

SMU SAILING



Freshmen taste sailing for first time!

The SSU Sports Camp is an annual event that aims to expose freshmen to the sporting culture of SMU through active participation in a variety of different activities across Singapore as well as close interaction with peers, seniors and facilitators whilst living, eating and sleeping together. In other words you run around, sleep 2 hours and do it all again the next day. This year, the sailing team had the advantage of being situated in the barrage for the camp which made life easier for everyone and provided a much nicer environment for the noobs to get their first (for many) taste of sailing. The winds were perfect for some casual sailing and were just nice to create some thrills without the spills. Almost 250 freshmen and facilitators were taken for short rides onboard the Platu 25s and with some very favorable response received, we might be seeing a bumper harvest this year at vivace. Here are some pictures from the day.



RSYC Regatta: SMU triumphs yet again

The Republic of Singapore Yacht Club is well known for being the oldest and most prestigious yacht club in Singapore. Formerly the Royal Singapore Yacht Club, it is well and truly part of Singapore's history and has had the honour of having Kings and Queens as their patrons and famous knights as their commodores. What it does not have however is a good sailing location. Nestled nice and snug between the busiest port in the world, a couple of destructive reefs and various purpose built petrochemical islands, it is as pleasant as amputation. Full credit though then has to go to the organizers of the RSYC regatta for overcoming all these burdens and giving the sailors an enjoyable regatta. Actually, whatever happens when racing, the jugs of beer and satay you get on the docks kinda makes up for everything.

The 3 days of racing overall saw a good mix of drifters and breeze up to 12 knots as the 2 SMU platus had a new kid on the block in the form of KO2, the SSF platu that braved its way out of the calm barrage and into the open seas. Skipped by NTU sailor and 2006 Asian Games Gold Medalist Teo Wee Chin, and crewed by a mix of national sailors and former SMU Sailing stalwarts, this team was out to spoil the party.

In the J24 category, the lone SMU team on Shengli faced a formidable opposition in the form of J24 maestro Angel, veteran J24 team on Hakuna Matata as well as up and coming Singapore Poly teams.

After 2 days of sailing, The SMU platus were firmly in the driving seat holding 1st and 2nd positions while Shengli was entrenched in a firm battle but stood proudly in 2nd place. Last year's RSYC regatta saw winds of up to 30 knots and 2m waves that capsized 2 powerboats as Poseidon flexed his well-toned biceps. This year, Poseidon flexed his pinky and almost claimed one of our SMU Sailors into the sea. Thankfully, our hero was able to drag himself from the clutches of the blue monster and haul himself back into the boat, he didn't even let go of the mainsheet!

On the last day of racing, in a do or die battle at the top, the SMU platus went head to head but it was Gregory Ho on SMUve who picked up 2 bullets out of 3 races to take the overall IRC B trophy. Chris Lim on SMUmad finished in 2nd and KO2 finished 3rd. In the J24 class, Shengli transitioned into a hasty defence, digging themselves in for an onslaught of

ammunition from the opposition. In the end though, they emerged unscathed and went on to comfortably take 2nd place from Angel who once again proved to be the one to beat.

Full results and pictures can be found at www.rsycregatta.org



SAIL CAMP 2011

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The camp started off with a presentation of the newly updated SMU Sailing constitution. It was a record breaking attendance that showed up to approve the changes made to this hallowed document and without hardly any hesitation, the new constitution was made formal and its effect immediate.

(P.S. Due to recent inclusions into the constitution, please note that drug taking is now illegal.)

The activities quickly got started after that with food, drink and some romantic comedies to make everyone feel happy and warm inside. These feelings of warmth were occasionally disrupted by blood-curdling screams and the frequent profanity which served as a reminder that there was some real action going on. Board games are often misunderstood given their unfortunate first name but there was no sign of any boarddom that night with master strategist Richard Low tightening his grip on the halli galli crown and dispatching any foolish foes who dared to enter his lair of cards and bells with a series of crushing wins in the various board games rented for the night. It was the perfect sort of mental training that the sailors needed considering the intense battle that was to ensue the following morning.

The sailors awoke on Saturday morning with a calm tepidness, each quietly focusing on the immense task that lay before them. The 2nd Annual SMU Match Race saw entries increase by 67% year-on-year with 5 teams signing up to try to tackle the barrage. Organized as an inter-year competition, the 5 teams represented the 4 different batches in SMU along with the alumni racing team who were determined to show that age truly goes before beauty. The guardians of the rules and the keepers of justice that day were none other than former kings of the barrage Maxi Soh, Justin Wong and Andrew Chan who took a full day off their busy schedules to provide the umpiring and race committee services.

After a short briefing as to format of the day's proceedings, the first 4 teams headed out onto the unusually calm Marina Barrage as the south-westerly winds began to build, threatening to turn the waters into a fierce arena for the brave warriors. The action was thick and fast and flags were flying all over the place as the umpires were struggling to keep

up with the onslaught of protesting and shouting. What started out as a friendly competition was poised to finish off as a full on cage match. It was only when people realized that hydration on board were reaching Sahara levels that the game play changed and fatigue started to set in. We managed to run a full single round robin with each team racing 4 times. At the end of the round robin, here are the final results.

	Year 1s	Year 2s	Year 3s	Year 4s	Alumni	Total Wins	Position
Year 1s		0	1	0	1	2	2nd
Year 2s	1		0	1	1	3	1st
Year 3s	0	1		0	0	1	5th
Year 4s	1	0	1		0	2	3rd
Alumni	1	0	1	0		2	4th

The year 2 team took top spot with 3 wins out of 4 hence giving them the option to decide on their semi-final opponent during the boat draw. The next 3 teams were ranked after a tricky tie break situation in which all of them had 2 wins. After consulting the rule book just to be sure, the year 1s took 2nd place, the year 4s took 3rd and the alumni racing team took 4th. This resigned the year 3s to an early exit and a place on the umpire boats to catch the action from up close. At the end of the draw, the year 2s picked the alumni racing team, leaving the year 1s to do battle with the year 4s. The Semi Final was a "first to 2" round which saw BOTH semi-finals taken into the playoff 3rd match after some incredible last gasp action from the year 4s which saw them come from way behind to overtake the year 1s at the finish line. Of course calls for a switch of umpire soon followed as the year 1s were left frustrated at a penalty received for no apparent reason.

In the final it was the year 2s against the year 1s in what could be only described as a triumph for the TDO proving that their protégés have finally made it. The final was also a first to 2 race which the year 2s won eventually after beating the year 1s "Freshmen experience" 2-1. After about 7 hours of racing, here are the overall results.

1st Place: Year 2s

2nd Place: Year 1s

3rd Place: Alumni Racing.

Big congratulations to everyone for completing the match race regatta and for showing the support that gives us encouragement to

continue making this a permanent fixture on the calendar.

Although tired, dehydrated, aching, burnt and smelly, the spirits were still high as the sailors made their way from the barrage straight to SMU for the post regatta BBQ. Almost 50 people turned up that night including friends of sailing and the ever supportive alumni network. Everything was all set for an awesome night, except fire. Using what was basically a liquid bomb, the confused chefs went about to create several infernos which were eventually controlled and reduced down to an acceptable BBQ-sized flame at which point the hungry mob began eating their plastic plates. With what few plates we had left, we served the food. It was about this point when the table, the table, the table was on fire, but we didn't need any water we let the mother lover burn. Yes, burn mother lover, burn.

A hungry sailor is an angry sailor; a full sailor is probably drunk. If he's not drunk, we get the cups. The SMU Match Race challenge trophy was presented to the winning Year 2 team and before long it was filled with the most random combination of liquid known to man and being passed around like SARs. It was a night of revelry for the SMU Sailing team but with absolutely no damage caused and being as quiet as mice, we tiptoed back to school to be tucked in gently, wished each other goodnight and fell asleep softly. And that was all. There was only a short period where a certain someone heard noises coming from the refuse and went over to check if anyone needed help. But other than those faint whispers, all else was calm.

Word of warning: If your name is whisky, don't check into a hotel in Lima.



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THE PICTURES THAT PASSED THE CENSORSHIP BOARD!



SINGAPORE SAILING AWARDS NIGHT 2011

Its Legit!! WE ARE THE CLUB OF THE YEAR!

SMU Sailing bags Club of The Year!

The SMU Sailing Club has become well known in the university for being sports club of the highest calibre with a strong sense of belonging, a highly-committed member pool and a professional committee. Together with the invaluable help from the Office of Student Life, our Sports Manager Andrew and the SMU Sports Union, the club has become one of the most successful sports clubs in the school consistently churning out podium results despite being a sport most people have never done before and being in the running for club of the year time and time again. Last year, the sailing club became a member of the Singapore Sailing Federation, thereby officially establishing the SMU Sailing Club among the list of affiliated clubs in Singapore.

This year, at the recently concluded Singapore Sailing Federation Awards Night 2011, the SMU Sailing Club added another accolade to the growing list of achievements. The Club of The Year. In a ceremony attended by Former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Tony Tan, Former national sailor and current Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr Ng Ser Miang as well as SMU's new Dean of Students, Professor Ong Siow Heng, Director of OSL, Bernie and Associate Director, Sports & Adventure, Alan Koh. The SMU Sailing Club was presented the award in recognition for outstanding contributions to the local sailing scene, and exemplary achievements in local and international regattas.

Our sailors were there in full force at Seb's Bistro and Playhouse in Rochester Park to both assist as ushers and to show the sort of support that has earned us respect and commendation from around the world. This award pays tribute to the hard work put in at every level of the sailing club by every member of the sailing club.

SMU Sailing will like to thank Prof Ong for taking time to enjoy this special occasion with the sailing team, Bernie and Alan for once again being such wonderful supporters of the club and OSL for their undying and amazing support throughout the years. The club will never have made it to where we are today if not for the dedication of the managers and directors that emphasize on student life. One person that should have been present but unfortunately was unable to make it is of

course Andrew Aaron Tam. With this determination to provide only the best for the club and the sailors and his willingness to go out of his way to ensure perfection is met, the award goes to him as much as it does to the club.

Last but not least, to all the sailors, alumni and friends of sailing. It is your sacrifices, your blood, sweat and tears that have made this club a success. A club is nothing without its members and i suppose that explains why our club is awesome. Let us be proud and go forth to continue excelling in everything we do. Let us use this award as the motivation to reach for greater heights.

