

Commodore's Message



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Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Rolex China Sea Race and we all look forward to the write-up in the next issue of Ahoy!

Many thanks to everyone who attended the most recent General Committee Town Hall. The report of the meeting will go onto the member section of the website as soon as it is ready. My thanks also to everyone who participated in the recent Ship Shop Survey the results of which form part of the Club's review of the official sporting, team and Club apparel in the Ship Shop so that we can better understand what your

needs and preferences are with regards to buying sporting clothing, what we offer in the Ship Shop and how you would like to buy your sporting clothing (physical store or online).

Middle Island has been a hive of activities over Easter with Youth School Holiday sail training courses taking place, a big thank you to all staff and students involved.

Later in the month we have our last pursuit race of the Top Dog Series, Tomes Cup on Saturday 27 April, during prizegiving the winner of the 2023-2024 Top Dog Series will be announced. Wan Kit Kot currently sits in top

spot with Victory 9 just 4 points clear of Ruffian, Buster, Nation's Cup will follow on the Sunday where everyone has great fun dressing up in costumes and it's always entertaining to see what outfits the sailors come up with.

April features one of the Club's longest running sporting events; the 67th Head of the Bay coastal rowing regatta. We're seeing an increased level of interest from rowing clubs in mainland China for our coastal rowing events, which is very positive news. The Club's other big event this month is the very popular Middle Island Cup dragon boat race; now in its 6th year. The event features a Grand Final involving dragon boats circumnavigating Middle Island; always an interesting spectacle! The Outrigger Canoe section took delivery last month of six new canoes bringing the fleet total to 25 canoes at Middle Island, which is good news for the team as it starts the main part of its season this month.

We will soon be launching a Member Satisfaction Survey. The last comprehensive survey was undertaken in 2013 with the intention of conducting it again after the Kellett Island Development but our plans went awry with the social unrest followed by Covid. Now is the time for another deep dive. This survey is a really valuable tool that helps provide us with some qualitative information on how our members are feeling about the Club and helps guide the General Committee and other committees as they make decisions about the direction and running of the Club. We will be launching the survey imminently and everyone participating will be entered into a lucky draw for a chance to win some incredible prizes. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

I look forward to seeing you either on the water or at the Club.

恭喜所有參加勞力士中國海帆船賽的參賽者。我們期待在下一期的Ahoy!可以見到詳細的賽事報告。

感謝所有出席最近理事會舉辦的公聽會。公聽會的報告將上載至本會網站的「會員專頁」。同時我亦叫感謝所有最近參與Ship Shop調查的會員，有關調查的結果有助本會審查在Shippshop內出售的體育、團體以及本會的服飾；更有助我們更了解會員對服裝的需要以及選擇，和購買服裝的方法（在實體店抑或網上購買？）

在復活節期間，我們在中途島會所舉行了多項活動，更在假期期間舉辦了青少年帆船訓練活動，衷心感謝所有職員協助舉辦活動以及學生的參與。

本月下旬我們將會舉行「Top Dog系列帆船賽」的最後一場追逐賽—4月27日舉行的Tomes Cup帆船賽。我們將在2023-2024年度的「Top Dog 系列帆船賽」宣布得獎者誰屬。Wan Kit Kot暫時穩居榜首。

翌日，星期日將舉行「民族盃賽」。屆時所有帆船運動員將穿上奇裝異服，各帆手的打扮永遠都具娛樂性呢！

四月亦都上演了本會其中一場最歷史悠久的賽事—「67th Head of the

Bay Coastal Rowing Regatta」。我們見到多個中國內地的賽艇俱樂部，對於此賽事越來越感興趣，這個是一個非常正面的消息。本月的另一個大型賽事便是「中途島盃龍舟賽」，今年已是第六年舉辦了。這才是的特色便是在決賽時所有龍舟參賽隊伍都要環繞中途島一周，永遠都為參賽者帶來另一番景象。懸浮獨木舟團隊上月引入六首新的懸浮獨木舟，因此中途島現在存有25首懸浮獨木舟。對於團隊來說，可是一個好消息，因為本月便是他們的訓練高峰期。

我們很快便會把「會員滿意程度調查」推出。對上一次的全面調查在2013年舉行，我們一直致力在「中途島發展計劃」完成後再度推出，可是計劃卻被社會事件以及疫情打亂了。現在是時候再把調查重新退出。這個調查意義重大，大家提出具質素的資訊以及向我們表達對本會的感受，有助你是會以及其他委員會進行決策，以及如何引領香港遊艇會繼續優化其服務。

我們很快便會啟動這項調查，每個參與這個活動的人都有機會參加幸運抽獎，有機會贏取精美禮品。在這裏預先感謝大家的寶貴意見。

我期待在水上會內見到大家。

In the Footsteps of Xu Fu



You may recall that the Club supported Sun Haibin and Christian Havrehed 23 years ago when they rowed across the Atlantic Ocean together. Sun Haibin became the first Asian to row an ocean. Now the pair is at it again. 25 May 2024 they will row from China to Japan following in the wake of Xu Fu, China's first maritime explorer, who in 210BC was sent by the First Emperor, the Qin Shi Huang, to look for the elixir of immortality in the Eastern Seas. Since the pair is now middle aged they would quite like to find the elixir. Anyone who supports their row will qualify for a swig of the elixir, if they find it. ☯

Read the full story here:
<https://yantu.com/current-expedition/the-new-xu-fu-voyage-east/>