

## **Social Secretary's Report (2020)**

On the Social Front, we have been affected greatly by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic – due to the restrictions placed on social gatherings. Our Members Night remains suspended until further notice, and social gatherings are limited to 5 a group. We are pleased to see members continuing to abide by the guidelines and restrictions in maintaining their safe distance and keeping to groups of 5 on the weekends.

Thank you for cooperating with our volunteer safe distancing ambassadors, who take the time to go around and ensure members and guests are maintaining a safe distance, staying within their own groups and wearing their masks when appropriate.

2019-2020 in review:

### **Singapore Association of Mental Health (November/December 2019)**

In the November and December School Holidays, we hosted 10 participants and 5 volunteers from the Singapore Association of Mental Health for 6 days of Discovery Sailing under SAMH's **Creative SAY!** Programs.

Discovery Sailing Programme (6 days)

- Dates: 18, 19, 25, 26 Nov & 2, 3 Dec
- Time: 10am to 5pm
- No. of pax: 10 participants + 5 volunteers (max) + 2 staff

Creative SAY! which stands for Sports, Arts and Youths, echoes SAMH's belief that youths should have a SAY! in their lives. As physical health and mental health are closely linked, this centre offers sports, outdoor and art activities to help spark conversations, promote general well-being, cultivate resilience, and prevent the onset of mental illness.

Supported by SG Youth Cares & the National Youth Council, the Discovery Sailing Programme culminates in them receiving a level 1 dinghy proficiency certification at the end

of the 6 days. The main objectives include building interest and exposing participants to the joys of sailing – in preparation for further sailing activities with SAMH in phase 3 and beyond.

### **Ambassadors' Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

2019 marks the 20th Anniversary for CSC's Premier Sailing-Social Event – the Ambassadors' Cup. We celebrate 2 decades of Bringing the World Together, through sailing. The brainchild of the late H. E. Tony Siddique, this event gathers all the Ambassadors in Singapore at a beautiful location for a day of sailing and revelry; an event unique to Changi Sailing Club and possibly Asia.

After the sailors witnessed the tragic game (For the English Fans) that was the Rugby World Cup Finals, it was not long before NationOne began to rock the evening with popular songs and cool beats, getting sailors grooving on the dance floor in no time.

The closing party of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ambassadors' Cup saw around 500 people having a good time after a full day's activity. The Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony of the 20th Ambassadors' Cup was graced by Guest of Honour, Mr Kon Yin Tong, Chairman of Sport Singapore.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Organizing Committee has confirmed to postpone the 21<sup>st</sup> Ambassadors' Cup to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021. We hope that things will further stabilize by then, as we look forward to once again ***Bringing the World Together***.

### **CSC New Year's Eve Party 2019**

In recent years, CSC has made it a routine to end the year with a fun & casual Twilight Race. Participants dressed up to the theme of Sailors vs Pirates – sporting eye patches and brandishing toy swords!

The evening festivities were quick to get underway, with Sundowners marking the beginning of a night of cheer and revelry. Serenaded by Peter Diaz and friends, the 93-strong crowd

was also treated to a sumptuous buffet prepared by the Coachman Inn Restaurant, offering classics such as roast beef, turkey & lamb. Keeping guests entertained in between sets, the emcee worked the floor effortlessly with an array of activities and lucky draw giveaways!

As the clock struck 12, air horns & party poppers went off in unison, marking the end of a great decade of sailing – and the beginning of an exciting new one!

Thank you, all members, sailors and friends, for yet another intimate and memorable countdown party. Also, big thank you to our business partners for their kind donations for the lucky draw giveaways.

### **Summary**

Despite the current restrictions, we are pleased to see a flurry of Activity at the Club, and we are quietly hopeful for the future. We look forward to resuming more of our Social Activities and Community Outreach Programmes when phase 3 commences – meanwhile, stay safe, healthy and keep sailing.

Thank you.

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