

# Profiling Members



## **INTRODUCING LEE BOON WANG, internationally acclaimed artist in Singapore and member of Changi Sailing Club!**

Lee Boon Wang loves sailing and the sea; he enjoys the interaction of human relationships and peoples' lifestyles, and immersing himself in different environments. He likes being able to express what he sees and feels through his paintings. He is so proud of his work, and it was such a pleasure to be able to share his enthusiasm when we met at the Club on one of those delightful sunset evenings.

Lee and his wife, Helen, have traveled to many parts of the world but I know they both share an affinity with Europe and its cultural history. Three months in Paris as an invited international artist gave him time to absorb the culture and gain inspiration. There is a beautiful painting of a café scene beside the River Seine on Lee's website, [www.bwlee.com/gallery](http://www.bwlee.com/gallery) Helen spent months before they traveled learning French so that they would be sure of being able to communicate.

Lee has been a full time artist since 1973 and it was in 1978 after they were married that Helen gave up her art teaching career to travel with him to New York, Greece, China, Tibet, Nepal, Indonesia, Canada, Malaysia and Brunei.

One of his most memorable experiences was in 1989 when he was commissioned to paint 12 paintings for His Royal Highness, The Sultan of Brunei and portraits of his immediate family.

Some of the Changi Sailing Club old-timers know Boon Wang well and have sailed with him or cruised in company with "Red Baron", his 33' sloop which he's owned for 14 years. Before that he sailed a Dart 18 catamaran for 12 years. I bet his friends were not only envious of his global travels, but also because he has had the opportunity for many years to paint female nudes! See the stunning results on his website.

At the commencement of the Ambassador's Cup weekend, Lee will unveil a selection of his magnificent work and the Exhibition will be for the benefit of Ambassadors, the Singapore sailing fraternity, CSC members and their guests. If you are interested in a preview of some of Lee's work, you need go no further than to look on the end wall of the "Seafix Restaurant" where you will see "Gone With the Wind", and at the back of the stage in the bar, a painting that Lee gifted to the Club many years ago.

30% of the proceeds from the sale of Lee's paintings at the Exhibition will be donated to Changi Sailing Club and signed prints will also be for sale. The proceeds from the sale of the prints will be 30% to CSC and 20% to Sailability Changi.

For a few weeks prior to the Ambassador's Cup weekend, Lee has displayed some paintings in the Chandlery Room, and should members wish to visit him in his studio or meet him at the Club, he has left his contact details.