

# Profiling Members

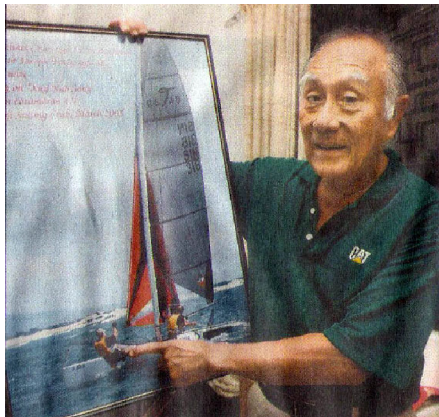
## Michael Chia

Michael Chia must be Changi Sailing Club's oldest active sailing member. Fellow cat sailor, Joo Kim, nominated Michael for the Straits Times "Inspiring Senior" and Michael was featured in the Straits Times on 26 October 2007 in an article entitled "Age of Possibilities".

We have reproduced the article for CSC members who might have missed the article. We're very proud of you  
Michael, keep sailing.

Editor

### Age no hindrance to this 'play till satisfied' sailor



The name of avid sailor Michael Chia's boat is "Xng Kao Song" – Hokkien for "play till satisfied".

"When I go, I intend to have 'I am satisfied' inscribed on my tombstone," says Dr Chia, 78, whose deeply tanned skin stands in sharp contrast to his grey hair.

He takes to the seas every weekend on a Taipan 4.9, a high-performance catamaran built for racing.

The retired doctor, who used to work for the World Health Organisation, thinks he may be the world's oldest catamaran sailor.

Ms Koh Joo Kim, a fellow sailor at the Changi Sailing Club, who nominated him for series, says Dr Chia's

"determination, strength and commitment" to his sport is an inspiration to sailors at the club.

His age did not stop him from winning second spot in a 10-catamaran race last year.

Beaming, he recalls:

"They announced my age when I won the prize. I've never heard a crowd cheer so loudly."

#### **ATTITUDE ON AGEING:**

"I really don't know when I will stop sailing. When my health fails, I suppose...Live every day as well as you can."