

## **Social Secretary's Report 2023**

Apart from our Sailing Activities, which plays an important role in building social cohesion within our sailing community, the Club also plans and organizes alternative social activities to value-add to the Members' experience.

In 2023, we are boosted by the arrival of the new F&B operators, Georges. The team from Georges specialize in curating events and activities for people of all ages, helping to create a vibrant atmosphere at the club. In the first 6 months of 2023, I am proud to see a variety of events organized on the weekends – Easter Sunday, ANZAC BBQ Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Wine Appreciation Night and Family & Youth Day.

They have also been forthcoming in supporting the Club's events, value-adding to our Members' Night Parties with complimentary Tapas, and sponsoring the Club's premier racing event (CSC Commodore's Cup).

Most recently, Georges has also initiated a Sunset Party on 15 July, tying in with the Club's annual Open House festivities. Free Sailing Joy Rides, Live Food Stations, Live Music, Kid's Entertainment, DJ on Deck and the best views in Singapore made it an evening to remember for Members and Members' Guests.

### **Community Outreach Programme**

Changi Sailing Club has been actively engaging with the community on various projects. It is needless to say that such programmes are very important KPIs for the extension of our land-lease. Despite their exclusion from the Paralympics, Sailability Singapore has continued to grow and pivot towards mass participation and engagement with youth and less-privileged communities.

Similarly, CSC has also been working closely with Rainbow Centre, Singapore Association of Mental Health and Gong Shang Primary to provide experiential sailing programmes for the students and beneficiaries. CSC Members have been very supportive, providing their time and boat for a worthy cause.

On land, Georges also gives back to the community, organizing regular Charity lunch gatherings for the beneficiaries of the Lions Befrienders Service Association.

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 email [enquiry@csc.org.sg](mailto:enquiry@csc.org.sg).

### **CSC x Rainbow Centre Joy Sail (24 September 2022)**

On 24th September, CSC once again hosted students and caregivers from Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School for a morning of joy on water. Although on a smaller scale compared to the earlier run in May, it was nevertheless another successful outing – providing new experiences and opportunities for the students and their families.

Rainbow Centre: Empowered, Included, Thriving

The Centre regularly work with partners (such as us!) to create opportunities for persons with disabilities to make the most of their abilities and participate meaningfully in society. Through practical education, meaningful support and effective training programmes, Rainbow Centre strives to increase the quality of life for persons with autism and their families.

Despite the initial downpour earlier in the day, the Captains and crew were unperturbed, and eventually rewarded with calm waters, cool weather and a gentle breeze. Big thank you to the following boats and skippers for supporting this meaningful sailing event:

Birregurra / Basil

Baby Beluga / Soo Chong

Marut / Luke

Kaze / Xavier

Miss Visayan / Gary

Windflirt / Jasper

Genesis / Desmond

Summer Breeze / Edward

Kristina / Allan

Not forgetting the amazing Aunty Sharifah (teacher in-charge) for organizing this every year, providing precious opportunities for our beneficiaries. Finally, a solid bravo zulu to the operations crew from CSC – for providing the necessary support throughout the entire event.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with Rainbow Centre.

### **Inter-Club Golf Friendly**

In November 2022, our Club Members participated in an inter-club golf friendly organized by Changi Beach Club. It was well attended, and though we did not win, our members had a fabulous time on the green. It was a great opportunity to forge strong bonds and new friendships with our neighbours. Following up on this successful outing, I am pleased to announce that CSC will be hosting this year's event on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023.

Interested Members, please reach out to the Club for further details.

### **Ambassadors' Cup**

Now firmly established as the Premier Sailing-Social Event in the local sailing calendar, the Ambassadors' Cup gathers the Diplomatic and Sailing Community together for a day of sailing and revelry at one of the most scenic locations in Singapore.

The Organizing Committee is delighted to confirm the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ambassadors' Cup on **18th November 2023**. We are very excited to revel with sailors and esteemed members of the Diplomatic Corps in our version of ***Bringing the World Together***.

### **Summary**

Georges has provided a breath of fresh air, rejuvenating our social activities calendar. An immediate difference is noticed on the weekends, as families can now look forward to specially-curated events and programmes during the holidays.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year, we are planning social activities for Oktoberfest, Halloween, as well as New Year's. If you have any interesting ideas for activities, I would love to hear from you.

Together with our active sailing calendar and strong community outreach programme – we hope our efforts have provided a more wholistic experience for CSC Members.

Thank you.

**James Sharpe**  
Social Secretary