

January 2012

SMU SAILING

The end of December and the coming of January not only signals the start of the new academic term but also the start of the competition cycle. So after the partying and eating during the festive period, it's time to get back to business.

Royal Langkawi International Regatta

The team of Chris, Andrea, Eric, Kok Bin and Brandon fought through many layers of Baccardi, a punctured tire and a sleepless journey to arrive at the port of Langkawi. Despite sailing superbly in the strong winds and all regatta long, they were unfortunate to be pegged back by the Malaysia team and emerged 2nd overall in the Sportsboat class. Still, Good job guys!

For those who don't understand how SOUR it is to lose by 1 sec, please watch this <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGDj1u7HCsY> and go to 4:40!



Sports Awards Night

2011 was a year to remember for SMU Sailing with a number of eye catching performances in the numerous regattas and SSU duly obliged by short listing the club and the sailors for many individual and team awards. While the night might be remembered for the ones that got away, full credit and adulation have to be given to "Most Inspiring Leader" Pei Quan and the club for SSU Sports Excellence. Perhaps what was most disappointing was the fact that even Alexi in pink, in hot hot pink did not win the photogenic award despite all the tea***** and all the poses, clearly he needs another facebook page! But sailors as we all are, all treasures have to be scavenged, thanks for the sunblock and Gatorade!

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Singapore Straits Regatta

This year, SMU Sailing club sent a total of 24 sailors on 4 boats to compete at this traditionally testing and arduous regatta. With the alumni on ExtraSMUve and 4 other sailors on the other boats, almost a good portion of the sailors at Straits were from SMU.

The 18th Straits Regatta took place over Singapore and Batam this year, with races on the 27th and 28th hosted at the luxurious One degree 15 and those on the 30th and 31st at Nongsa Point. Yes we were promised 20 knots of wind, 4 metre swells and lots of pain. Well we did get lots of pain, but clearly winds this year were more than a tad merciful.

Nevertheless, SMU Sailing club emerged from all the passage races, from all the boat Ds and all the skirmishes on the water to come in 2nd and 4th in the IRC B class and 2nd and 3rd in the J24 class. Congrats to all the teams for sailing their hearts out and putting an excellent display!

Yes there was no broaching and definitely no beaching but this year also saw its fair share of curious events:

Late for the Start?

No one knows why they did it or why they even have that on board, but apparently SMUve were having a

Tong Kat Ali lunch during the start sequence, new pre start routine?

Destroying buoys

Rule 31 states that “while racing, a boat shall not touch a mark...”, obviously JMM did not touch the mark, they ‘pole up’ and just mowed down the yellow mark! Yes, sometimes as a jib trimmer, you have secondary role of pushing/ kicking / smacking the mark.

Boat Confessions

The last day saw a candid expose of what happens on Shengli. Sadly though, other than Chris making a fruitless attempt about his fake smile, the only audible sounds were the incessant pumping from PQ.

Events to look forward to in feb

Waikiki is on the 26th of February at Siloso beach so if you're free do come on down to join the sexy sailors as we attempt to take home the BEACH CUP!!!

Look out for TOGR mailers!

