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Dates	Yachts - ABC	Dinghies	Yachts - Others Clubs
November 2020			
Sun 1	ABC Waglan Series Race 3 & 4		HHYC 24hrs Dinghy Race
Sat 7		RHKYC Around Middle Island Race	HHYC Monsoon Winter 2
Sun 8			RHKYC Around the Island Race
Sat 14			RHKYC Lipton Trophy
Sun 15	ABC Waglan Series Race 5		
Sat 21		HKSF Selection	HHYC Monsoon Winter 3
Sun 22		HKSF Selection / ABC Tong Po Chau Series Autumn Race 3	HKSF Match Racing Nationals
Sat 28		ABC Southside Regatta	
Sun 29		ABC Southside Regatta	HKSF Match Racing Nationals
December 2020			
Sat 5			COA Christmas Cup / HHYC Monsoon Winter 4
Sun 6	ABC Waglan Series Race 6		
Sat 12			HHYC Monsoon Winter 5
Sun 20		RHKYC Pre Christmas 3	
Sat 26			HHYC Treasure Hunt
January 2021			
Sat 9			RHKYC HKRNVR Memorial Vase
Sun 10	ABC Waglan Series Race 7		
Sat 16			HHYC Kowloon Cup
Sun 17			HHYC Kowloon Cup
Sat 23		RHKYC Hong Kong Race Week (19-24 Jan)	
Sun 24	ABC Waglan Series Race 8 & 9		
Sun 31		RHKYC Post Christmas 1	RHKYC Queen Beatrix Cup





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Chris Pooley
Commodore

Once in a Blue Moon *Old saw reference to a rare event*

In reality the event is by no means rare. October's Blue Moon----being the second Full Moon in a calendar month----is the second in 2½ years in line with the normal frequency of 2-3 years. A rarer event is two Blue Moons in a calendar year which occurred in 2018, with the next scheduled for 2037.

October's Full Moons included the Harvest Moon on the 1st with the second, the Hunter's Moon — being the Blue Moon---coinciding with Halloween on the 31st. How's that for party planning by the GM! Both Eastern and Western Cultures give thanks for the Harvest, but with greater emphasis in Chinese Society with the Mid-Autumn, or Lantern Festival, on the 15th day of the 8th month in the traditional Chinese *lunisolar* calendar. In fact it's the most important holiday after CNY, and as such has been celebrated since the Shang Dynasty some 3000 years ago. Anyone moon-gazing on the 1st would also have seen the striking red glow from Mars adjacent to the rising moon.

As the Mid-Autumn event occurs variously around the date of the Autumnal Equinox [22nd Sept] it is a fairly accurate harbinger of the Monsoon transition. Remarkably so this year, as the very next day the wind backed suddenly to the NE and has since settled in bringing its welcome cooler, less humid weather.

This year's Autumn sailing season came in a bang as the Opening Regatta races on Saturday 19th Sept saw 28 entrants wrestle with very squally conditions and blinding rain. Two races were successfully completed but a third was called off in the face of a towering black cloud mass scudding towards the start line. Sunday's race was delayed due to lack of wind! But after the start line was shifted seawards the breeze came in giving very

pleasant sailing conditions. All credit to our Marine staff for their calm management in the different conditions. If that be taken as a cue, we could be in for an interesting Waglan Series, which got underway on the 4th Oct. One other positive achievement, thanks to our Marine Dept's initiative and keen cooperation by participants, ABC was awarded Gold in the new Clean Regatta Programme on our first entry. An accolade to live up to.

Adult, Youth and children's Dinghy sailing courses are once again full, a welcome relief after the forced Covid-induced cancellations in the Summer. With travel still restricted and greater numbers effectively stuck in HK, there has been an upsurge in demand. Similarly, although not yet back to normal, Club life is ticking along reasonably well. HK as a whole has coped much better with the Covid issue than most other places, so with luck we can look forward to further easing within the year.

Regular website Notices and circulars keep members up to date with upcoming events, of which there are many in the Nov-Dec period, including some innovative menu changes. Three dates of note are: The AGM on Wed 25th Nov; the dinghy Southside Regatta on 28th-29th Nov, always keenly attended with over 100 entries; and the Commodore's Cup Golf Match versus RHKYC on Fri 4th Dec.

And of course so much on offer at the Club as usual over the Christmas period. Followed by what is sure to be a big celebration to say goodbye to what has been an awful year, the Club's renowned NYE party.

In the meantime I urge all members to make the most of what *your* Club has to offer.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER



Philippe de Manny
General Manager

Dear Member,

Welcome to the November/December magazine – the last issue for this terrible year, 2020.

Let's hope that 2021 will be coming to us with better prospect than the last 12 months.

While mentioning 2021: booking for our New Year's Eve party is now open; the theme is "Mask- Querade", so please get creative and wear your best costume and mask. The Christmas booklet with all its parties and goodies is on the way; there is booking as usual through info@abclubhk.com.

I can only hope that this year you will be extra generous with your support to Feeding Hong Kong, our long time charity recipients, in light of the difficulties others in Hong Kong face in even getting a proper meal a day.

The opening regatta went ahead this year despite COVID; this was already a small victory over this virus, and our winter series, the "WAGLAN SERIES", has already started. For the non-sailing aficionados, the Waglans are 12 races in the south of Hong Kong, with 2 windward leeward days and 2 intermediate mini-series. These are the Club's prime series, with extensive IRC and HKPN divisions. This year we are again very thankful for Kraken Rum and Fuegy supporting the running of these events.

Last but not least on the sailing, it is now time to get ready for the Four Peaks Race on 6 and 7 February 2021. We always need runners, so if you have not yet done this race and you can run the uphill, contact us – we will put you in contact with boat skippers to get trained and ready for this crazy yet fantastic overnight sailing, rowing and running race.

MIDDLE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

The last 18 month have been spent actively putting together the full Environmental Impact Assessment for our entire project. Arcadis, Cinotech and Urbis are the three main consultants

to assist us in compiling this enormous amount of surveys and documents that must be reviewed and accepted by various department of Hong Kong SAR (to name a few, the Environmental Protection Department, the Agriculture and Fisheries Conservation Department and Port Authorities).

These documents includes ecological surveys, urban disturbance surveys, visual impact, traffic impact and obviously the whole package of utility management and construction methodology. In late 2019, we had yet another setback in our progress by the finding of a very rare species of fish. This required a complete reshape and rethink of the project construction method and options that added practically another year to the submission. We sincerely hope that by the time you read this article, the final submission of our EIA will be delivered and it will be in the hands of the government, so it can give us the green light or not. That process will yet take two to three years even without any public objections.

Talking about public opinion: on 15 October we ran a second public consultation, inviting views from stakeholders on the proposed development. This is part of the preparation of the EIA Report. Eight District Councillors and seven Green Groups were invited, and at the time I am writing this article we hope to have a very productive and positive response to the entire project.

The path to this project has been very long for you and us, and full of hurdles to progress, little by little, towards the approval. It is not yet finished, but we are getting closer than ever to completion of the strenuous exercise.

TOWN HALL MEETING

To know even more about where we stand, there is a town hall meeting planned on Saturday 14 November, from 11am to 2pm, on Middle Island. Registration will be necessary as there are now some COVID 19 restrictions in terms of social distancing, which may be changed by then; these include maximum capacity for essential meetings Details will be communicated closer to the event.

MIDDLE ISLAND CHILD SUPERVISION

I must remind members that swimming is not safe and discouraged on Middle Island due to the boating activities. If you do swim, please try to stay within the delimited area near the eastern pontoon.

Also, children below the age of 12 must not be left unattended. The Club rule applies on Middle Island as well. Yet we had an incident, which thankfully did not turn into a disaster, in October – just because parents were not looking after their three-year old child playing alone on the pontoon.

Pontoons are not playgrounds; they are for boats to dock, and for passengers to embark and disembark.

AUTOMATIC CARPARK LABEL RENEWAL FOR 2021

Each member can apply a maximum of five car park permits. Car Park Permit Cost: 1st \$2,000, 2nd \$1,000, 3rd \$1,000, 4th \$1,000, 5th \$1,000

To simplify the renewal of carpark labels, an automatic renewal system will be implemented as of 1 January 2021. New labels will be sent to all existing carpark label holders. However, should members not wish to renew their carpark label or

need to make changes to the details on their labels, please contact Cobo on 2553 3032 email mbs@abclubhk.com before 30 November 2020.



POPULAR WINE EVENINGS, GRAND WHISKY TOUR, PLUS CIGARS AND RUM, AT ABC

Friday evenings in October at ABC saw an average of 60 attending aficionados for our complete Wine Tour of Spain, featuring 5 different wine regions: Penedes, Rias Baixas, Cadiz, La Rioja & Jerez! On 9 October, we even had to open the function room.

Another great new regular event that is now getting fully booked very fast is our 5 World Single malts tour, featuring Japanese, Irish & Scottish Single malts, unique tasting sequence with canapes pairing. The first one was held on 16 October; now we're forward to the next date.

On 23 October, there was a Chateau Chauvin St. Emilion Grand Cru Classé Wine Dinner, with a special wine education session conducted by award winning Sommelier Stephen Raducki (previous head sommelier at Petrus, Shangri-La).

On 30 October, there was a cigar discovery featuring 3 terroirs – Nicaragua, Honduras & Dominican Republic! The South American Cigar & Plantations Rum Night, with BBQ, was another great success, held at Middle Island.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

A South African Wine Dinner featuring The Bernard Series Limited Release from The Bellingham Winery, on 12 November.

Keep a look out for further info, as there will be many additional special dinners around the festive season, and as the seats are extremely limited, the invitations are sent out to the members who are on the "ABC Wine Lover's List". Please email Robin at fnb@abclubhk.com to be included on the list. The requirement is simple: you must love your drink!





GENERAL MANAGER'S LETTER

WHO SAID GOLF IS BORING?

Finally, we managed to have our first and probably only golf match this year. Deep Water Bay welcomed the 27 golfers from ABC for a gorgeous sunny and windy day. Once again, we played a Stableford but with a few tweaks this time. Only 5 clubs were allowed, and three other games were played within the main event. On hole 5, there was “Bingo, Bango, Bongo!”: one extra point to the first player in the group to get the ball on the green (bingo); the player whose ball is closest to the pin once all balls are on the green gets a point (bango); and finally, the player in the group who is first to hole out gets a point (bongo). On holes 10 to 18, “Rabbit hunt” was organised: the first player to have the low score on a hole captures the Rabbit (no ties). If on the next hole someone else is the low scorer, the Rabbit is set free. Then, the title of Rabbit can be won by the next player to earn the lowest score (again, no ties) on a hole. The winner of that extra point is the Rabbit holder on the 18th. And finally, triple six, which should have been called the triple seven: on the entire course, If someone wins a hole outright, they get 4 points. The player that comes in second gets 2 points. The third player gets 1 point. If 2 players tie for the win they each get 3 points, the bottom player gets none.

RESULTS OF THE DAY

The great winners were
Elsa Leung, first lady, with Stableford 28; and
Chris Williams, best Stableford 37

Nearest the pin	
1	Chris Williams
4	John Berry
10	Jonathan Cheng Yiu Cheong
13	no one
Longest drive	
8	Lam Wang Hoi
9	Glenn Smith
17	Jonathan Cheng Yiu Cheong
18	Stein Olson



Chris Williams men's winner and Commodore Chris Pooley.



Mrs. Natalie Berry most golf prize winner.



Steve Olson and Commodore LONGEST DRIVE.



Jonathan Longest Drive.



Elsa Leung first lady winner.



SOUTHSIDE REGATTA

28 & 29 NOVEMBER 2020



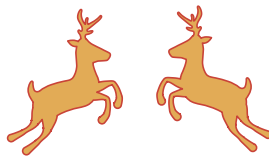
ENTRY DEADLINE - 23 November

ENQUIRIES - misportsrec@abclubhk.com

Notice of Race and Online entry from available at:

www.abcmiddleisland.com/southside-regatta or scan QR code





November & Christmas Junior & Youth Sailing Courses



**Bookings open
on:**

**5 October - Members
19 October - Non-Members**

Saturday courses:

Nov 7, 14, 21

Dec 5, 12, 19

Junior Stage 1 & 2

Junior 3 & Reacher

Course weeks:

14 -18 Dec, 20 -24 Dec

28 - 1 Jan, 4 - 8 Jan

Junior Stage 1 - 4 & Reacher

Youth Level 1- 3 & Reacher

RS Feva course will be running
during these week.

Visit our website to find out more!





Happy Holidays!

warm greetings from the Marine & Sailing Team!

Dear Members,

This year has been filled with unique challenges, but we are most grateful that we have your continuous support!

Our sailing centre at Middle Island has been kept busy with sailing, powerboat, SUP courses and Race Academy team training. We are glad to see so many of you are back on the water!

We have two pieces of news to share with you, the first one being our club's annual Opening Regatta this year has been awarded a Gold Level Clean Regatta Certificate by Sailors for the Seas! This is a first clean regatta for the club and it is most encouraging. You can read more about the Clean Regatta in the 'Restore our Home' article later in this magazine!

Secondly, we welcome Daniel Dolega, a new Headcoach to our ARA Team, particularly to the 29er team. However, if you have children that would like to join the ARA Team, please feel free to email him or speak to him when you next visit the club!

Finally, our Christmas Junior & Youth courses are open for registration, so make sure to sign up as early as possible and we look forward to seeing you and your family around the club this holiday season!

Sincerely yours,

The Marine & Sailing Team

WELL WISHES AND HOLIDAY CHEERS TO YOUR FAMILY!



MIDDLE ISLAND SPORT & RECREATION UPDATE

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ARA Regatta Calendar

28 & 29 Nov	ABC Southside Regatta	@ MI
19 -24 Jan 2021	Hong Kong Race Week	@ MI
13 & 14 Mar	RHKYC Interschool Sailing Festival	@ MI
20 & 21 Mar	HKSF Festival of Sports	@ MI
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.



ARA Trial Days

We were pleased to be able to reschedule the August trials to September and have welcomed sailors to the new Optimist Team C.

This is our new entry level team to the ARA and the sailors join training on Thursday afterschool and Saturday afternoons.

If you would like to know more about joining the ARA team you can contact Daniel!



NEW HEAD COACH - DANIEL

New Head Race Coach, Daniel Dolega joined us on the 1st October and you have probably already met him at Middle Island. Here is his own introduction....

After a very exciting first few weeks on duty as a Head Race Coach in Aberdeen Boat Club I would like to introduce myself.

I'm Daniel Dolega I came from Poland to Hong Kong catching great opportunity for a life adventure and make some mile steps in my coaching career.

The beginning of my sailing adventure started even before I was born as my dad which was an amazing 470 sailor and now he is a head coach in Polish Yacht Club. I started sailing by myself when I was around 7 years old on an Optimist. After I grew out of this class I got into beach catamarans like the F20 and F18, crewing in the professional Exploder Sailing Team. Meanwhile I get an opportunity to also sail the 420 class and get into serious racing in my age group. Meanwhile the 29er class arrived in our country and I have started racing against Szymon that's how we met and become good friends.

When I turned 18 my youth sailing career ended and the new chapter started – Olympic sailing classes. I have sailed on 49er crewing and helming then I get invited to be a crew in 470 Polish National Team. After a year with National Team I needed to stop competitive sailing and take care of myself – that's how I started my coaching career in age of 22.

I have started as a 2nd coach with optimist team in my main club. After one completing one season I created my own very successful 29er team in the same club. The 29er squad achieved a few medals at the European and World Championships with also some good top 10 results in this events and filled the podium at the Polish Championships. This sailors are now achieving very good results in 49er, 49er FX and Nacra17.

From time to time I was joining some training camps and team training as a sparing partner on 49er, 49er FX, RS:X, Nacra 17 and some bigger boat sailing: Micro Class (finishing 1st n Racer division in World Championships), VO70 ' I Love Poland ' project, Soto 40 racing, Delphia 24 (winning Business league) and many more.

Now I am regularly windfoiling on windy days off and playing ice hockey in Hong Kong Amateur League.

I am very thankful for the great opportunity becoming a Head Racing Coach in this Club and I believe we will achieve very good results with our team.

See you on the water! - Daniel - headracecoach@abclubhk.com



MATCH RACING

This course is aimed at adult sailors. Following the success of the club Match Racing Day in May a new training course will be run at ABC to promote this fun, tactical exciting format of racing. 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:

Course 1:

Theory Evening: 30 November (Mon) 7-9pm at ABC Main Club

Practical sessions: 5 & 6 December (Sat & Sun) 9am-5pm at Middle Island



Additional class will be offered in 2021 if there is a lot of interest.

More details and book online <https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/dinghy-match-racing>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Southside Regatta 28 & 29 November

This is the Club's annual open dinghy regatta and over 100 entries are expected and racing will take place on two race courses. We need your help to make this event a success.

Volunteers are needed for safety, mark laying, race management and onshore support. We have been recruiting since September and throughout October through the weekly emails. If you are interested and available to assist and haven't already been in touch with the ABC Sailing Office please register on the regatta website via www.abcmiddleisland.com

Christmas Junior & Youth Sailing Courses



The schedule is online and open for booking. We are offering all the usual Junior and Youth Courses over 4 weeks to try and catch as many of the school holidays as possible.

As advised previously by email, ABC members booking opened on 5 October, two weeks before non-members. If you haven't booked yet you can check out the latest schedule and availability online at:

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

Adult Sailing Courses



The following courses are scheduled throughout the year. For more details and dates visit the website:

<https://www.abcmiddleisland.com/adult-sailing>

Adult Beginners	5 day course	Monthly
Intermediate Courses	1 day course	Most Saturdays
Adult Racing Club	1 day course	Most Sundays
Intro to Lasers	2 day course	Once per month
Adult Level 3	5 day course	Next course in Nov
Advanced Courses	2 day course	By request

Powerboat Training Courses



RYA Powerboat Level 1 & 2	2 day course
RYA Safety Boat Course	2 day course
Powerboat Refresher	1 day course
Powerboat Trip	1 day course



ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB

Opening Regatta 2020



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By Chris Howarth

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The forecast of south easterlies from 13 to 19 knots, gusting 23, sounded promising for Day 1 of the Aberdeen Boat Club's Opening Regatta 2020. Fortunately, the sky was clear on Saturday, the 19th of September although rain clouds were skirting the race area as race officer, Alex Johnston, anchored east of Lamma Island and made preparations for two windward /leewards with the possibility of a third for IRC.

First off at 1030 were the four IRC 0 boats, their course comprising three laps to a windward mark at 120 degrees and 1.2 nautical miles distant. Ambush led off the line with Redeye, Phoenix an Intrigue in pursuit.

The six IRC 1 and four IRC 2 boats followed in a combined start but aggressive tactics, particularly by Red Kite II and Calamansi, saw the majority of the fleet over, resulting in a general recall. Their race restarted at 1045 with Daydream leading. Jinn tacked early and was lucky to escape the approaching Arcturus.

The breeze was still holding at 10 to 12 knots as nine HKPN A boats started on two laps of a shorter 1.1nm inner course. XT and Lisa Elaine led off the line. Lisa Elaine tacked early but had to turn back to avoid Generations. The Beneteau Oceanis 51.1, Legende II, brought up the rear.

The five HKPN B boats followed with Jibulai leading at the pin, ahead of Five O One, Boss, The Farr Side and finally Shun Shui.

Around 1140 news from the top mark was that the wind had reached 20 knots as a squall fast approached. It swept down the race track catching several boats off guard, including Ding Dong and the J-80 JeNa PaBe.

With all boats finished, the RO chose to wait for the rain to pass before starting another race. Ambush opted for the slightly biased pin-end for the IRC 0 start at 1210, leading Redeye and Intrigue over the line in the 7-knot breeze, with Phoenix having retired.

Five minutes later the combined IRC 1 and 2 fleets followed. Calamansi gambled on a port tack start at the pin-end. Having cleared Daydream, it was then obliged to duck Arcturus before tacking on to starboard.

Finally HKPN B got going with Jibulai first out of the blocks.

Meanwhile the breeze oscillated between 120 and 140 degrees, as squalls swept across the course. Redeye saw 30 knots but was more concerned more about visibility, while Jarrah recorded 33 knots.

Although contemplating a third race for the IRC boats, it was questionable if conditions would improve, so the RO sent the fleet home.

In IRC 0, Ambush finished the day with line honours in both races with a win in the first and 2nd in Race 2. Intrigue scored a 2nd and 3rd and Redeye a 3rd and 1st in Races 1 and 2 respectively.

Daydream took line honours in the first race for IRC 1, finishing 2nd on corrected, with Arcturus 1st and Jinn 3rd. In Race 2, Rampage took the honours with Arcturus 2nd and Daydream 3rd.

In IRC 2, Red Kite II did the daily double in both races with Calamansi runner-up and Legende (Dynamite 2) 3rd in both.

Lisa Elaine took line honours in HKPN A's Race 1 but slipped to 3rd on handicap with Generations 1st and Zesst 2nd. Jarrah was first to the line in Race 2 for 2nd on handicap, beaten by Zesst with Generations 3rd.

In HKPN B, Jibulai took line and handicap honours in both races with Shun Shui 2nd and Boss 3rd in both.

By the time the committee boat left the typhoon shelter on Sunday, the 20th of September, the grey clouds had already closed in. On reaching Repulse Bay, the rain set in and the RO reluctantly raised the AP postponement flag at 1025.

At 1100, what little wind there was fluctuated widely. With the breeze expected to fill in from the east, the RO asked the fleet to follow him towards Stanley where the new start line would be laid. Fortunately a 3-knot and building breeze filled in from the east and finally racing got underway with the warning signal for IRC 0 sounded at 1230.





Due to the late start and unreliable conditions, Alex Johnston selected a short 11-nautical-mile course for everyone to Castle Rock, followed by a loop around the Tai Tam mark and back to Castle Rock, before finishing off Round Island, with the Chesterman Buoy dropped from both the outward and return legs.

At 1235 Ambush led over the line in the IRC 0 start whilst Blue Bunny brought up the rear, heading for a windward mark at 90 degrees, 0.3nm distant, which Ambush reached first.

The IRC 1 and 2 boats were more restrained in their combined start with Rampage leading IRC 1 at the pin end along with Legende (Dynamite 2) in IRC 2. At the committee vessel end, Wicked was early and obliged to restart. Arcturus beat Rampage to the windward mark.

Vixen and Jarrah had the best starts in HKPN A. Despite turning up, Legende II did not start due to rigging concerns.

On the gun, at 1250, Jibulai led the HKPN B fleet across the line with Shun Shui, Boss and Five O One close by.

Ambush reached Castle Rock first and back to Castle Rock after rounding the Tai Tam mark, and finished in 1:19:04 to take the honours, win the IRC 0 series and the Tau Chau Cup. Blue Bunny finished 2nd in the race but, having missed Saturday, finished 4th in the series. Redeye finished 3rd on the day to claim 2nd in the series, while Intrigue's 4th place gave it 3rd in the series.

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The A35, Red Kite II, comfortably led the IRC 2 fleet around the course for line and handicap honours to finish with three bullets to take the series and the Lamma Channel Cup. Legende (Dynamite 2) finished 2nd in the race and 3rd in the series, while Calamansi finished 3rd in Race 3 and 2nd in the series.

The Salona 42, Jarrah, successfully carried its kite around Castle Rock on the return leg to lead the HKPN A fleet home but finished 3rd on handicap, beaten by both Zesst and XT on handicap. With two wins, Zesst claimed the series and the Pacific Cup with Generations breaking its tie for 2nd with Jarrah having won Race 1.

Finally, in HKPN B, Jibulai took line honours but was beaten by Shun Shui on handicap, Boss finished 3rd, as it did in the series. Shun Shu claimed 2nd in the series won by Jibulai for the Adamasta Channel Cup.

Having lost two hours at the start, the general feeling was that the race management team had done an excellent job under the circumstances. Patience had been a virtue . . .

No doubt when social distancing regulations are further relaxed the awards function will be held with gusto. Meanwhile most of the crews of the 29 competing boats were just happy to be back out on the water.

Thank you..

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and marine staff, without their help the regatta will not be able to run so smoothly and swiftly.

Thank you Elise Philipson, Douglas Dryden, Howie Suen, Richard Knight, Sebastian Ortel, Donovan Le Roux.

Clean Regatta 2020

We would also like to thank all sailors and volunteers for supporting our efforts in reducing our regattas' negative impact on the ocean.

Because of your efforts, the Opening Regatta was awarded the Gold Level Clean Regattas Certificate. You can learn more about Clean Regattas and how you can help in the 'Restoring our home' article in the following pages!



RESTORING OUR HOME

For all of our club members, the ocean is our second home, majority of our life is dependent on the ocean from providing oxygen, to food & water and a place for all our much loved water-based activities.

However, with the increase of pollution and rubbish dumped into the ocean, it is affecting the health of our ocean and ultimately, it will affect all of us. Therefore it is important to start restoring the health of our home - the ocean.

Over the years, the club has introduced policies to reduce the club's negative impact on the environment, such as:

- ban single use plastic bags;
- ban single use plastic straws and cutleries;
- ban single use plastic water bottles;
- increase recycling rates within the club;
- consciously sourcing club shop products that are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

It is with the support & encouragement of club members that we have been able to successfully implement them.

To further reduce our negative impact and help the ocean, the Sailing and Marine Committee has committed all the club's sailing regattas to qualify as a Clean Regatta.

What is Clean Regatta?

Clean Regatta is the world's leading sustainability certification programme for water-based events. It is administered by Sailors for the Sea, a nonprofit organisation that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters.

Since it started in 2006, over 2,300 regattas and 660,000 sailors in over 40 countries have participated in the programme!

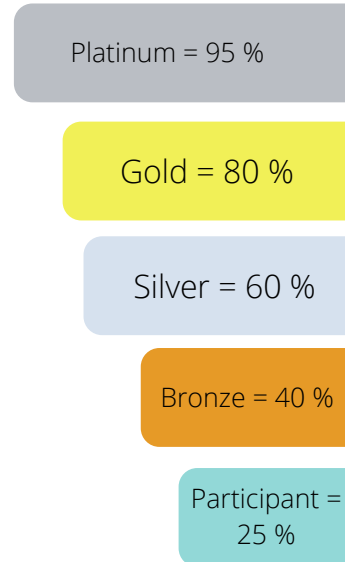
How does it work?

The programme gives organizers a tool kit with 20 best practices that are rooted in 5 interconnected sustainability themes.

Each regatta is awarded a certificate based on the percentage of points earned in implementing the 20 'Best Practices'.

There are 5 levels of award ranging from Participant to Platinum.

The 5 sustainability themes





Gold!

With the support of sailors and volunteers at the Opening Regatta 2020, the regatta was awarded a Gold Level Certificate!

The next upcoming sailing regatta registered to be assessed as a Clean Regatta is the Southside Regatta 2020 to be held on 28 & 29 November.

We would like to seek the continue support from all members of the club and regatta participants.

How to help the ocean outside regattas

You might ask what other ways you as a boater who doesn't participate in regattas can help the ocean and the answer is there are many!

Besides the 'Restore the Ocean Bingo' on the next page, you can visit the Sailors for the Sea website and download their 'Green Boating Guide'. It contains a lot of easy ways to help the ocean, so don't get scared to get started!

*You can view the Hong Kong Biodiversity map at WWF website.

Wildlife in Hong Kong

Besides reducing and removing rubbish from the sea, efforts are also required on helping the inhabitants of the ocean, namely all sea creatures.

Hong Kong a city famous for its sky scrappers surprisingly has a lot of wildlife* from sea to sky. The sea list includes Chinese White Dolphin, around 110 species of corals (the Great Barrier Reef roughly has 600 species) and the Green Sea Turtle.

For the Green Sea Turtles, they have a nesting ground at Sham Wan, Lamma Island. This beach is off limits to all from 1st June to 31st October every year. You can visit the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to learn more and see their other conservations efforts.

Positive Impact

The club will continue to look for ways to increase its positive impact on the environment. So sign up to the club's newsletter to know about the latest green initiatives around the club!

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue on this journey to help restore the ocean's health.

RESTORE OUR OCEAN BINGO

To help you get started, below is a list of actions you can take to help restore our ocean's health.

How many can you cross off?

 <p>SAY NO TO ALL SINGLE USE PLASTIC ITEMS</p>	 <p>USE REUSABLE BAG</p>	 <p>USE REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE</p>
 <p>USE REEF FRIENDLY SUNSCREEN</p>	 <p>REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE</p>	 <p>BEWARE OF LOCAL WILDLIFE AND HABITAT PROTECTION</p>
 <p>CAR POOL OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p>	 <p>EAT SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD</p>	 <p>PARTICIPATE IN BEACH CLEAN UPS</p>



WAGLAN SERIES 2020 -2021

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Conditions had stabilised for the first race of the Waglan Series 2020-21, held on Sunday, the 4th of October 2020, after a blustery week. Race officer, Alex Johnston, setting up the start line at the mouth of Repulse Bay for the Island Race, was relieved to find conditions stronger than expected. There an 8- to 9-knot east-southeasterly was prevailing.

It was not long before the first spinnakers appeared approaching and passing Castle Rock. The breeze had eased to 3-5 knots where they found themselves fighting the ebbing spring tide after the recent Moon Festival.

Eleven of the 12 boats entered in divisions IRC 1 and 2 in the Series set off, in a combined start, on the gun at 1100, with Jarrah in IRC 1 the only absentee. Daydream in IRC 1 and Arcturus in IRC 2 led the fleet heading for the Tai Tam Club Mark, on Course #18 A, with no windward mark set and the Chesterman Buoy eliminated on both the outward and inward legs. Jinn (IRC 1) and Ding Dong (IRC 2) brought up the rear.

First back after nearly 2.5 hours was JeNa PaBe followed by Jibulai, which claimed handicap honours. JeNe PaBe finished 2nd with Generations 3rd.



Boss was the first of the four HKPN B boats to finish after three hours, but slipped to 2nd on handicap. Shun Shui took handicap honours with Five-O-One 3rd. Under white sails only, without a spinnaker, White Crane brought up the rear, finishing 4th in the division after four hours and sixteen minutes.

Seven boats in HKPN A and B followed five minutes later. Shun Shui and the J-80, JeNa PaBe, on Course #18B, also headed for the Tai Tam Club Mark to be taken to starboard. Boss brought up the rear.

Neo One crossed the finish line first in IRC 1 but was relegated to 3rd on handicap. It was a close finish between Jinn and Juggerknot. Juggerknot gybed just before the line and lost time. Jinn finished 22 seconds ahead and claimed handicap honours. Juggerknot placed 2nd.



The majority of boats passed well clear of the Tai Tam mark whilst Jinn passed relatively close. The IRC fleet then continued on their 16-nautical-mile race to Fury Rocks (p), Sung Kong (s), returning via Castle Rock (s) and into the finish off Round Island.

Red Kite II comfortably led the five IRC 2 boats home, to take both line and handicap honours.

Meanwhile the HKPN fleet, having passed the Tai Tam mark (s) then headed for Beaufort Island (s) Castle Rock (s) and back to Round Island, a distance of approximately 12 nautical miles.

Wicked finished 2nd but was relegated to 4th on corrected with Ding Dong 2nd and Arcturus 3rd. Zesst placed 5th, while Sea Wings, the penultimate boat to finish, placed 6th after an elapsed time of four hours, six minutes and 31 seconds.



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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*Seen through the eyes
of imagination*



WAGLAN
SERIES
2020-2021





Club Shop

Sustainable & Environmentally Friendly Products



Sun Bum Sunscreens

Besides doing its job exceedingly well, all packaging from this line of sunscreen is recyclable & most importantly its **reef friendly!**

- Water Resistant (80 Minutes)
- Paraben Free
- Oxybenzone Free
- Cruelty Free

The club shop currently stocks the following:

- SPF 50 Sunscreen Lotion (237ml)
- Clear Zinc SPF 50 (30ml)
- Mineral Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50 (88ml)
- Cooling Aloe Gel (237ml)



Mood Deodorant by Coconut Matters

Want to reduce the chemicals you put on your body?
Want to reduce waste?
Want to purchase products that are Fair Trade?

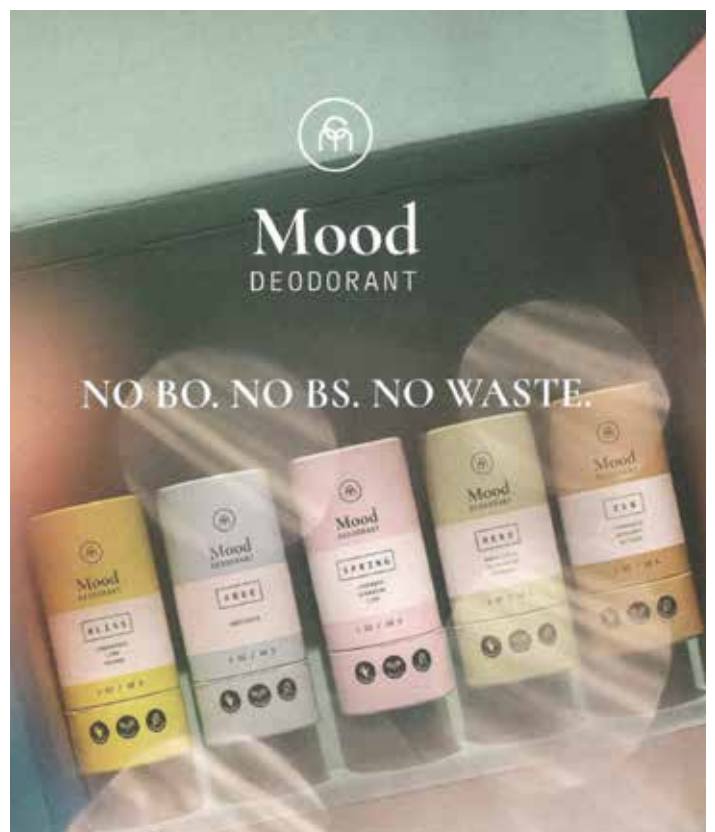
Try Mood Deodorant! It is:

- Made with all natural blossoming ingredients
- Vegan & Cruelty free
- All handmade
- Zero plastic
- Fair Trade

Best part is it leaves ZERO residues, stickiness or stains!

The club shop currently stocks the following scents:

- Bliss
- Free
- Spring
- Hero
- Zen



Wonderlust Cruising

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Want to cruise to the many stunning seaside locations around Hong Kong? Join our cruising members on their adventures! Don't forget to bring the beer and most importantly a great sense of fun & adventure!

The group has received a lot of contribution from members: Alex Leung, Andres Hernandez & David Rees. With their help the cruising group has been able to visit Hong Kong far & wide.

Below is their upcoming itinerary from November 2020 - February 2021. If you would like to join them, send them a message on their Facebook page!

Thanksgiving at Lamma

Get together for a weekend of nothing after all that food. Anchor off the beach, swim to shore & enjoy light drinks & snacks to start the festive season.



Stanley Christmas Market

A day of independent sailing & late afternoon rendezvous at Stanley Bay for shore party to the market followed by boat flotilla with Christmas lights to Middle Island for BBQ and/or overnighting.



Po Toi O Flotilla

A day of independent sailing & rendezvous at Po Toi O in Clearwater Bay. Anchor in the bay with self-supported dinghies to the town pier. Dine in local seafood restaurant with a night at anchor in the bay.



Double Haven Flotilla

4 days of tranquil sailing around the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark.

60 secs to start... and counting...

For people who are in a rush - summary of the Sailing and Marine section

Marine

Yacht Sailing

Dinghy Sailing

Pontoon access

Pontoon access cards **are not transferable.**

The club's **guest policy** applies on pontoons too!

If you do not have a pontoon access card, please apply for one at the club reception.

MI Pontoon

Members are free to use finger pontoons at MI except the marked dinghy pontoon and when there is a club event or race on.

Check with marine office in advance to avoid disappointment.

MI ferry

Unsure of club ferry times? Visit our club website - Marine - Middle Island Ferry schedule!

Waglan Series 2020- 2021

The series has started with the introduction of new courses, register for the race at club website!

Four Peaks Race 2021

Online registration and NOR is now available at www.4peaksrace.com

Valentine Pursuit Ladies Helm 2021

Come join this annual pursuit race! It is open to both men and ladies. If ladies are at the helm, they get a chance to win the Boadicea Cup!

The pursuit race will be held on 21 February 2021!

Classic Yacht Rally 2021

A new format is introduced for this classic event, keep an eye out on next edition of Horizon's for more information!

Christmas Sailing Courses

See our schedule for course dates! Registration has opened!

Southside Regatta

The regatta will be held on 28 & 29 November.

If you would like to volunteer, please email misportsrec@abclubhk.com

Match Racing course

We are holding a match racing course, it involves 1 evening of theory on 30 Nov with 2 days of practice and racing on 5 & 6 Dec.

Sign up at: www.abcmiddleisland.com

Club dinghy race

Dinghy Autumn Race 3 will be held on 22 November, make sure you don't miss the last race of this autumn series!



F&B PROMOTION



November PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Festive Indian Fare

The Four Peaks Restaurant
New Winter Dishes

December PROMOTIONS

The Galley & The Patio
Christmas Delicacies

The Four Peaks Restaurant
Christmas Delicacies



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November & December Cocktails of the Month



Kraken Stormie *HK\$75*
Kraken Rum, homemade ginger infusion, thyme, lime

Dark Beast *HK\$75*
Kraken Rum, homemade star anise infusion, bitters, lemon juice, absinthe dipped rosemary

Jingle On The Bell *HK\$75*
Our version of a Warm Cocktail, Tequila, Montenegro amaro, aperol, homemade green chilli infusion, chocolate topped with whipped creams & marshmallow!

Sparkling Blueberry (Non-Alcoholic) *HK\$60*
Homemade blueberry infused jam, butter, fresh lemon, dash of fresh soda.



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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - November

Wine of the Month




Hahn
Hahn Winery Pinot Gris, Monterey, California 2018
Hahn Winery Pinot Noir, Monterey, California 2018

Hahn is a second generation, family owned winery founded by Nicolaus Hahn in 1960.

In 2017 he became the inaugural recipient of Wine Enthusiasts "American Wine Pioneer" award for his essential role in establishing the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation.

\$58 per glass

\$260 per bottle






NOVEMBER BEER OF THE MONTH



STEAM BOX BEER

\$52 PER BOTTLE
500ml

PISTON BROKE
 HOPPY CIDER ALE

4.5ABV

A robust golden ale, refreshingly hoppy with a bittersweet fruity aroma. A hint of tropical and citrus notes behind a full bodied finish.

A wonderful companion to spicy food and heroically refreshing on a warm evening.

PISTON BROKE
 A BEAUTIFULLY ENGINEERED ALE

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Beer & Wine of the Month Promotion - December

Festive French Gems
 A Selection of Delightful Christmas Wines

\$360 per bottle

\$79 per glass

La Violette Du Manoir 2015
 Bordeaux

92

Violet and berry character with orange peel and citrus. Medium-bodied and limestone undertones. Bright and pretty.

FOOD/WINE PAIRING:
 Roasts, poultry, burgers, medium-flavored cheeses.

Vincent Girardin, Bourgogne Blanc, Terroir Noble 2015
 Burgundy

Dry and fresh with fruit of yellow apples, almonds and a nuanced mineral tone. Nice texture and balances both the intensity of the fruit and acidity.

FOOD/WINE PAIRING:
 Fish, shellfish.





DECEMBER BEER OF THE MONTH



FUNNEL BLOWER
 AN EVENTFUL VANILLA PORTER

\$52 Per Bottle
500ml / 4.5%abv

Perfect for a cooler winter's day. This porter has a subtle vanilla and malty aroma with a slightly sweet chocolate taste. Not as heavy as a stout but darker than an ale.

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F&B PROMOTION

Carvery Buffet Night

With Festive Wine Tasting for Home Delivery

The Galley & The Patio

Saturday, 21st November 7:00pm

A great buffet for meat lovers! Featuring prime roasts of beef, lamb, pork and the festive turkey! Our chefs will prepare the best cut for you according to your liking. A wide array of side dishes, mains, salads and desserts will also be available!

Adult: **\$319** only

Concessionary price for members over 65 year of age: **\$249** only

Kids (3-12y.o): **\$219** only



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THANKSGIVING Sparkling Dinner 2020



The Four Peaks Restaurant

Thursday, 26th November 7:00pm

What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your friends and family other than with Sparkles! There will be a very special menu designed to celebrate the beginning of the festive season!

Adult

\$398 only
(Free flow sparkling wines)

Kids (12-18y/o)

\$298 only
(Free flow soft drinks & chilled juices)

Kids (under 12y/o)

\$198 only
(Free flow soft drinks & chilled juices)



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THE ABC MAS(K)QUERADE BALL 2020

DEC
31
2020

8pm
UNTIL
LATE

The Galley and Patio

\$888 for adults inclusive of canapes, buffet, free-flow drinks and champagne for toasting at midnight
OR

\$588 for adults inclusive of canapes, buffet and champagne for toasting at midnight

\$288 for children under 12 years

DJ "El Senior David" will blast away the Covid blues with his grooviest, most foot stomping set yet, as we party like it's 2021 with hopes anew.



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Home Wine Delivery November 2020

Free Wine Tasting (Saturday 7 November) 6:30-8:30pm at The Patio

SPARKLING	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Gyejacquot Freres Reserve Brut NV – Champagne, France Its vivid nose unveils a magnificent bouquet of white fruits. It is well-balanced on the palate and unveils a perfect match between the strength of Pinot Noir, the fine nature of Chardonnay and the elegance of Pinot Blanc. 10% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Blanc & 80% Pinot Noir.	HK\$260		
WHITE WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Cypress Chardonnay 2017 - California, USA Aromas of apple, pineapple, citrus, butter and clotted cream are complemented by the fruit-driven flavors and round, yet zesty palate texture, making it an ideal wine to pair with grilled or oven-roasted poultry, risotto or baked brie cheese.	HK\$115		
Tinpot Hut Sauvignon Blanc 2018 – Marlborough, New Zealand Aromas of grapefruit, lemongrass and thyme with passionfruit and melon. A complex and elegant wine with classic characters of blackcurrant bud and fresh cut thyme. A stylish and rich Sauvignon Blanc with vibrant aromatics and a fine balance of acidity leading to a lingering finish.	HK\$125		
Simonsig Gewurztraminer 2018 – Stellenbosch, South Africa Bright golden straw colour. Attractive notes of white Turkish delight and rose petals. Succulent notes of lychee and pear nectar on the palate. The harmony between the acidity and various elements of fruit creates a synergy of lingering fruit aromas on the palate.	HK\$125		
RED WINE	Selling Price	Qty	Amount
Bodega Volcanes Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Rapel Valley, Chile Bursting with cassis and underlying notes of minerality. Intense fruit flavours combine with fresh acidity with blackcurrants and strawberries, subtle hints of spice and mineral notes. <i>Wine Enthusiast 91</i>	HK\$100		
Domaine Boudau Clot del Pila 2017 – Côtes du Roussillon, France Dark red hues in colour. After aeration the nose is characteristic of strawberry and blackberry notes. On the palate it is a very supple and fruity wine, with fresh cherry fruit and blackberry jam notes. 20% Carignan, 40% Grenache, and 40% Syrah.	HK\$105		
Pont du Rhone 2016 – Cotes du Rhone Passion Terroirs, France Typical appellation of the Rhone Valley, this wine offers a red fruit bouquet embellished by garrigue notes. Grenache, Syrah	HK\$105		
SR262 Merlot 2016 – Columbia Valley, Washington, USA Blackberry, cherry and spice on the palate with soft tannin. This wine has bright, tasty fruit and a healthy amount of refreshing acidity on the finish. Pairs well with meatballs, sausage, and burgers.	HK\$130		
Evolution Pinot Noir 2017 – Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA Evolution Pinot Noir is produced to be an easy “drink now” wine at a young age. This wine captures and highlights the delicate and pure fruit characteristics unique to Pinot Noir. <i>Wine Enthusiast 88, Wine Spectator 87</i>	HK\$205		
L'Ecole 41 Frenchtown (Bordeaux Blend) 2017 – Columbia Valley, Washington, USA Frenchtown shows aromas of wild berries, red cherry, black currant, and anise. The generous, fresh fruit flavours remain focused through an integrated finish. <i>Wine Spectator 89</i>	HK\$215		
** 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 mail, fax or in person.
 Contact the Food & Beverage Department at 2555 6216 or Fax: 2873 2945
FREE delivery will be offered for purchase over HK\$1500, allow 3 working days for delivery.
 All wines are subject to availability



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