



Western Circuit is Number One!

The SMU-RM Western Circuit Sailing Regatta (WCSR) is the biggest and brightest highlight of the SMU Sailing Calendar as it brings together very different aspects of SMU student life. From the beginning of our time in the city university, we are groomed to become effective and competent managers through a healthy balance of learning in the classroom as well as learning outside of the classroom. The WCSR sees SMU sailors display tenacity and determination on the water during the fierce and tough competition, learning to handle pressure situations while constantly keeping their minds thinking of the next move. Off the water, the organization, communication and adaptableness of the SMU students are put to the test as they strive to put on a show for more than 250 guests while ensuring the smooth transition between activities. This composite is the reason why the WCSR has become one of the biggest and most eagerly anticipated keelboat regattas in Singapore. In its 14th edition, this jointly organized event between SMU and Raffles Marina (RM) has grown from strength to strength and the synergies between the 2 parties has truly been realized.

The regatta was truly a success with more boats, more competitors and a more entertaining line up of performances and other gimmicks to keep the boaters occupied over the 3 weekends of sailing. As much as the regatta is about sailing, the WCSR is also a chance for the sailors to give to the community through various means including a bubble tea sale, a silent auction as well as a charity auction held on the last night. Over \$20,000 was raised altogether and the money was presented to the Sailability Singapore, the beneficiary for the event.

This non-profit organization provides training, boats and coaching to the disabled and handicapped with the vision of giving the less fortunate a chance to realize their dreams.



On the sailing front, SMU Sailing sent in a total of 5 teams including a mixed team of sailors from the University of Western Australia, 2 undergraduate teams and 2 teams from the clubs alumni network. Proving that SMU Sailors could do more than just organize, the Sailing Club finished 1st, 3rd and 4th in the IRC B Category as well as 3rd and 4th in the J24 Category. Racing was close the entire regatta and took the final day to decide many of the positions.



After close racing in the IRC B class, Fidelis Tan, who just graduated this year, never finished out of the top 3 in all races to comfortably take the overall title. In an interview with the female skipper at the end of the celebrations, Fidelis calmly said: "I'm Numba Wuan!!" before having her beautiful trophy filled with what can only be described as pre-vomit.



Compatriot Gregory Ho, sailing on SMUve started the regatta with 2 bullets but struggled to maintain his good form and missed out on 3rd place by a single point. Though disappointing, he is only in his 2nd year so expect him to get better and better to try for the title next year!



In the J24 class, our alumni racing team dusted off their sailing gear and hopped on *Jangan Main Main* to compete in the one-design class. Sailing consistently throughout the regatta, the team helmed by Alvin Ong just missed out on the podium by 2 points as they finished 4th overall. There were many other classes on display at the WCSR including flying boats, 2 hulled speed demons and giant 40 footers. Some pictures of these weird sights are added in for your viewing pleasure.



All Photos Courtesy of Ho Shu-Fen

For more information on the Western Circuit Sailing Regatta, visit www.westerncircuit.com.

Here you can find more pictures, the full results and other news regarding the fantastic event!

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SMU Sailing Says THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The SMU Sailing Club is privileged to have had President of SMU, Professor Arnoud De Meyer, SMU Provost, Professor Rajendra K. Srivastava, Dean of Students, Professor Ong Siow Heng, Director of OSL, Bernie and Professor Low Aik Meng present at the gala dinner of the Western Circuit Sailing Regatta. We would like to thank them for the immense support they have given the sailing club as well as the encouragement to continue striving to achieve excellence in local and international competitions.

The Sailing Club would also like to thank Samba Masala and SMU Eurhythmix for displaying their talent in stellar performances during the gala dinner. The crowd loved it and it really set the mood for the rest of the night.

Lastly but definitely not least, the club would like to thank Andrew Tam, Senior Manager at OSL, and Alan Koh, Associate Director, Sports and Adventure for being such great friends of the sailing club, for your passion, for your enthusiasm and for your love. We have said thanks many times before but words will never be enough to describe our gratitude.



Vivace 2011: We had a TV!

Every year, on the first friday of the new school year, the concourse gets rid of its hip hoppers, in-line skaters and random weirdos and morphs into a carnival on a day we call Vivace. Organized primarily for the freshmen, Vivace gives CCAs the opportunity to slut up and sell themselves to whoever may be interested. Competition is always intense with CCAs trying their best to spoil the market with fancy banners, standing thingys and dragon heads just to name a few. There are also performances by people who can't sing and dances by people who can't dance and people dressed up in Korean outfits. It all sounds fantastic and thats exactly what it is. The sailing club has traditionally been very active during Vivace to recruit hot young girls—eager, passionate freshmen who will go on to become the future champions and leaders of this great club. This year, we threw traditional out the window and brought out the heavy artillery with 1 television, 1 big screen, many giant banners, 4 tables and a whole lot of music. With not much space left in the concourse after our fort was built, the hordes of freshmen were alerted and vivace began.



Sporting our striking pink and blue tshirts, the sailors came together to beg, drag and frag as many people as possible to sign up for sailing 101 (look out for this in next months newsletter). All in all, after a tiring but fulfilling day, we had over 80 sign ups from Vivace which is a success to any CCA.



Sailing Exco Election Fever!

The ExCo of the sailing club is responsible for ensuring the smooth and effectively running of the club, the welfare and development of its members, and is accountable for the quality of competitive excellence that the club produces throughout the year. As such we cannot simply allow johnny noballs to walk in and take over. Elections are really hard, elections are sometimes annoying and elections usually come when you don't need it. If you know what i'm talking about, keep it to yourself. This year we had 8 candidates put their names in the hat and their "interviews" were sent out in a special elections edition last month. After a intense night of recounts, nervous sweating and panic attacks, the new 8th Sailing Club ExCo was formed:

President: Calvin Lim

Age: 22
Hobbies: Collecting Cups
Find him: In subway



Vice-President: Alexi Lim

Age: 22
Hobbies: Drinking Tea, Cooking
Find him: In pink tights



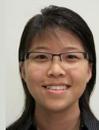
Secretary: Joy Fung

Age: 20
Hobbies: working & travelling
Find her: over there



Finance Sec.: Samantha Chua

Age: 20
Hobbies: Dancing/band/singing
Find her: Juggling



Logistics Officer: Gwen Quek

Age: 20
Hobbies: Spinning Meat
Find her: Shuffling



Marketing & Communications:

Eric Loh
Age: 23
Hobbies: Photo things..
Find Him: with a camera



Training & Development Officer:

Gregory Ho
Age: 22
Hobbies: Drinking Beer
Find Him: You won't



Upcoming Events (Sept)

- Sailing 101 (4th/11th sept)

Held at RM, its the perfect chance for noobs to get a feel of sailing. Join us for a few hours of good fun while getting the opportunity to be on a boat!

- SSF Match Race League III

24th/25th Sept, Marina Bay
Match racing returns to Singapore again with the 3rd installment of the SSF match race. This time, the racing will be right in the Marina Bay so come down on those days to get up close action, exciting action.

- SMU Sailing Gym Sessions

Wednesdays, 730pm, SMU Gym
Need to run off some summer love, oil your machines or just wanna have fun, join the sailing club for their weekly gym sessions. Bring your gym towel too!