDDLE ISLAND

HK\$299
for adults

HK\$199
for children under 12 years of age

HK\$239
for senior citizens

LIMITED SEATING, PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

The ABC's generous, British-inspired Sunday roast themed buffet spread, with a variety of cold and hot dishes plus delectable puddings. There will be a family photo booth, and a free gift for all fathers, making this an event that's not to be missed!





ANGUS BEEF

“Four Cuts” Night

with free-flow options!
(Maximum 40pax only)

Back by
Popular
Demand!!

Saturday, 26th June / 7pm
The Galley & The Patio

HK\$368 for adults

HK\$268 for children aged 3-12 years

HK\$308 for senior citizens

Aberdeen Angus cattle were bred in Scotland, and their beef is known for its marbling, consistency, and juicy flavours. This evening, you can sample four different cuts of premium Angus beef, fresh from the grill: Rib-Eye, New Striploin, Tenderloin and Rump. All served with jacket potatoes, steak fries, corn-on-the-cob, carrots, broccoli, salads and your choice of delectable desserts!



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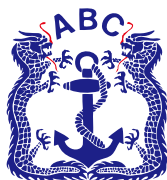
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Pleasure Vessel Grade II Operator Certificate Courses (Part A Master, Part B Engineer)



Part A (Master)

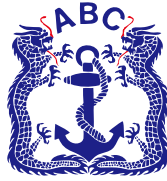
Dates : 19, 20 August 2021; 4, 5 November 2021
Times : 7:00pm to 10:30pm
Syllabus : Rules, Lights, Shapes, Buoyage and Signals, Seamanship, Local knowledge and the Laws of Hong Kong Fire & gas precautions.
Cost : HK\$1,800 for member/person/course. HK\$2,200 for non-member/person/course.

Part B (Engineer)

Dates : 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.)
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38 Pier Road, Central, HK.
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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

19, 20 August 2021 Thursday, Friday

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.

26, 27 August 2021 Thursday, Friday

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Signature

Date

Home Wine Delivery May 2021

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 15th May) 6:30-8:30pm at The Galley & Patio

| WHITE WINE | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Bodega Volcanes Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2019 – Leyda Valley, Chile Complex and evolved the initial aromas offer notes from nettle & green pepper to citrus fruits - lemon and grapefruit. This is coupled with remarkable mineral notes accentuated by the lees. Fresh and lively. Full of character with a creamy mid-palate and an elegant and fantastically long finish. | HK\$100 | | |
| Simonsig Chardonnay 2017 - Stellenbosch, South Africa Bright straw in colour, aroma of an abundance of white and yellow peach, quince and hints of citrus blossom. A seductive creaminess coats the palate, lending complexity and structure. The wine has a well-balanced acidity with beautifully integrated oak and hints of nuttiness. | HK\$115 | | |
| Underwood Pinot Gris 2018 – Oregon, USA Underwood Pinot Gris is a bright and refreshing white wine that brings the Pinot flavor experience to more people. Reflecting the character of the region, this wine was made for backyard BBQ's and summer evenings. Lemon, pear and apple. | HK\$160 | | |
| RED WINE | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
| Simonsig Cabernet Merlot 2018 – Stellenbosch, South Africa The wine displays a dark ruby red colour with youthful aromatics of black currant. Subtle notes of fynbos and spice intertwine with the smooth layered tannins ensuring an easy drinkability. Cabernet Sauvignon 54% Merlot 46% | HK\$95 | | |
| Bodega Volcanes Reserva Pinot Noir 2018 – Casablanca Valley, Chile Sourced from Casablanca Valley. Fresh red fruits such as strawberries, raspberries as well as notes of tea, spice and subtle earthy notes. Fresh acidity, soft and reactive tannins, light-bodied, with a fine, silky and refreshing finish. | HK\$100 | | |
| Terre Di San Gorgone'IL BELL ANTONIO' 2017 – Chianti DOCG, Italy Slightly developed, dried vegetal, nutty, earthy and gamey with subdued berry tones. More mature on the palate, partly preserved fruit, mature tannins, dried vegetal notes, nutty, earthy and metallic notes, resinous notes, attractive finish. | HK\$105 | | |
| Hahn Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – California, USA Raspberry, cassis and cedar with a hint of tobacco on the nose. A rush of ripe dark fruits, plums, overripe cherry and spice fill the mouth on the back of a tight, moderately tannic core. | HK\$155 | | |
| Kono Pinot Noir 2016– Marlborough, New Zealand Deep ruby colour, aroma of cherry, plum and bright floral notes with hints of wild thyme. On the palate: ripe red & dark fruit, spice and integrated French oak underpinned by nuances of dry herbs and savoury characteristics. This wine is balanced with silky tannins with long and elegant finish. | HK\$160 | | |
| J. Lohr Estate Los Osos Merlot 2018 – Paso Robles, California, USA Big and chunky, with gorgeous fruit intensity and Pomerol-like flavors. Full bodied and rich, goes extremely well with Roast Beef. | HK\$195 | | |
| Pertaringa Undercover Shiraz 2018 – McLaren Vale, Australia Rich aromas of mocha and dark berry fruit, balanced with the spice and the velvety tannin structure, mark this out as something quite special. | HK\$210 | | |
| **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) _____

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All wines are subject to availability

Home Wine Delivery June 2021

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 26th June) 6:30-8:30pm at The Galley & Patio

| SPARKLING | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
|---|---------------|-----|--------|
| Terre di Sant'Alberto, Tenet Brut, Prosecco DOC NV – Veneto, Italy The fresh, elegant bouquet offers flowery sensations merging into a typically fruity harmonious complexity with intense aromas reminiscent of golden apple. | HK\$120 | | |
| WHITE WINE | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
| Forrest Estate, Sauvignon Blanc 2018 – Marlborough, New Zealand "Some attractive aromas of fresh limes and green mangoes and flavors in the passion-fruit zone. Very fresh." - James Suckling (JS 90) | HK\$165 | | |
| Conte d'Attimis Maniago, Pinot Grigio Classico, Colli Orientali del Friuli DOC 2018 – Friuli, Italy The characteristic, elegant and intense bouquet is rich in oak, walnut husk, yellow peaches and golden apples. Harmonious and sophisticated with marked yeasty hints. | HK\$180 | | |
| William Fèvre, Chablis Domaine 2018 – Chablis, France "This is rich and ripe, offering peach, honey and lemon flavors. Turns bracing and compact, with a long, minerally finish." - Wine Spectator (WS 91) | HK\$270 | | |
| RED WINE | Selling Price | Qty | Amount |
| Vetus, Flor de Vetus 2017 – Toro, Spain "More rustic and earthier character of Toro. The fruit is darker and there is more tannin, but there is good freshness and balance too, and it finishes very tasty, with an almost salty twist." - Wine Advocate (WA 90) | HK\$170 | | |
| Finca Sopenia, Estate Wine Malbec 2018 – Mendoza, Argentina "A very fresh cassis nose with an assertive array of red plums, blackberries and raspberries. The palate has finesse and power. A good balance." - James Suckling (JS 92) | HK\$170 | | |
| Le Miccine, Chianti Classico DOCG 2018 – Tuscany, Italy "A fruity and flavorful red with red-cherry, walnut and cedar character. Some dried flowers. Medium-bodied. Pretty fruit. Fresh finish. From organically grown grapes." - James Suckling (JS 90) | HK\$230 | | |
| Powell & Son, Barossa Valley Shiraz 2018 – Barossa Valley, Australia Generous in its dark plum and blackberry fruits. Notes of tar and graphite follow with hints of dried herbs and tobacco. The palate is rounded and supple with dark fruits and a supple tannin backbone which brings with it coffee ground and cedar flavours. | HK\$240 | | |
| Le Macchiole, Bolgheri DOC Rosso 2018 – Tuscany, Italy "Aromas of currants, dried flowers and black licorice follow through to a full to medium-bodied with medium chewy tannins and a long, fine finish. A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah." - James Suckling (JS 93) | HK\$280 | | |
| Long Meadow Ranch, Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 – Napa Valley, USA "Aromas and flavors of ripe fruit, tar and hints of neoprene. Medium to full-bodied, silky tannins and a medium finish." - James Suckling (JS 89) | HK\$525 | | |
| Grand Total : | | | |

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