



# VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB



EMERALD BAY, SAI KUNG

DEEPWATER BAY – HONG KONG ISLAND

## VRC Newsletter

[5th] Dec 2016

### Dear Members

It is December already, and the last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the Chairman, Members of the General Committee and Club Staff, we wish you and your families and friends a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Many members will be travelling over the festive period to visit their families; we wish you safe travels. For those staying in Hong Kong, we hope to see you at one or both of our locations.

We have our annual, family-oriented Trim a Tree event at Emerald Bay on Saturday December 10 and at Deepwater Bay on Sunday December 11. Both are from 11 am – 3 pm. This is great fun for children and adults alike. Please remember to let us know if you are attending in advance, preferably by December 7.

The famous Dragon Run, co-organized by the VRC took place on November 12. Many members competed in one of several events, including the long course from Clearwater Bay to Stanley. Congratulations to Jess King, who won the OC1 female long course, Craig Nortje and Winnie Wong for their surfski double success, and Iwonna G., Shakey and all other members who participated. Next year will see Hong Kong host the International Canoe Federation Ocean Racing World Championships, a major event on the paddling calendar. Full results, pictures and an event overview can be found on the Dragon Run website:

<http://www.thedragonrun.com.hk/>

**New office** For members' information, the VRC now has a new office in Quarry Bay and a new telephone number. Our two clubhouses just do not have the room to serve our administrative needs, and the place we rented initially, in Causeway Bay became too small too soon! The new address is: 9th floor, Room 6, Technology Plaza, 651 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong. Telephone no: 21782221/21782222 and fax: 21782498

**Staff announcement** Jo Jones, our events manager has left the employment of the VRC to pursue new challenges. Jo has developed and managed a whole range of events for members and their families and has worked tirelessly to ensure their success. Many of these have

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become permanent fixtures in our Club calendar. Together with the staff and members, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for Jo's hard work, passion, dedication, and performance. Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to someone who has been such a valued team member, but Jo is still a very much a member of the Club. She will not be a stranger to us, we wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.

**Events** Sharren Lo ( [admin@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk](mailto:admin@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk) ), Suki Lai and I will be taking over the event organization in the meantime. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Sharren or Suki with inquiries about bookings for parties, barbecues, and other events as well as event confirmations.

**New staff** We would like to welcome new staff members Ada Cheng and Chloe Yau, who will be working as attendants at Deepwater bay as well as Franco Vu, a part time attendant and grounds man, Ah Fai .

**Boat storage** We have been auditing the boat racks and contacting members regarding storage positions, as well as issuing positions and stickers. New boat stickers will be issued to all those that require them at the next billing. Some craft in both Club locations remain unidentified, and many boats are stored in the wrong spaces. I would like to remind members that all boats stored at the Club on a permanent basis should be registered and have an allotted, paid for, space. Some boats may have a notice tag attached to them. If you find one of these tags on your boat, please register your details with Club staff and I will follow up.

**Boats storage waiting lists** Due to a computer crash and data loss, the Club has lost years' worth of information relating to the waiting list. We have made new lists with the information that could be retrieved. I apologize in advance to members who have been left off the list accidentally, especially those waiting for inside boat spaces. We will post the current waiting list on the notice boards of the applicable Club locations for members to view. Eventually we will put these up on the website for total transparency. Please contact me directly if you have any questions or queries relating to boat storage.

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**Solo boards** Two solo/swimmer/paddler notice boards have been installed at both Club locations. These are for solo swimmers and paddlers to record their approximate routes and times of departure and return, so that we can be sure they have returned safely. Please do not forget to rub your name out after you have returned otherwise you may be receiving a call from us to check. These boards are designed to let members record water conditions, currents, presence of jelly fish, red tides and other information members may find useful when paddling or swimming.

As cooler weather approaches, we urge members to take care on the water to protect themselves against colder water temperatures. Hypothermia is not uncommon, and we wish all members to be safe.

**Boundary works** Our sea wall boundary works at Deepwater Bay are almost complete. The new area protects the Club from surge and creates a more usable space. We have extended the sea wall a little to add to the space and will be organizing a working party to help fill it in, so keep your eyes open for that.

Slope works at the front of the Club have been delayed a little. When the works start, they will cause some minor inconvenience. Work will be carried out over the winter months and hopefully will be completed before the warmer weather returns.

**Prices** Due to increased costs of barbecue coal and draft beer we will have to increase prices slightly in the New Year. We do try our very best to keep prices as reasonable as possible for our members.

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***New members*** A very warm welcome to our new members. They include Mr. Salgado Claudio De Villemor; Mr. & Mrs. Sanjay Varma; Mr. & Mrs. Justin James Bull; Mrs. & Mr. Lorna M and Chris S Meads; Mr. Richard Li Tzar Kar; Mrs & Mr. Susannah and Sam Harvey Jones; Mr. Arnold James Liati; Mr. Nicholas Patrick Scott; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Yui; Mr. Dan Tagliere; Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Fang; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Douglas Weber; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Parfitt; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Lam; Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Guetat; Mr. & Mrs. Kerwin Clayton & family; Ms. Pascale Fung & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Yau and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tong. Welcome all!

Mr. Christian Goetz is now an Ordinary Member.

That's all from us until next year, have a great festive season and please do not drink and drive.

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2016 年 12 月 5 日

#### 各位會員:

不經不覺現在是 12 月了，這是本年度最後一期會員通訊。我謹代表主席、委員會成員和遊樂會職員，祝願各位會員與家人和朋友們歡愉地度過這個聖誕節和一個快樂繁榮的大除夕。許多會員將會於節日期間前往探親，祝願各位旅途平安。而將會在港度假的會員們，希望能在會所碰見你們。

一年一度的裝飾聖誕樹活動將於 12 月 10 日星期六 – 翡翠灣和在 12 月 11 日星期日 – 深水灣舉行，該活動對象以家庭式為主，同時也歡迎各位會員參加。兩處地點的開始時間都是上午 11 時至下午 3 時。這絕對會是一項大朋友小朋友都感興趣的活動。有意參加者請謹記於 12 月 7 日前通知我們。

由 VRC 聯合舉辦的著名活動「Dragon Run」已於 11 月 12 日順利舉行。許多成員也參與其中的賽事，包括從清水灣到赤柱的長途賽。在此恭喜 Jess King，她贏得了 OC1 女選手長途賽，還有 Craig Nortje 和 Winnie Wong 贏得雙人獨木舟獎項，並祝賀 Iwonna G., Shakey 和其他的參賽成員。明年香港將舉辦國際獨木舟聯合會海洋世界錦標賽，這是划艇月曆上一項舉足輕重的活動。完整的比賽結果，活動相片和賽事詳情均可在 Dragon Run 網站上找到:

<http://www.thedragonrun.com.hk/>

**新辦公室** 請注意本會辦公室已遷移至鰂魚涌，該處將有新設施的聯絡電話。由於兩個會所內都沒有充裕的設施去滿足行政上的需要，而我們初時租用的銅鑼灣辦公室，內部空間很快便不夠用。辦公室的新地址：香港鰂魚涌英皇道 651 號科匯中心 9 字樓 06 室；聯絡電話：21782221/21782222；傳真：21782498

**人事變動** Jo Jones 已離任本會的活動經理一職，準備迎接新的挑戰。過去 Jo 為本會會員及會員的家庭規劃了一系列的活動，並努力不懈，以確保活動成功。其中許多活動已經預設在本會及後的日曆中。藉此機會，我本人，與眾會員和職員，真切感謝和讚賞 Jo 的辛勤工作，熱情，奉獻和出色的表現。「再見」二字從來不容易說出口，特別是對一個十分有價值的團隊成員，但 Jo 仍然是本會中的重要成員。我們彼此之間不會是陌路人，在此衷心祝福她在未來的工作中一切順利。

**活動** Sharren Lo ([admin@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk](mailto:admin@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk))，Suki Lai 和我將在此期間接手籌辦活動。查詢有關預訂聚會，燒烤和其他活動以及活動確認請隨時與我，Sharren 或 Suki 聯繫。

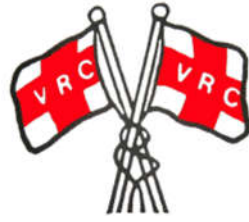
**新職員** 讓我們一同歡迎新加入的會所職員 Ada Cheng 和 Chloe Yau，他們將會在深水灣會址工作，還有兼職服務員 Franco Vu 和雜務員工阿輝。

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**船隻存倉** 這陣子我們一直在審查倉庫內的船架，聯絡會員有關的存放位置，並分配位置和分發標籤貼紙。新的貼紙將發給下一次需要結帳的船隻。兩個會址中有些船隻仍然身份不明，而且許多船都被放在錯誤的位置。在此提醒各位會員，所有長期存放在會所的船隻均須註冊，並須繳付存倉費用。某些船隻應該附有通知的標籤。如果你的船上也發現這些標籤，請向會所職員登記你的詳細資料，我將會作出跟進。

**船隻存倉候補名單** 由於電腦系統故障和數據遺失，本會失去了多年以來有關船隻存倉候補名單的資料。我們利用餘下可檢索的資料建立了新的名單。對於那些意外被除名的成員，尤其是那些等候室內位置的成員，我謹在此深表歉意。我們會將目前的輪候名單張貼會所的告示板上供會員查看。最終，我們將把有關資訊發佈在網站上以提高工作的透明度。如果你對船隻儲存有任何疑問或查詢，請直接與我聯繫。

**個人水上活動紀錄板** 個人/游泳/划艇活動紀錄板已安裝於兩個會址之中。這紀錄板的作用是讓一些進行個人水上活動的運動員記錄下他們的大致活動路線，出發和大約回程時間，以確保他們的人生安全。請不要忘記當你回來後便可擦掉你的名字，否則你可能會收到我們的來電。另外，紀錄板的部份位置特意讓會員記錄水質情況，潮汐狀態，水母的出沒，紅潮及其他對水上活動人士有用的信息。

隨著天氣漸趨寒冷，請各位會員提高警覺，保護自己免受冷水溫度的影響。低溫症並不罕見，故需加以提防，我們希望所有會員都在安全的情況下進行各種活動。

**外圍工程** 深水灣會址的海堤邊界工程已接近尾聲。新的填海範圍保護會所免受湧浪影響，並創造更多的可用空間。與此同時，海牆已成功擴展了一點以添加活動空間，我們將會盡快組織一個工作與玩樂兼備的工作派對，合力把指定的位置填封，詳情請留意我們將發佈的最新消息。

深水灣會址正門位置的斜坡工程延遲了一點點。當工程展開後，將會為各位造成一些不便。工程將於橫跨整個冬季進行，希望能趕得及在天氣回暖之前完成。

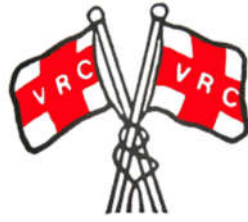
**價格上漲** 隨著燒烤炭和啤酒的成本增加，相關產品的售價將於新年輕微提升。當中，我們會確保合理的價格調整。

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新會員 讓我們一同熱烈歡迎新成員，他們包括：Mr. Salgado Claudio De Villemor;  
Mr. & Mrs. Sanjay Varma; Mr. & Mrs. Justin James Bull; Mrs. & Mr. Lorna M and Chris S Meads;  
Mr. Richard Li Tzar Kar; Mrs & Mr. Susannah and Sam Harvey Jones; Mr. Arnold James Liati;  
Mr. Nicholas Patrick Scott; Mr. & Mrs. Lee Yui; Mr. Dan Tagliere; Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Fang;  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Douglas Weber; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Parfitt; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Lam;  
Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Guetat; Mr. & Mrs. Kerwin Clayton & family; Ms. Pascale Fung & Family;  
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Yau and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tong. 歡迎大家加入！

Mr. Christian Goetz 已成為基本會員。

本年度的會員通訊到此暫告一段落，祝願各位有一個歡愉的節日假期，同時請切記不要酒後駕駛。

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