Social Secretary's Report 2026

It has been another vibrant and rewarding year for Changi Sailing Club, with an exciting social calendar that continues to bring our members, families and the wider community together. I am pleased to report that participation in our social events remains strong, with members regularly enjoying the Club's diverse range of activities both on and off the water.

Earlier in the year, on 10 January 2026, we organised the inaugural Round Ubin For Fun (RUFF) sail. The leisurely circumnavigation of Pulau Ubin concluded with a relaxed potluck barbecue at Changi Hall, providing members with an excellent opportunity to socialise and strengthen friendships beyond the racing scene.

Another new initiative for this year was the Easter Sunday Sail & Egg Hunt, held on 5 April 2026. The event was a heartwarming success, bringing together youth sailors and parents for a fun-filled day of sailing, games and festivities. The enthusiastic response from members has encouraged the Club to include the event as a regular feature of our annual social calendar.

Our Members' Night is usually held every last Friday of the month and remains an important platform for members to connect. From July 2026 onwards, Members' Night will move to Saturday evenings to coincide with our Twilight Race series, allowing us to better engage the sailing community and encourage even greater participation.

Beyond our membership, the Club remains committed to giving back to the community. Sailability Singapore continues to conduct sailing programmes every Sunday not only for persons with physical disabilities, but also learning and cognitive disabilities. Changi Sailing Club provides the logistical support required to make these sessions possible. We also had the privilege of hosting youths from Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home on two occasions this year, introducing them to the sport of sailing and providing meaningful experiences on the water.

Environmental stewardship remains a key focus of the Club. In August 2025 and again in April 2026, more than 100 CSC members and volunteers from the NUS Seafarers Club participated in our Ketam Coastal Clean-Up, spending the day removing marine debris and contributing towards the conservation of our coastal environment. Building on this commitment, the Club has also renewed its support for the Oyster Reef Project in 2026. This latest phase sees us partnering with Dulwich College to facilitate a student-led research programme, supported by scientists and researchers from Witteveen+Bos. The project will continue through the end of 2026 and reflects our ongoing commitment to marine conservation and environmental education.

Our destination events continue to be popular among members, combining competitive sailing with memorable social experiences. The Bintan Regatta, for example, offers a well-rounded programme that extends beyond racing, with activities such as mangrove tours, Blokart sailing and local cultural experiences, ensuring there is something for sailors, families and non-sailing members alike.

Looking ahead, we have much to celebrate. The Club's 90th Anniversary celebrations are now underway, featuring year-long membership promotions, a commemorative photobook, limited-edition anniversary merchandise and a dedicated celebration on 26 September 2026 to mark this important milestone in our history.

Following this, Changi Sailing Club will once again welcome the sailing and diplomatic communities for the 25th Ambassadors' Cup on 31 October 2026. This year's event marks the Silver Jubilee of one of the Club's signature regattas and will once again be presided over by H.E. Sebastian Breton Perez, Ambassador of Panama to Singapore. Members and guests can look forward to the same exceptional hospitality, camaraderie and vibrant celebrations that have become synonymous with the Ambassadors' Cup.

It has truly been a year of celebration, community and shared experiences. I extend my sincere appreciation to our volunteers, staff, sponsors and members for their unwavering support in making these events possible. I warmly invite all members to continue

participating in our upcoming activities as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary and build upon the strong sense of community that makes Changi Sailing Club so special.

Thank you.

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