

# The SMU Sailing

## Newsletter

January 2011

### Great Success for SMU Sailing in January

January proved to be a bumper month for the sailing club with the crowning of 3 champions in a space of 3 weeks. The first piece of good news came when our sailors emerged from the unusually light winds in Langkawi as 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the sportsboat class and overall Sportsboat under 25 champions beating teams from Taiwan, Australia and Malaysia in the process. Getting well and truly drunk in Langkawi is almost mandatory and the team of Shaun, Seng Leong, Samuel Ong, Karthik and Brandon duly obliged. Good job boys!

P.S: If you want to know what barnacles feel like on a boat, do not contact Samuel Ong, his future as a boat cleaner is going down the drain

### Inauguration of New Sailors

2 weeks after that victory, a contingent of 22 sailors, ranging from fresh/real men to fresh grads sailed down to Nongsa, Batam for the traditionally testing Straits Regatta 2011 held between the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. As we've come to expect in Nongsa, 4 meter waves (according to Cat & Sherry) and winds of up to 25 knots greeted the teams each morning. And if that wasn't enough we had to contend with giant alligators, baby sharks and not to mention a particularly annoying beach which Calvin and crew promptly sought to destroy. Nevertheless, SMU Sailing emerged from the mayhem with a victory in the IRC C Class with SMUve and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> finish in the J24 class with JMM & Shengli respectively. Full credit to all the teams for surviving a tough regatta. For more stories, please approach nearest Shengli crew member. If you thought the adventure was confined to Nongsa, think again. An epic 8 hr boat delivery through treacherous waters and torrential rain capped off a brilliant regatta and made everyone very wet.

### TUG-OF-WAR Champions (Once Again!)

At this years patrons day held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Jan, the sailing team, led by master tactician Seng Leong successfully defended the inter CCA tug-of-war championships for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running! With the prizes received, expect an email regarding a dinner trip one of these days.

### Upcoming events to look forward to.

Just in case you are having withdrawal symptoms from sailing, or still nursing a hangover from Batam, DON'T FRET! Because the Top of The Gulf Regatta is happening at the end of this semester! So look out for the emails for training dates and get ready for more awesome fun.

This is a reminder that **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb** is the SSU Sports Awards Night. So put on your sharpest suit and your nicest dress and come down for a night of glamour as we recognise the very best in SMU.

SMU Sailing would like to wish all members a Happy Chinese New Year!



Team SMU (extreme left) crossing the fleet at start



IRC C Champs: SMUve



Victorious Team SMU Sailing @ SSR 2011



J24 Champs: Jangan Main Main



J24 3rd: Shengli



IRC C 4<sup>th</sup>: SMUM.a.d

We are looking for players in the following events at this years Waikiki 2011:

- Captains Ball
- Softball
- Frisbee
- Volleyball

If interested in any of the above, please contact Brandon Heng (brandonheng.2009@smu.edu.sg) ASAP. Limited places available.