



### Whatchu know about April?

Ah the month of April. Nobody can be sure why its called April, or even why it can decide to have different number of days then the other months. What we do know is that April signals many things for SMU Sailing. 1) The beginning of the glorious summer. 2) The Top of The Gulf Regatta. Happy end of exams you exam-hating haters. We gonna get it real this summer.

### Finding The Founder

The brave souls from SMU Sailing embarked on a mission in April. To find the founder. We enlisted the help of local guide who led us through the twisty paths, dangerous turns and through the ravenous hordes waiting eagerly for us to make any form of mistake. We made it though, and the treasure we found made up somewhat for the absence of the founder.



For all those going "eh BJ!" i hope you mean Bo Jio. Please note that offers to future events are often found on the SMU Sailing group page and last only for a limited time. The shortest recorded offer for free Morton's Steak lasted 10 seconds. I believe there's an offer going on right now for Brandon to treat us to chinese food at a restaurant called Dynasty, it looks hearty:)

### Top of The Gulf Regatta 2011

And so just like that another TOGR has come and gone. Undoubtedly the biggest and most important regatta in any SMU Sailor's life, the Top of The Gulf Regatta provides sailors of every experience level the chance to race



against some of the best Platu sailors in the region as well as the chance to try their hand at

a larger class of boat. This year, SMU Sailing sent a record breaking contingent of 24 members inclusive of our ever present team manager Andrew Tam as well as 3 sailors from the University of Western Australia who come as part of the growing relationship between the 2 universities. This year saw SMU Sailing compete in the Platu One Design Class on board Platus Wikki, The Weasel and Nataya, as well as in the IRC 3 category on board the X99, Hi jinks.

After our venerable President Chung PQ declared that TOGR would be one of the key regattas for the sailing team, his trusty aides got to work preparing the troops for the battle ahead. When D-Day approached it was clear that spirit of the team was high..wait my mistake, it should read, the team was high on spirits..but whatever the case, everyone was eagerly awaiting the start of the regatta. 2 days of preparatory training then gave teams the chance to acclimatize to the conditions, wind patterns and for some, the temperature of the water. As part of the training phase, some members of the sailing team ventured out into the wild wild west to pick up some...important life skills. I think these long lessons will remain etched in our memories for a long time, for more on this please ask Alina Chia.

Perhaps the most astonishing piece of news came as a stone cold stunner during one of the the training days in Pattaya which left the usually calm and collected Shaunie at a severe loss for words! He only managed to utter, "I thought i was in the trust" before passing out." If you don't already know what this news is i'll give you a hint. It's pretty gory tHo.

The opening ceremony was the next highlight and SMU Sailing proudly launched the mayhem. This set the tone for the regatta. A place for everybody to play hard but also to sail hard and race harder.

Finally D-Day arrived and the SMU Sailors took up arms and got into position in what would turn into a memorable regatta for many reasons. Overall, SMU Sailing did well and managed to bring home a trophy which was the least that we deserved for the commitment showed. The 3 Platu teams faced one of the

most competitive Platu fleets in recent years and performed admirably to finish in 6th, 7th and 10th position with a couple of top 3 finishes along the way. The X99 crew performed extremely well to put in 5 consistent races and finish up 2nd overall in the IRC 3 class to do SMU proud

For full results, please visit: [www.topofthegulfregatta.com](http://www.topofthegulfregatta.com)

In closing, the 2011 Top of The Gulf Regatta was truly an experience and one that will be remembered for years to come. I hope all who went will take back lessons learned and put them into practice the next time we go sailing. For the freshmen, may this be the first of many TOGRs, we will need people to lead the next batch of freshmen into battle! Always remember that the results will one day be forgotten but the memories will remain eternal. Good job to everyone, thank you to all who helped out and look out for news for more events/regattas/gatherings in the future!

Now on to the good stuff. For those who missed out, here are some of the more impressive acts seen at this years TOGR:

**Sammie Awesome Chua:** Dropping a walkie talkie into the depths of Poseidons lair so she could chat with him.

**Katy Ramses:** For deciding spinnakers weren't needed that day and leaving it in the hotel room.

**Branz Heng:** Fell asleep and tried to gybe the pole in his dreams

**Calvin Lim:** Don't know why but he broke OUR key..ok la i also broke it..but it was Branz's fault

**Greg & Katy:** Went one better and lost their key completely

**Saachi:** Was so up to party she dressed up and fell asleep in the lobby

**Alexi:** For teabagging..everything

Some awards were also given out in Thailand in recognition for certain special, performances..

**Best attendance (Freshmen):** Gwen

**Best attendance (Overall):** Cat

**Most Drunk Award:** Chris Smith

**Most Dodgy Award:** No surprises

**Biggest Mistake:** Karthik

**Stupidest Thing Done:** Chris & Calvin Lima

# TOGR BUMPER EDITION

## Pictures that passed the censorship board

### **Team Charlie (Platu 108)**

Skipped by Chris, Team Charlie had the seniors Cat & Zixian on board as well as original founder of the Charlie Lima Award, Calvin Lim and Teabagger Alexi Lim. This team struck fear in their own hearts by implementing a penalty system. Ultimately all we had was genitalia drawn everywhere. Alexi finished top scorer on the and will get his reward soon.:



### **Team GG or BB (Nataya)**

Skipped by Greg, this team had a good blend on seniors (Karthik, Fi & Pei Mun) and freshmen (Samantha & Gwen) and will become the foundation of SMU's platu sailors in the future. Tried offering a walkie talkie to Poseidon and racing without a spin. Such alternative sailing styles should be left to the training ground guys



### **Team UWA/SMU (The Weasel)**

A mixed crew skippered by Chris Smith from UWA. Crew included party animal Saachi, her partner in crime Danika (UWA), master photographer Eric and superhero Alistair (UWA). This team performed really well with such little training time together and we hope to have more interaction with UWA in the future



### **Team Teabag (Hi Jinks)**

Skipped by Shaun, this tea drinking team went on to clinch 2nd place in the IRC 3 class. Made up of members of the sailing Exco and freshmen, this team was out to win! Crew includes Alina, Yu Hui, PQ, Leonard, Joy & Brandon. With big boat experience under their belts, these sailors can adapt to a far larger range of boats



### **Team Shopping-in-Platinum Sucks**

This team had to fight off the evil shoppers led by chief shopper Alina Chia and travel countless miles to arrive at the battle field. We were promised air conditioned indoor paintball action. We got none of that. We got wet. You want paintball action, you got it, biggest casualties of the day were Leonard and Brandon although notable purple heart awardees include Alexi and Calvin.



## Upcoming Regattas

### **Bay Challenge 2011 (May)**

Singapore's first match regatta in the heart of the CBD. Sailed on Laser Bahias. SMU will be sending 2 teams. Come down for a good show and to support our teams!

### **Mayhem Regatta 2011 (May)**

Organized by Raffles Marina, chance to improve the local sailing scene. SMU Sailing will be competing in the J24 class with 1 team helmed by our President CHUNG!

## Upcoming Events

We will be having exciting events all through the summer so look out for news on the dates of the post TOGR gathering, Seniors farewell party, our favourite sail camp! Sailing 102! Sports Camp and of course Western Circuit. We will be needing helpers for all of these events so please show support and sign up!

