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2006 Inter-Club Commodore's Forum

How wet can you get?

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'RHKYC Commodore Inge Strompf-Jepsen presents the inaugural Commodores' Cup to David Holm, Commodore of the Royal Danish Yacht Club' [Guy Nowell ©](#)

After the RHKYC Spring Regatta sailors on Hong Kong were left asking, 'how wet CAN you get?' The best guess would have been to ask the Commodores and Flag Officers of the 28 Clubs gathered in Hong Kong for the 2nd Inter-Club Commodores' Forum (ICF), just one week later.

Sailors will be sailors, even when they are Commodores and Flag Officers. So the RHKYC decided that a perpetual Commodore's Forum Cup was in order, to be raced for at future ICF events.

The inaugural event took place on Sunday 28 May, with the senior representatives of each Club racing in Etchells, and the

2ic fleet in Dragons. (Oh, and there were a couple of motor boat people who passed on the opportunity to get to grips with 'real boats'.)

It was heaving down rain before the fleet got on the water, so Jimmy Farquhar, Rear Commodore (Sailing) RHKYC, entertained the visitors and crews as the boat draw was made by Lindsay Lyons, Promotions and Sponsorship Manager. 'Rough Justice'... oh, that's my boat – they'll win for sure' (they didn't)! But in the end even Jimmy wasn't able to spin it out any longer, and the fleet took to the water in the pouring rain.



Jimmy Farquhar, Lindsay Lyons and Alex Johnston drawing boats for the Commodores' Cup - [Guy Nowell ©](#)

Course prescribed was the RHKYC 'Sunset Series' course 2, triangles and sausages from a start in front of the Clubhouse. Visibility was dreadful, the wind patchy and swinging, and the rain was coming down like stair rods. How wet can you get? Take a look at the photographs... no, they are NOT taken through a soft focus filter – that's just the rain streaming down the front of the lens faster than I can wipe it away.

'Once round the block' and the Rear Commodore took pity on those of us out on the water and signalled a shortened course. Having led from the start, it was Commodore David Holm of the Royal Danish Yacht Club who crossed the finish line first, ably assisted by crew



Warwick Downes.

Club line start at the RHKYC - [Guy Nowell ©](#)



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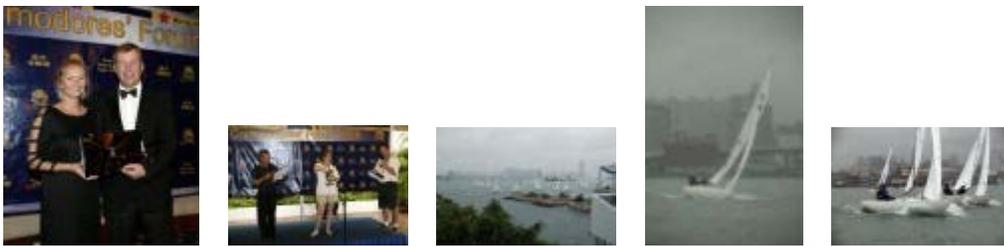
A clearer patch in the murk - [Guy Nowell ©](#)

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