Rear Commodore - Sailing Report 2026

It has been another vibrant and successful sailing season at Changi Sailing Club. During the 2025–2026 season, the Club delivered an extensive calendar of racing, training, cruising and social sailing activities that continue to strengthen our sailing community and encourage participation across all age groups and experience levels.

Together with our regional regattas and cruising events, this diverse programme reinforces CSC's standing as Singapore's most active sailing club and one of the region's premier sailing destinations.

In addition to our racing calendar, Members enjoyed initiatives such as **Round Ubin For Fun (RUFF)** and Racing Rules Clinics conducted by renowned International Jury **Mr Selvam Mookken**, providing valuable learning opportunities for sailors of all abilities.

Dinghy & Youth Sailing

Our youth and dinghy programmes continued to grow throughout the season.

The **CSC Optimist Championships** welcomed **150 Optimist sailors** across the Silver and Gold Fleets over two weekends. CSC's own **Chloe Ariane Pitsilis** claimed the Silver Fleet title, while **Lucas Cao Zhihong** of SAFYC won the Gold Fleet.

The **6th ILCA & 29er Open** attracted **67 ILCA sailors**, with **Ian Goh (CWSS)** winning the ILCA 4 fleet and **Ikuto Mori (CSC)** taking victory in ILCA 6.

Our youth development programme also received a significant boost in June when our Optimist sailors participated in a specialised coaching clinic conducted by World Champion coach **Mr Somkiat**, providing invaluable learning opportunities for our next generation of sailors.

Club Racing

At the heart of CSC's sailing calendar is our regular programme of Club racing, which provides Members with consistent opportunities to race, improve their skills and enjoy friendly competition throughout the year.

Complementing our annual regattas and national ranking events, the Club organises fortnightly **Sunday Series** and **Twilight Series** races for keelboats, multihulls and beach catamarans, alongside a **Monthly Dinghy Race** for our youth and dinghy sailors. While the growing number of national dinghy ranking events has resulted in fewer Monthly Dinghy Races, participation at these races remains consistently strong, reflecting the enthusiasm of our junior sailors and the continued growth of our youth programme.

We were also encouraged to see an increase in participation across our keelboat fleets during the Sunday and Twilight Series, with both established competitors and new teams regularly joining the start line. This healthy level of participation continues to be the foundation of a vibrant and competitive Club racing scene.

Congratulations to our overall series champions:

2025 Monthly Dinghy Race Champions

- Opti Alpha – Charles Kong
- Opti Bravo – Elouan Gay
- Opti Charlie – Mikayla Wong
- Open Dinghy & ILCA 4 – Ikuto Mori

2025 Sunday Series Overall Champions

- IRC – *Adona*
- PY – *Jock*
- Multihull – *Miss Visayan*

2025 Twilight Series Overall Champions

- IRC – *Jong Dee*

- PY – *Skybird*
- Multihull – *Miss Visayan*

Congratulations to all our winners and, equally importantly, to every skipper, crew and volunteer who contributed to another successful year of Club racing. Their continued support and enthusiasm are what make CSC's racing programme one of the most active and enjoyable in Singapore.

Signature Regattas

Our flagship regattas continued to attract strong participation from both local and international sailors.

The 5th Singapore Regatta held on 7-8 February welcomed 36 boats across six classes, including four visiting teams from Malaysia and China. The prestigious Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy was awarded to The Next Factor.

Class Winners

- Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy – *The Next Factor*
- IRC – *Born in Fire*
- PY – *Black Baza*
- Multihull – *Phoenix*
- Beach Catamaran – *Gremlin*
- J24 – *Jellico*
- Platu – *Notus (Team MAS)*

On this note, we'd like everyone to mark their calendars for next year's 6th Singapore Regatta, held on 19-21 February 2027.

The 24th Ambassadors' Cup brought together 42 boats and representatives from 27 embassies, reinforcing its reputation as Singapore's premier sailing and diplomatic regatta. We now look forward to an important milestone as the 25th Ambassadors' Cup – Silver

Jubilee Edition takes place on 31 October 2026, celebrating 25 years of *"Bringing the World Together."*

Offshore & Destination Racing

Our destination regattas remain among the highlights of the sailing calendar, combining competitive racing with adventure, camaraderie and cruising.

Bintan Regatta 3-5 April 2026

- PY Passage Race and Series – *Skybird*
- Multihull Passage Race and Series – *Dot Dot Dot*

CSC @ Tioman Regatta 13-19 June 2026

- Singapore–Tioman Passage (Keelboat) – *Born in Fire*
- Singapore–Tioman Passage (Multihull) – *Dot Dot Dot*
- Tioman Series (Keelboat) – *Forever Young*
- Tioman Series (Multihull) – *Roxanne*

NE Monsoon Sailing Festival

The 2026 NE Monsoon Sailing Festival, held between January and March, attracted a combined fleet of 77 boats, including continued growth in youth dinghy participation through the Commodore's Cup.

Festival Winners

- IRC – *Forever Young*
- PY – *Southern Light*
- Multihull – *Ding Hao*
- Beach Catamaran – *Twisted Creature*

2026 Commodore's Cup (7-8 March)

- IRC – *Shardana*
- PY – *Notus*
- Multihull – *Ding Hao*
- Beach Catamaran – *Twisted Creature*

Growing the Sport

The Club continues to strengthen its partnerships with schools and tertiary institutions. We are also on the verge of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Singapore Management University Sailing Club, creating an exciting pathway for university sailors to experience big-boat sailing and become part of the CSC sailing community.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our sailors, race officials, volunteers, coaches, parents and Club staff. In particular, I would like to recognise Jhing and her Activities Team for their tireless efforts in delivering an outstanding sailing calendar while continually introducing new programmes and initiatives that enrich the Member experience.

Looking Ahead

The season is far from over, and we look forward to welcoming even more sailors to the water in the months ahead.

Upcoming highlights include:

- Sunday Series III & Twilight Series III
- Cruise to Tanjung Piayu (7–10 August 2026)
- 25th Ambassadors' Cup – Silver Jubilee Edition (31 October 2026)

I thank every Member, volunteer and competitor for your continued enthusiasm and support. Together, we will continue to grow sailing at Changi Sailing Club and build on another outstanding year both on and off the water.

Fair Winds & Smooth Sailing,

Justin Lean

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