

Commodore's Report 2023

2022/23 has been an exciting year of recovery and transformation for our club, the details of which are covered elsewhere in this report. Described in this report are highlights of our present year and thoughts regarding our future direction.

With the chapter of COVID over but not forgotten, many changes have taken place over the past 12 months. Several upgrading works were carried out to improve the Members' experience at the Club.

One of the most visible changes would be the upgrading of the Club Jetty and Pontoons, led by our Rear-Commodore (H & G), Andrew Chan. The previous pontoons while rugged and despite having served us well for the past 2 decades – had started to show signs of wear and posed safety issues. Now, our pontoon with her new marine piles looks modern and professional (some have commented we now look too much like a marina!)

The same Jetty has also undergone a makeover with a new attap roof, providing us with refreshed waterproofing while maintaining the rustic aesthetics. There is a list of ongoing projects and plans – led by Andrew and supported by sub-committees set up for the various projects. Plans have already been set in motion and works will be starting in the coming months. I shall leave the details of this to Andrew, who will walk us through the plans.

Sailing activities continue to be the heart and soul of our Club. Since our last AGM, the Club has organized 58 sailing events – undoubtedly more than any other sailing institution in Singapore. Our signature Ambassadors' Cup and Commodore's Cup continue to draw island-wide participation. Cruising and Sailing events abroad have resumed, and I hear wonderful stories from our members and their sailing adventures around the world. Courses are very well attended and there is active participation in our youth sailing programmes. I am also pleased to report that 2 of our youth members made waves in Cambodia, representing Singapore at the 2023 SEA Games, and bringing home 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal. Our Rear Commodore Sailing, Justin Lean, will present a full report in regard.

Social activities are back in full swing, with the most recent being the Sunset Party and Open House. It is encouraging to see the club bustling with activity, as well as new membership sign-ups despite the challenging economy. On this note, I am proud to share that CSC continues to maintain a healthy membership base of 661. Our Social Secretary, James Sharpe, shall assist to report in further detail.

We are in close communication with the officers from Singapore Land Authority regarding the future of the Club. Actual negotiations with their team should commence shortly, and the Committee has this as a priority on our Agenda.

There are ongoing efforts to be more inclusive and vibrant through engaging and supporting the community via collaborations with Schools, Sailability Singapore, Rainbow Centre, Singapore Association of Mental Health and many other similar organizations. Although plans are not concrete, we are confident that key performance indicators outlined by our landlords have been met, and we are on course for an appropriate extension to our land lease.

Despite significant new expenditure and inflationary pressures, the Club's financial situation continue to be stable. In addition to the forefront objective of promoting sailing, our Committee and staff strive to provide Members with the best value and experience, constantly innovating and optimizing our space and resources. Leveraging on experience, technology and youth, I am confident the Club is steadily moving in a positive direction.

Please join me in thanking my fellow committee members for their support and contributions to the Club. Most importantly, on behalf of the committee I would also like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to the staff of the Club for their efforts in keeping the Club sailing smoothly. In particular, our GM Choy is carrying a heavy burden of responsibility as the Club endeavours to transform itself and grow its activities. He will continue to have the Committee, and his colleagues' full support as he navigates our Club through the next chapter.

To all members, my best wishes, and Happy Sailing.

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