

## Competition . . .

- King's Cup** With the biggest entry to date — 111 boats — the last King's Cup saw dinghy racing reintroduced as a curtain raiser to the main event. Most appropriate as King Bhumibol Adulyadej is a keen dinghy sailor himself **20**
- Andres Bonifacio Regatta** Seventeen boats couldn't have chosen a better place to sail **58**
- Raja Muda Regatta** A big favourite of ours, because it's a lot more than just rounding marks. What's more, 2009 (the 20th anniversary) saw 52 boats competing (up from 28 in 2008) **68**

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- Strange but true . . .** An unlikely coalition of Hung Hom residents and the Real Estate Developers Association might be exactly what Hong Kong needs **24**
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