

Rear Commodore - Sailing Report 2020

I would like to start by acknowledging the members of the Sailing Events Working Committee for the time and work put in to see that our sailing calendar continues to meet the general need for our sailors.

Thanks go to James Sharpe, Nigel Signal, Tim Hill, Justin Lean and Desmond Wong.

2020 has been a challenging year for us to execute the activities on our sailing calendar. Post Circuit-Breaker, the Club resumed sailing programmes with safe distancing guidelines and restrictions. 3 months in and the Club is thriving – a busy boatyard, resumed Twilight & Sunday Series Racing together with a full schedule of Basic Sailing Courses every weekend.

Twilight & Sunday Series 2019 Finale

We had an impressive total of 44 boats participating in the 2019 Sunday Series and 45 boats participating in the 2019 Twilight Series. Our Club Series never fails to bring sailors together for a weekend of casual yet competitive racing – a very important part of the Changi Sailing Club Community.

Congratulations to the Overall Winners for each Series:

Sunday Series IRC: Red Rum

Sunday Series PY: Southern Light

Sunday Series Multihull: Cicak

Sunday Series Beach Cats: Bad Influence

Twilight Series IRC: Waka Tere

Twilight Series PY: Southern Light

Twilight Series Multihull: Cicak

Twilight Series Beach Cats: Persian Cat

ONEBERRY Ambassador's Cup 2019

The day started with a champagne and strawberry breakfast, which always brings a different approach to yacht racing. The all awaited spilt between ambassadors and yacht skippers took place, in the early morning draw and everyone set off with great expectations.

This year we see a total of 51 boats spread over 5 divisions participating. 36 Embassies and 25 Ambassadors joined the Skippers and Crew of the Keelboats to make up the Ambassadors (25) & Non-Ambassadors Divisions (11).

This unique event has turned into the biggest informal social event in Singapore's diplomatic circles and 2019 marks its 20th Anniversary. H.E. James Sinclair, Ambassador of Chile and current President of the Ambassadors' Cup, was yet again at the helm, steering the Event to a resounding success.

Winners:

Ambassadors Division – Born in Fire, H.E. Jun Yamazaki, Ambassador of Japan

Non-Ambassadors Division – SkyBird, Edwin Low (Skipper)

Cruising Catamaran Division – Katrianne, Gary Matthews (Skipper)

Multihull Division – Buay Kaola, Scott McCook (Skipper)

Beach Catamaran Division – Very Bad Influence (Skipper)

Line Honours: Red Rum, H.E. Patrick Bourne, Ambassador of Ireland

Summary

When was the last time you danced the night away at the end a regatta? The final speech by H.E. James Sinclair, Ambassador of Chile and current President of the Ambassadors' Cup, summed it up. How easy it is to have fun in an unsettled world and bring people together with similar desires, despite their colour, religion or culture. This will resound in our ears for years to come and hopefully something will come from it, despite the urgency of the situation.

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Big thank you to our Sponsors – as they continue to put the Ambassadors' Cup Team in a stronger position to deliver an unforgettable sailing and party experience at the Changi Sailing Club.

The 21st Ambassadors' Cup which was originally scheduled for 7th November 2020 has been tentatively postponed to **April 2021** due to the current COVID-19 Phase 2 restrictions. We will monitor the situation and update everyone regarding plans for the 21st edition of this event.

Sailing Regattas in 2020

The following events were concluded between January 2020 and March 2020. During the Circuit Breaker, no activities/programmes were run due to the restrictions.

Starting Phase 2, training and courses have resumed, and our first Sunday Series for 2020 took place on 12th July.

Nongsa Regatta 2020 (17-19 January)

4 IRC, 5 PY Keelboats (9 Boats)

IRC Winner: Waka Tere

PY Winner: Quarterdeck

4 out of 5 boats were representing CSC at this regatta (Waka Tere, Minx, Olmeto & Sangaree).

This was the first time that CSC has taken a larger role in organizing the event – covering administration and logistics as well, in addition to race management.

1st CSC Laser Open 2020 (1-2 Feb 2020)

After the Chinese New Year Break, Changi Sailing Club organized the inaugural CSC Laser Open – inviting Laser sailors from all over Singapore to participate in a series of 7 races held during the prevailing North-East Monsoon.

First introduced in the 1970s, sailors then competed for the Charles Willians Trophy, donated by Joseph Ong. the regatta was traditionally held in December, but was discontinued in the past decade. Now re-introduced, the regatta boasts a modest 54 participants over 3 classes, racing in a 7-race series for the weekend.

Winners:

Laser Standard – Elliot Drake

Laser Radial – Lee Wonn Kye

Laser 4.7 – Darius Lee

It was great to see sailors of all ages enjoying Laser racing, with the youngest being only 12 and the oldest at 67! We look forward to conducting this regatta again next year, hopefully with a bigger fleet.

4th CSC NE Monsoon Sailing Festival 2020

The Annual CSC Sailing Festival comprises of the following events:

| Event | Winners |
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| Signature Sunday Series 5, 12 Jan & 9 Feb | IRC – Waka Tere PY – Minx MH – Kaze BC – Stray Catz |
| 2-Island Race 8 Feb | IRC – Waka Tere PY – New Blue Eyes MH – Ding Hao BC – Bad Influence |
| CSC Catamaran Championships 22 – 23 Feb | Bad Influence |
| CSC Trimaran Championships 29 Feb & 1 Mar | Ding Hao |
| Commodore’s Cup 7 – 8 Mar | IRC – Waka Tere PY – New Blue Eyes MH – Witblits BC – Madfish II |
| East Johor Straits Race 15 Mar | IRC – Waka Tere PY – Ikaroa MH – Kaze |
| SailFest Regatta 21 – 22 Mar | IRC – Waka Tere PY – Remington MH – Itchy-Go BC – Madfish II |
| Total: 5 IRC, 20 PY, 12 Multihull & 8 Beach Cats (45 boats) | |

We would like to congratulate the following winners in the Overall Sailing Festival Standings in their respective classes.

IRC – Waka Tere / Kurt Metzger

PY – Ikaroa / Lars Caneborg

Multihull – Ding Hao / Scott McCook

Beach Catamaran – Madfish II / Doug Fimmell

Overall, another successful Sailing Festival racing in the prevailing NE Monsoon, just managing to complete all events before Circuit Breaker was imposed.

Cruising 2020

Cruising has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, due to the ongoing travel restrictions. Our sailors made the most of the situation, with an outstanding turn out of **17 boats** for our first and only Cruise of 2020: **CSC – RM National Day Weekend Cruise 8 – 10 August 2020.**

Participating Boats: Genesis, Ikaroa, Simba, SDF, WYSIWYG III, Born in Fire, Red Rum, Waka Tere, Elessar, Boreas, Marut, Cicak, Shardana, Sapphire Star, Baby Beluga, Kristina & Arbudhen

The journey brought sailors to Raffles Marina and the Lazarus Island, where sailors spent the night amongst friends on the evening of the Nation's 55th Birthday.

There is a plan for another cruise (destination undecided) on the Christmas long weekend. We look forward to bringing another memorable cruise within local waters to you.

Dinghy Sailing / CSC Youth Sailing Program

We are pleased to see our Youth Fleet continue to grow from strength to strength – we have had full attendance for our optimist trainings ever since programmes resumed in July 2020. In addition, our Topper and Laser Dinghy Training on Saturdays have gained traction, with a growing waitlist of members eager to participate in the Saturday weekend continuation programmes.

At the 2019 CSC Optimist Championships (4-6 Dec & 10-13 Dec), a total of 150 of Singapore's best youth sailors participated across the Silver and Gold Fleets. We are pleased to announce a strong showing from our 15 CSC Youth Sailors, with the best performance coming from Cheryl Yong, finishing 5th in the Silver Fleet. As always, big thank you to XSP(Xtreme Sailing Products) for once again sponsoring a splendid assortment of sailing equipment and products as prizes for the event.

School Training & Sailing Courses

Post Circuit-Breaker, our basic sailing course has seen an outstanding demand/take-up rate. We are fully booked for all weekend basic sailing courses in 2020. Weekdays also see a significant increase in privately arranged basic sailing courses throughout the local and international school holidays.

We continue to have CHIJ Katong Convent Primary training with us, despite the restriction on School Co-Curricular Activities. Although actual sailing training has not been resumed, our coaches conduct weekly online tutorials to remind and refresh students on their sailing skills/knowledge.

Supplementing the resident school training, we have seen a large number of students from various international schools participating in basic sailing programmes for the months of July to September, and we are also fully booked for weekdays in October through December.

Community Outreach Programme

A few of our initiatives for 2020 have been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to resuming our projects and providing the various at-risk/under-privileged communities in Singapore opportunities to experience and learn the sport of sailing.

Should you wish to donate to these worthy causes/projects, you may do so via the **Community Outreach Fund**, which is used to finance such events and activities. To find out more, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Upcoming Events in 2020

- Mid-Autumn Night Sail (2 Oct)
- Sunday Series III (starts 27 Sep) & Twilight Series III (starts 3 Oct)
- Christmas Cruise to RSYC & Southern Islands (25 – 27 Dec)
- CSC Optimist Championships (1 – 4 Dec & 8 – 11 Dec)

Thank you all for being a part of our vibrant and active sailing community – we are excited to see what 2021 brings.

See you on water.

Paul Kendall

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