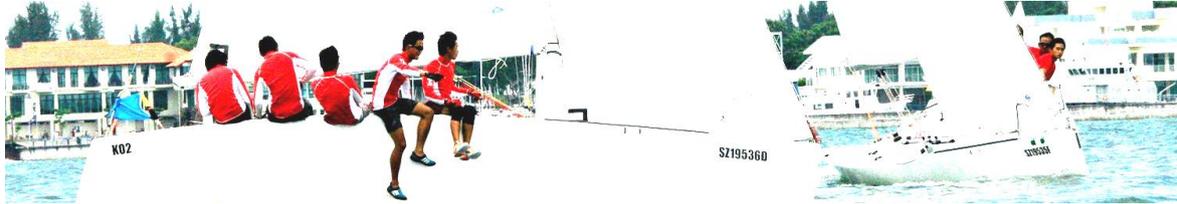


Singapore Match Race League

Battle @ the Barrage



Singapore's Marina Barrage will play host to Singapore's match racing teams this weekend, 26th and 27th March 2011, as SingaporeSailing kicks off the inaugural event of the Match Racing League.

The League

The newly created league is part of SingaporeSailing's efforts to create a vibrant and active local sailing scene and to complement the success of dinghy sailing through promotion of other sailing disciplines like windsurfing and keelboat sailing. Held over 2 days, the inaugural event held in the iconic Marina Barrage will see teams sailing in a prime water body, flanked by the imposing Marina Bay Sands hotel, Gardens by the Bay and the Singapore Flyer.

The Challengers

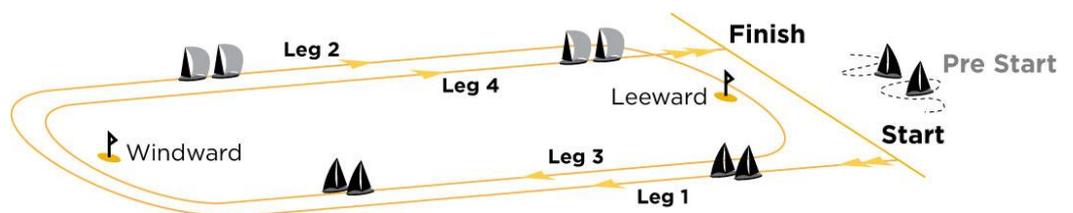
Eight teams have signed up for the season opener of the year round league. All eager to lock horns and do battle, the teams boast some of Singapore's top young sailing talents. Amongst them the team from Republic of Singapore Yacht Club, led by Teo Wee Chin, multiple Asian Games medallist and Maximilian Soh, fresh from his win at the recently concluded Thailand Open match racing Championships. Their form will be tested by the 'old salts' – Joe Howe from SAF Yacht Club and James Cole, leading a local based expat team out of Changi Sailing Club. James, usually found skimming the east coast waters on his foiling *Moth*, will be sailing closer to the water surface this weekend, doing the tactical dance this time. The experienced ones will however have to watch out for the youngsters looking to upset the pecking

order. Griselda Khng, the only female helm in the lineup is a former Optimist World champion and will be drawing on her close combat skills to show that the girls are just as game on the course. Russell Kan and Jeremiah Yeo, newly crowned National 420 Youth champions from the past week's regatta will have reinforcements in the form of double-Asiad gold medallist Sherman Cheng and 420 stalwart Ko Chuan Yang in their quest for glory at the Barrage.

Rounding up the lineup are the two highly experienced teams from Singapore Management University led by Shaun Toh and Christopher Lim. They are leading the charge of the well-oiled SMU teams who have tasted podium success at regional keelboat events in Thailand and Malaysia.

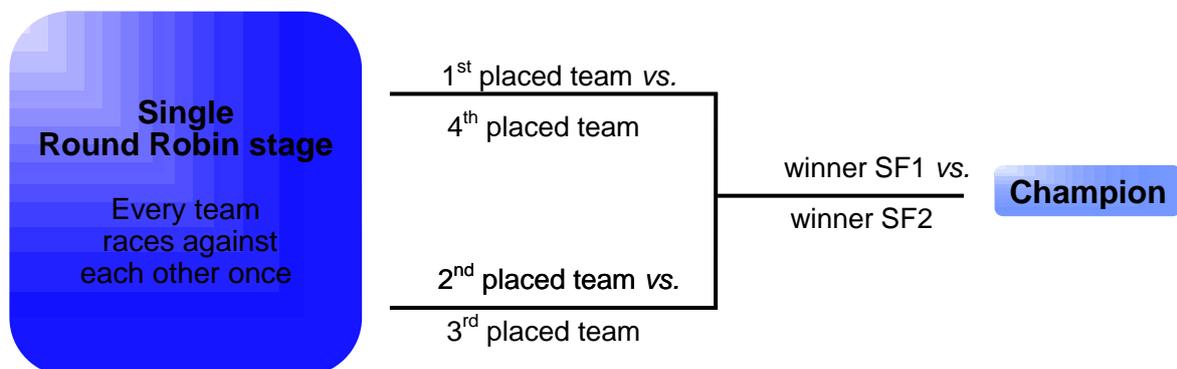
About Match Racing

Match racing is the simplest form of sailing to understand.



Two boats locked in one-on-one battle around a 2-lap race course. Lasting a short but intense 12 minutes, each match will see the 2 contesting teams jostle for pole position and pitting their tactical and speed skills against each other. In the winner takes all format, the stakes are high and every mistake is punished.

The teams will first aim to survive the single-round robin stage and advance to the semi-finals. The winners in the best-of-3 knockout semi-finals will then advance to the finals to challenge for boasting rights as the King of the Barrage.



About the Race Venue

Marina Barrage is Singapore's latest downtown icon. Built across the mouth of the Marina Channel, the Marina Barrage creates Singapore's 15th reservoir, and the first in the heart of the city. With a catchment area of 10,000 hectares, or one-

sixth the size of Singapore, the Marina catchment is the island's largest and most urbanised catchment. Together with two other new reservoirs, the Marina Reservoir will boost Singapore's water catchment from half to two-thirds of the country's land area. The Marina Barrage is the result of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew's vision



nearly two decades ago when he envisaged damming the mouth of the Marina Channel to create a freshwater reservoir.

Racing will be held in front of the pontoons at the Barrage from 10.30am to 6pm.

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