



### **General Manager's Message**

The 167th VRC's Annual Anniversary Cocktail Reception was a huge success. Check out the [Victoria Recreation Club](#), Hong Kong's Facebook page for all the photos from the night. Plus the memento sign in photo of the two Clubs will be hung on the wall at Emerald Bay VRC for all to see very soon.

The Club is continuing with the boundary works at Deepwater Bay. Good progress has been made and all works should be completed soon. The Club will have a slightly different but more usable layout than previously. The new sea wall also protects the club better from high swells and waves. We will also designate more BBQ areas to fulfil members' requirements along with an additional double sink and preparation station. We have also replaced and added spot lights to the external area to provide safe and a more comfortable environment at night time.

There will also be improvement works on the embankment at the front of the Deep Water Bay Club that will start this month. These works will continue over the winter period and should be completed by the spring of the New Year. I sincerely apologise to members for any inconvenience these works will cause. At Emerald Bay, and for our members' safety, we are discussing submitting an application to the Marine Dept for Emerald Bay to be a "no water ski zone". We are looking at building two multi-purpose function rooms with air conditioning in the Club house and considering other improvements.

The Dragon Run will be on 12<sup>th</sup> November this year, which the Club has co-organised. It sees many members and staff competing. Good luck them to all. With many paddlers flying in from overseas it will be quite a competitive event. In case you don't know the race begins at Clearwater Bay Beach to HK Sea School, Stanley - a mere 24k! I do hope members will support this event. Please check the schedule for the events this month. We have lots on offer for members. As next month we will enter into the festive season look out for some Christmas related activities at both Clubs including the annual "Trim a Tree"! Hope to see you at the Clubs soon.

Best regards, *Robert Cook*

## Events at the Clubs

VRC, [RedPaddleCo](#), [Ovolo Hotels](#) and [HKSUPBA](#) invites you to “*Unleash the Red Dragon*” on Thursday 10th November at 4pm at Deep Water Bay. Come race in teams of 4, incl. 1 female, at the inaugural “*Red Dragon Race*” a 4-person SUP board race around a 200m course. RedPaddleCo is providing the 22ft long, 34” wide Red Dragon SUP boards and to recharge all teams, Castelo Concept has very kindly donated food for the competitors and spectators after the race!

**A Working Bee and BBQ** has been arranged for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November from noon at Emerald Bay. Please join the Convenor’s Group there to clear rocks and other debris followed by a sausage sizzle. The sausages are sponsored by [Taste Matters](#). RSVP with [Deep](#) at Emerald Bay or call the Club on 2792 2721.

**The Emerald Bay Race** is back on - a joint sailing event between VRC, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Cruisers Owners Association to raise funds for the Children’s Cancer Foundation. Yachts, motorboats, dinghies and canoes will race various courses from Hebe Haven to the VRC on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm. A hog roast will be served from 6pm and an opportunity to camp or anchor nearby overnight. Please register ASAP to reserve a place on a boat and a tent! See attached for more information.

**The Medusa File** an exciting thriller written by one of the VRC members will be launched at Emerald Bay on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.30 pm onwards. Please come along to support James R. Stevenson, as seen in the Sai Kung Magazine, and buy a signed copy of his first book. See the flyer attached here, on the Notice Boards and around Sai Kung town.

**Decorate the Christmas trees** at VRC. Both Deep Water Bay and Emerald Bay will have Christmas Trees delivered soon and will need decorating. Children are invited to come along on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at Emerald Bay and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at Deep Water Bay. See the invitation attached and on the Notice Boards. Similar to last year, DIY Christmas decorations will be available for children to make along with their favourite food. For the adults the VRC offer homemade mulled wine and mince pies. Please book before 5<sup>th</sup> December to ensure we have sufficient mulled wine! Cheers!

**VRC Paddle Section.** Huge congratulations to VRC men for their 3rd place in the Masters category of the famous Molokai Hoe race in Hawaii. They completed the race in 6:02:18 placing them in 35th position overall. The second VRC men crew also had a great performance completing the race in 6:30:00. Also huge congrats to the VRC women for placing 2nd in both 1500m and long distances finals at the Micronesia Cup in Palau. Great results, well done team!

**Bill Thorley, at only 14 years of age**, swam solo in the Clean Half on 8<sup>th</sup> October. He was accompanied part of the way by his father Ken. Here’s Ken’s

story: *“About half way through the 15km race, crossing Chung Hum Kok Bay, and about 2km to the nearest land, his hopeless old father who was paddling as his kayak support, realised that he couldn’t keep up with Bill any longer. Falling behind, I called out to Bill to continue on his own, as I was going to take a short-cut and would meet up with him on the other side of Round Island. But struggling in the face of a strong wind, I still could not get to the intended rendezvous point before him, which meant that Bill had to swim the entire 2nd half of the race on his own, without food, water, or a safety craft. With great concern about what might have happened to him, I eventually phoned ahead to a friend on a boat at the finish line and asked if he could see him, and if not, to pilot his boat back to find him. My friend called back and told me that Bill was approaching the finish line, laughing and waving!*

*Someone on another boat said that, somewhere out in the ocean, they saw Bill on his side, rolled up in a ball, and then eventually started swimming again. When I asked Bill about this later, he told me that he had experienced an ocean swimmers’ worst nightmare: a cramp (not surprising as he had been forced to swim without drinks). But he didn’t panic; he just floated, reached down and stretched it out.*

*Bill’s 3 hours and 45 minutes of composure, endurance, and bravery was truly remarkable. As for me, my friend piloted his wonderful motorised cruiser back to somewhere between Round and Middle Island, and collected the failed paddler and kayak”.*

### **General News**

**Camping at Emerald Bay.** Don’t have a tent. Don’t worry! Tents will be available for hire at the Club from 19th November. There are now 4-person, 6-person, 8-person and even a 10-person tent. The Club’s staff will help assemble and disassemble them all you need to bring is your bedding and headlight! This is the best time of year to go camping in HK so make the most of it! Book with VRC Staff at Emerald Bay here.

**Congratulations** to the following newly appointed Ordinary Members to the Club

Mr Bruce Seymour

Mr Sven Boekhorst

Mr Chan Chun Cheung

Mr Chow Wai Yip

Mr Paul Gunn

Mr C.K. Hsui

Mr Keith Holder

Mr Alastair Haigh-Smith  
Mr Peter Lau  
Mr Lam Chit Wing  
Ms Josephine Loh  
Mr Kris Marin  
Mr Ryan Millen  
Mr Stephen Neary  
Mr Gian Pesci  
Ms Claire Price  
Mr Simon Pyle  
Mr Anthony Steains  
Mr James Saunders  
Mr James Stevenson  
Mr Fabrice Turries  
Mr Jason Taper  
Mr David McIntyre  
Mr George Tullis  
Mr Adam Upton  
Mr S.K. Wong  
Mr Trevor Willis  
Ms Jennifer Yung  
Dr. Philip Wong

Members' attention is drawn to the paragraph in the Chairman's Report to the AGM concerning our trees at Emerald Bay. It was pointed out at the AGM, and confirmed by several senior members of the GC that the passage was factually incorrect. It was agreed, and is therefore now withdrawn in total. Any inconvenience and confusion is very much regretted.

Finally we're moving: note that the VRC's office will move from Causeway Bay to 9th/F Technology Plaza, 651 King's Road, Quarry Bay (Tel: 2178 2221/2178 2222) from 1st December 2016. Please do come by to say hello and meet the staff.

### 總經理信息

親愛的會員

第 167 屆域多利遊樂會週年雞尾酒會舉辦圓滿結束!各位可以到 [域多利遊樂會](#) 的香港 Facebook 專頁重溫當晚的相片。當晚各位會來賓曾簽名留名的會址舊照海報也將會張貼在翡翠灣會址的牆壁上，大家很快便可以看到。深水灣會址邊界的工程繼續進行（如圖），而且進度良好，相信所有工程很

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快會完成。會所規劃與以往將有所不同，但會較原先的佈局更加實用。新建的海岸石屎牆能更有效地保護會所範圍免受潮漲和海浪影響。工程完成後我們將會設立更多燒烤位置，戶外用鋅盆及預備食物位置以滿足會員的需要。而填海擴充的範圍內已加設照明射燈以確保於夜間時份，會所內的環境安全及舒適。

另外，深水灣會址正面的堤圍將本月開始進行改善工程。預計工程會持續整個冬天，直至明年春季完工。對工程可能造成各位會員不便，本會深感抱歉。於西貢會址方面，考慮到會員的安全，委員會正在商議並向海事處提交申請西貢會所為「非滑水區」。另外，委員會正在規劃建造兩所多用途房間供會員使用，在內將會安裝空調及其他完善設施。

本會參與舉辦的 **Dragon Run** 將於今年 11 月 12 日舉行，屆時將會有很多會員和員工參與競逐。祝大家好運！許多選手專程從外國來港參加這項賽事，相信必定有一番龍爭虎鬥。提提大家，這項賽事以清水灣海灘為起點，終點設於赤柱，全程共 24 公里！希望各位會員大力支持！

近日天氣漸漸轉涼，何不與三五知己到翡翠灣五公頃的會所一嘗露營的滋味？本會最近購置了一些新的露營帳幕可出租予會員使用。目前本會已可供應二人、四人、六人和十人的帳幕。如對此活動感興趣，請聯絡翡翠灣會所經理 **Deep** 預約或查詢詳情。

此外，我們還準備了很多精彩活動予會員參與，請留意今個月的活動日程。適逢節慶的季節來臨了，兩個會址都會舉辦一些與聖誕節有關的活動，不能不提的是一年一度的“Trim a Tree”！

希望很快可以跟大家見面！

此致

*Robert Cook*

### 會所活動

域多利遊樂會、[RedPaddleCo](#)、[Ovolo 酒店](#)和[香港直立板總會](#) 誠邀大家參加於 11 月 10 日下午 4 時在深水灣會址舉辦的 “Unleash the Red Dragon”。首次舉辦的“Red Dragon Race”是直立板賽事，賽程 200 米，以四人一隊，當中需包括一位女選手。[RedPaddleCo](#) 將會提供長 22 呎，闊 34 呎的 Red Dragon 直立板。為了替各隊伍打氣，[Castelo Concept](#) 將慷慨贊助賽事當天的小食！

**Working Bee** 和燒烤會將於 11 月 13 日星期日中午在翡翠灣舉行。大家可以與活動主辦人合力清理大石和其他廢物，然後享用由 [Taste Matters](#) 贊助的美味香腸。請盡快與翡翠灣會所經理 [Deep](#) 聯絡或致電 2792 2721 報名。

**翡翠灣慈善賽** 回歸了！這項賽事由域多利遊樂會，白沙灣遊艇會和香港遊艇會合辦，意旨為兒童癌病基金籌款。帆船、快艇、小船和獨木舟可參加在 11 月 19 日星期日下午 2 時展開的賽事，賽道由白沙灣至域多利遊樂會。晚上 6 時開始有烤豬供應，各位也可以趁此機會在附近露營或停泊船隻過夜。請盡快報名預約船位和帳幕！詳情請參閱附件。

**The Medusa File** 是域多利遊樂會一名會員的作品，類別屬驚慄小說，將於 12 月 2 日下午 5 時 30 分在翡翠灣舉行新書發佈會。請來支持 James R.

Stevenson，如 Sai Kung Magazine 所載，並購買有他親筆簽名的第一本小說。詳情可參閱附夾的單張和西貢會址內的告示板。

**佈置域多利遊樂會的聖誕樹** 深水灣和翡翠灣的聖誕樹即將送到，屆時需要大家合力佈置。小朋友可以在 12 月 10 日星期六到深水灣會址，以及 12 月 11 日星期日到翡翠灣會址協助佈置。詳情請參閱附夾的邀請信和告示板。跟去年一樣，當天小朋友可以自製聖誕裝飾，屆時還有他們喜愛的食物供應。域多利遊樂會也會為大朋友準備自製的甜酒和肉餡餅。請在 12 月 5 日前預約，確保有足夠甜酒供應!乾杯!

**年僅 14 歲的 Bill Thorley** 在 10 月 8 日獨自完成 Clean Half 泳賽。他的父親 Ken 陪伴了他一段路程。看看 Ken 的故事:「在全長 15 公里的中段，經過春礮角灣，距離最近的岸邊 2 公里，划着皮艇的父親明白到他已跟不上 Bill 了:因為我已落後，於是吩咐 Bill 自己完成餘下的路程，而我就會走捷徑，在銀洲的另一邊跟他會合。但我在途中遇到強風，未能較他更早抵達預定的會合點，這意味着 Bill 是在沒有食物、沒有水、也沒有安全艇的情況下，靠一己之力完成餘下的一半路程。由於我擔心他的安危，於是致電終點船上的一位朋友，問他有沒有看到 Bill，如果沒看見他，便要回頭尋找他。結果我的朋友回電，說看到 Bill 即將衝線，還笑着揮手!

在另一艘船上的朋友說，他們曾在海上看到 Bill 在一旁抱着浮波，然後又繼續游泳。我後來問 Bill，他告訴我他遇上了渡海泳手最可怕的惡夢:抽筋(這並不出奇，因為他被迫在沒有飲料的情況下游泳)。但是他沒有驚慌，只是停下來浮着做伸展運動。

Bill 在這 3 小時 45 分鐘內表現出鎮定、耐力和勇氣，真的非常出色。而我呢?我的朋友駕著很棒的噴射船往返銀洲和熨波洲之間，接應一個失敗的划艇手和他的皮艇。」

**在翡翠灣露營** 沒有私人帳幕?不用擔心!於 11 月 19 日起，本會將有帳幕出租，屆時將會有四人、六人、八人甚至十人帳幕供應。本會員工會協助你搭建和拆除帳幕，你只需帶備睡袋和照明燈就可以了!這陣子實在是於香港露營的最好時機，萬勿錯過!如需預約，可[在此](#)與域多利遊樂會翡翠灣會址的職員聯絡。

**恭喜**以下新加入的普通會員

**搬遷啟示** 域多利遊樂會辦公室將於 2016 年 12 月 1 日起由銅鑼灣地址遷往鯉魚涌英皇道 651 號科匯中心 9 樓 (電話: 2178 2221/2178 2222)。歡迎各位蒞臨打招呼，跟我們見面。

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