Commodore's Report 2026

Dear Members,

Greetings to you all.

It is a unique privilege to serve as Commodore of Changi Sailing Club. Looking back over the past year, I am proud of what we have achieved together. Our Club continues to go from strength to strength, reinforcing its position as Singapore's most active sailing club and arguably one of the most vibrant sailing communities in the region.

This year is especially significant as we celebrate **90 years of Changi Sailing Club**. Since our founding in 1936, generations of sailors have contributed to the rich heritage and enduring spirit of our Club. I warmly invite all Members to join us on **26 September** as we celebrate this remarkable milestone and honour the people who have shaped CSC over the past nine decades.

Sailing at the Heart of Our Club

Sailing remains the cornerstone of Changi Sailing Club, and over the past year we organised 52 race events, supported by a wide range of training, social and educational programmes that continue to strengthen our sailing community and encourage participation at every level.

Our flagship regattas—including the Singapore Regatta, Ambassadors' Cup, NE Monsoon Sailing Festival & Commodore's Cup, and our popular Destination Regattas—continue to attract strong participation from both local and international sailors, further cementing CSC's reputation as one of the region's leading sailing clubs. Beyond racing, initiatives such as Round Ubin For Fun (RUFF), Racing Rules Clinics, youth development programmes and partnerships with schools and universities reflect our commitment to growing the sport and making sailing accessible to all.

The year ahead promises to be another exciting one. I encourage all Members to support our 6th Singapore Regatta, taking place from 19–21 February 2027, as we continue to build this premier regional event. We also look forward to a very special milestone on 31 October 2026, when CSC hosts the 25th Ambassadors' Cup – Silver Jubilee Edition, celebrating 25

years of ***"Bringing the World Together."*** This landmark event is a testament to the enduring friendships between the sailing and diplomatic communities and remains one of the region's premiere sailing-social event.

Our achievements on the water are the result of the dedication and commitment of Rear Commodore (Sailing), Justin Lean, together with our race officials, volunteers, coaches, parents and staff. I thank them for their tireless efforts throughout the year and invite Members to read Justin's report for a more detailed review of the year's sailing activities and plans for the season ahead.

More Than Racing: Building Our Community

While sailing defines who we are, it is the friendships, camaraderie and shared experiences that make Changi Sailing Club truly special. Our social calendar complements our sailing programme by bringing together Members of all ages and sailing abilities through activities that foster participation, family involvement and a strong sense of community.

Over the past year, the Club continued to host popular initiatives such as our monthly Members' Nights, the newly introduced Round Ubin For Fun (RUFF), the Easter Sunday Sail & Egg Hunt, Ketam Coastal Clean-Up activities and a range of community outreach programmes. These events provide opportunities for Members to connect both on and off the water while introducing new audiences to the spirit of CSC and spreading the joy of sailing.

Our partnerships with organisations such as Sailability Singapore, Rainbow Centre, Moral Home, SAMH and Cheng Su Lan Methodist Children's Home have enabled Members to share the joy of sailing with persons with disabilities and underprivileged youth. At the same time, our environmental initiatives, including the Ketam Coastal Clean-Up, continue to demonstrate our commitment to responsible stewardship of Singapore's coastal environment.

These programmes reflect CSC's unique identity as a Club that not only delivers an outstanding sailing calendar but also fosters friendship, inclusiveness and service to the wider community. I extend my appreciation to our Social Secretary, Mr Ad Smit, volunteers and Members whose enthusiasm and generosity continue to make these initiatives such a success. Further details of the year's social activities can be found in the Social Secretary's report.

Investing in Our Club

The past year saw continued investment in the maintenance and enhancement of our Club's facilities, with improvements focused on safety, functionality and the overall Member experience. These works included upgrades to key infrastructure, refurbishment of common areas, enhancements to operational equipment and ongoing housekeeping initiatives, while major projects are underway. The removal of the existing dinghy slipway is now in progress and the Ubin Lounge renovation is expected to proceed in the third quarter of this year.
I would like to thank Rear Commodore (House & Grounds), **Luke Doherty**, for his leadership and dedication in overseeing these projects during his first term. Members can look forward to a more detailed update on the completed works and future plans in Luke's report.

Securing Our Future

As was previously reported, that Changi Sailing Club's lease has been secured through **30 June 2028**.

Ensuring the Club's long-term future remains one of the Management Committee's highest priorities. We are confident that CSC continues to meet the key performance indicators established by the Singapore Land Authority and will continue working closely with SLA, Singapore Sailing Federation and Sport Singapore to position the Club within Singapore's long-term sporting and recreational landsca The National Parks Board has plans to rejuvenate the adjacent Changi Boardwalk. I am pleased to report that CSC has been actively consulted throughout the planning process, with careful consideration given to our operations, facilities and sailing activities. This collaborative approach gives us confidence that the Club's interests continue to be recognised as the area develops.

Looking Ahead

As we celebrate our 90th anniversary, we do so with confidence and optimism. We have a proud heritage, a vibrant sailing calendar, an engaged membership, and a dedicated team of volunteers, staff and Committee members working tirelessly behind the scenes.
Our focus remains clear: to strengthen sailing participation, nurture future generations of sailors, improve our facilities, deepen our partnerships and secure the long-term future of Changi Sailing Club.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Committee Members, volunteers, race officials, coaches and staff for their tireless dedication throughout the year. Most importantly, thank you to our Members for your continued support, encouragement and belief in our Club.
Ninety years is a remarkable milestone, but it is not simply a celebration of our past; it is a foundation for our future. Together, we will continue to build a Club that honours its traditions, embraces new opportunities, and remains a place where sailors, families and friends come together to share a passion for the sea.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the water and at our 90th Anniversary celebrations in the months ahead.

Wishing you all fair winds and smooth sailing ,

Deborah Barker
Commodore