

Rear Commodore - Sailing Report 2023

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, Desmond Wong, Gary Curtis, Jonathan Hardy and our Club Ratings Officer (CRO), Joe Lombardo.

With COVID measures completely removed, the world had begun to take off, and so has our activities. From our busy racing calendar to youth sailing programmes, we strive to meet the needs of all demographics. A total of 56 sailing race events were organized from August 2022 to July 2023 – an incredible feat that was made possible by the strong support via participation from Members.

Our youth programmes have since matured positively, with many sailors graduating from the programme to progress in more advanced squads via the Singapore Sailing Federation. It is worth noting that 8 silver fleet optimist sailors had just been promoted to the Gold fleet in June 2023 – the largest cohort to have received this promotion. In addition, 2 of our older youth sailors (Isaac Goh & Cheryl Yong) represented Singapore on the regional stage, bringing home a Gold and a Silver at the recent SEA Games in Cambodia. These achievements are testament of our youth development programmes, and I thank the coaches and staff who have dedicated countless hours to the nurturing of our youth.

At home, our 2022 Monthly Dinghy Races open to all ages continue to draw significant participation. A total of 66 sailors across the Optimist and Open Divisions is certainly an impressive turn out. Congratulations to the following sailors for winning in their respective divisions:

Open – Yohan Tupili

Opti Alpha – Sam Hardy

Opti Bravo – Raphael Lim

Opti Charlie – Troy Huffines

The now-open borders meant that we could resume events overseas, and we are excited to have organized the inaugural Bintan Regatta in January and CSC@Tioman Regatta in June. The former is a weekend event in a 6-race series format, similar to the previously titled Singapore Straits Regatta and Nongsa Regatta. Though there was no racing in Bintan due to foul weather, a re-run of the event took place at CSC in April. Congratulations to the following winners:

IRC Keelboat – Waka Tere

PY Keelboat – Marut

Multihull – Bula

The latter replaces the very successful CSC@Besar Regatta, this time taking sailors further north to race in the pristine waters around Pulau Tioman. A total of 10 boats joined us for this trip, and the winners are:

IRC Keelboat – Minx (Passage & Round Island)

PY Keelboat – Invictus (Passage) & Fei Yu (Round Island)

Multihull – Bula (Passage & Round Island)

With immigrations and customs procedures streamlined and effortless in Malaysia, we look forward to organizing more events with our neighbours - both cruising and racing in nature.

21st Invisiron Ambassador's Cup (5th November 2022)

A record number of 32 Ambassadors and 44 Embassies participated, spread across the 46 Keelboats in the Ambassadors (32) and Non-Ambassadors Divisions (14). Inclusive of the Cruising Catamaran, Trimaran, Weta and Beach Catamaran Divisions, we had a grand total of 54 boats participating.

Congratulations to H.E. Magdalena Bogdziewicz of Poland, sailing on Born in Fire, for winning the 21st edition of this event.

The 22nd Ambassadors' Cup takes place on **4th November, 2023**. Presided by the Ambassador of Columbia, we expect an electrifying energy both on water and on the dance floor. I warmly welcome all of you to participate in the largest sailing-social event in Singapore.

SailGP Singapore

Held on 15-16 January 2023, SailGP Singapore was well attended by our members. We supported the event with 12 boats travelling to the race venue to watch the action. Additionally, many of our members purchased walk-about tickets to view the race from the race village at East Coast Park. Unfortunately, the event will not be returning for a 2nd year – we are indeed fortunate to have experienced the event as spectators and event partners.

Sailing Events in 2022 - 2023

The following events were concluded between August 2022 and July 2023.

CSC Sunday Series & Twilight Series 2022

A total of 33 (Sunday Series) and 40 (Twilight) boats took part in our Club Series for 2022.

IRC – Simba (SS) & Waka Tere (T)

PY A – Birregurra (SS) & Simba (T)

PY B – Marut (SS & T)

MH – Miss Visayan (SS & T)

BC – Addiction (SS)

CSC ILCA Open (4 – 5 February)

60 boats participated across 3 classes. Winners:

ILCA 4 – Kenan Tan

ILCA 6 – Regina Koh

ILCA 7 – Devos Michel

3rd CSC ILCA Monsoon Regatta (18-19 February)

55 boats participated across ILCA 4 and 6 Classes. Winners:

ILCA 4 – Jarrod Toh

ILCA 6 – Abigail Koh

7th CSC NE Monsoon Sailing Festival 2023

The Annual CSC Sailing Festival comprises of the following events:

Event	Winners
CSC Signature Sunday Series 8 January & 5 February	IRC – Adona PY – Olmeto MH – Phoenix BC – Addiction
CSC Catamaran Championships 11-12 February	Open – Addiction
CSC Two-Island Race 11 February	IRC – Adona PY – Shardana MH – Dinghao
East Johor Straits Race 18 February	IRC – Waka Tere PY – Southern Light MH – Jaza Too BC – Madfish II
CSC Trimaran Championships 25-26 February	Winner – Dinghao Weta – Kermit
CSC Commodore's Cup 4-5 March	IRC – Waka Tere PY – Birregurra MH – Dinghao BC – Addiction

Total: 7 IRC, 15 PY, 15 Multihull & 7 Beach Cats (44 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 – Southern Light / James Sharpe

Multihull – Jaza Too / Graham Horn

Beach Catamaran – Addiction / Jeremy Perrier

CSC Lady Helm Race 2023 (11 March)

In conjunction with IWD 2023, this year's CSC Lady Helm Race is held on 11th March, gathering 13 of CSC's best Lady Skippers for a day of sailing. The weather cooperated, and sailors were treated to clear skies and champagne sailing conditions courtesy of the NE Monsoon.

IRC – Waka Tere / Fidelis Tan

PY – Shardana / Claire Canning

Multihull – Miss Visayan / Aspiyah Curtis

IRC, PY & One-Design Keelboat Championships 2023 (27-28 May)

Originally intended as the CSC J24 Championships, this annual keelboat championships has evolved into a more inclusive event, allowing for IRC, PY & Platu Classes to participate as well. We welcomed our friends from Singapore Management University Sailing Club (SMUSC) and Republic of Singapore Yacht Club (RSYC), supporting the event with 4 teams and 2 teams respectively. Congratulations to the following winners:

J24 – Jellico / Cedric Declercq

Platu – Notus / Alex Chong

IRC – Waka Tere / Kurt Metzger

PY – Remington / Paul Sneesby

School Training & Sailing Courses

The Club continues to enjoy healthy participation both from members and Public in the Optimist Introductory, Adult Dinghy and Keelboat Competent Crew Courses.

With regards to school programmes, we have a new school training with us this year – Overseas Family School. CHIJ Katong Convent Primary maintains a strong CCA foundation with us, building on their learn-to-sail and racing squads.

We supplement these regular programmes and courses with our Community Outreach Programme, reaching out to various at-risk, under-privileged communities and organizations providing opportunities for the beneficiaries to experience and learn sailing. These include but are not limited to:

- 1. *Sailability Singapore Training Programme***
- 2. *Rainbow Centre Experiential Joy Sail***
- 3. *Singapore Association for Mental Health Discover Sailing Programme***
- 4. *Gongshang Primary Family Day***

Upcoming Events in 2023

- Sunday Series III & Twilight Series III
- Ambassadors' Cup (4 Nov)
- CSC Optimist Championships (6 – 8 Dec & 12 – 15 Dec)

Thank you all for being a part of our vibrant and active sailing community – we are excited to see what 2023 brings.

See you on water.

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