

September

GOING DOWN THE RIVER WITH SMU SAILORS



Racing in the city, SMU Sailing triumphs on Formula 1 Weekend.

B'DAYS NEXT MONTH

- JOY FUNG - 8TH OCT
- ANDREA D - 16TH OCT
- KOH ZIYI - 21ST OCT
- ALINA - 21ST OCT
- HENRY - 28TH OCT

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Business End of The Semester

After the furor of Western Circuit, the excitement of the new school year and the chillness of the glorious summer break has come to an end. You sit up and realize that while closing your eyes for what seems like 5 seconds, 8 weeks have flown by and you now have 17 deadlines, 8 projects and mild diabetes from drinking too much red bull..We are now entering the business end of the semester but as sailors, we have never let something as trivial as school keep us from the open seas, the fresh wind or the vitamin-d enriching sunshine. As the old saying goes, you can take the sailor out of the sea, but you can't lead a cow down by its horns..or something like that..who knows..enjoy the read.

SMU Sailing is Number One!

On the 24th & 25th of September, while most of Singapore were either complaining about the Formula One inconveniences or complaining about the government, the rest were eagerly anticipating the world class event that was to be held that weekend. With competitors from as far as South America, Europe and other parts of Asia, it was truly a spectacle that was not to be missed. Of course i'm talking about the Singapore Sailing Federation Match Race League held in the Marina Bay, right in front of the esplanade, the Marina Bay Financial Centre and the Marina Bay Sands. Oh yeah, formula 1 was in town too but who really cares.

Match Racing is a different type of sailing event, whereby 2 boats compete head to head in a direct face off. Competitors have to use their skills and their knowledge of the rules to put their boat in front of the other boat. It is tough, it is physical and it is exciting.



SMU Sailing sent in 1 team comprising of Shaun, Alexi, Samuel, Eric and Peiquan. This all boys team were up against sailors from Thailand, Finland, Malaysia, Peru and fellow Singaporeans, former champions and various youth champions. We also had a few alumni sailing as our young but experienced sailors

continue to impress the sailing community and are often snapped up to be crew on board other teams.

After the round robin stage, our sailors were top of the table after going through undefeated and set the pace much like a certain crimson male cow team who were heading the starting grid not even 400 metres away. This set up an exciting 2nd day with the semi finals and finals to be held. It was tough battle for the SMU Sailors but they held their nerve and comfortably took the victory. There was much celebration from the boys in blue and a few illegal dumping violations as a number of the sailors were unceremoniously thrown into the drink.



All in all it was a fantastic achievement for Team SMU as this is the first time our sailors have clinched the top spot at this event. Well done to the team that competed! Oh yeah Vettel won the Formula 1 race but honestly, who even watches that stuff.

Sailing 101 - Success Once Again!



Every year, SMU Sailing tries to bait unsuspecting new students to join our happy family through an event called sailing 101. We basically take out all the boring, difficult and painful bits of sailing, wrap them up in bubble wrap, and convince everybody that sailing is actually really fun. It works! Sign ups were taken from Vivace 2011 and as mentioned last week, there were over 80 sign ups!!

Participants learn about the basics of sailing during this sailing 101 course, learn about basic water safety and learn that sailors are extremely fun loving. Like i said, we bubble wrap the painful, bruising bits. After 2 weekends, 4 sessions and many hours of sailing, we can safely conclude that sailing 101 was a success. The next true test will be how many of these new sailors will be able to endure the hardships and labour of the real sailing. aka being able to drink free flow beer without passing out and sailing with a hangover.



Upcoming Events (Oct)

- Constant Wind Match Race (8th/9th October - Constant Wind Sea Sports Club)

Held off the Eastern Coast of Singapore, this is the largest match race event on the Singapore calendar and attracts the nations top sailors to do battle. Former and current national sailors, olympians, world champions and other regional champions will be out in full force to try and be crowned champions. SMU Sailing is sending 3 teams this time round to match the success we had at the recent SSF Match Race. Racing starts from the morning onwards and is right in front of the beach for perfect spectator viewing.

- China Cup Intl Regatta (26th - 1st October, China)

SMU Sailing is sending a team of 12 to China to compete in this prestigious regatta. Featuring teams from all over the world, this regatta has truly become one of Asia's premier regattas. Competing on a 40 footer boat, our sailors will have to adjust from small keelboat sailing to big boat sailing. Watch out for updates on our facebook page and our website at www.smusailing.com



Mid-Autumn Festival 2011

Sailors are never ones to back away from a party or a chance to gather in the name of good fun, good booze and all round enjoyment. It has become a yearly tradition to celebrate the mid-autumn festival, complete with lanterns, moon cakes and sparklers. This year, the party was a BBQ which coincided with the mark the end of the sailing 101 sessions. Sailors of all years turned up bearing goodies of all shapes and sizes. Dessert was provided for by expert bakerette Andrea Dragon who wowed the crowds with her pavlova. Alcohol was free and flowing, bananas were used and the police showed up. All in all it was enjoyable night, even though we didn't actually get to eat any mooncakes.



We have Name Tents!!

The latest addition to the SMU Sailing marketing efforts was released for this semester to add to the 439 tshirts we have, a water bottle, towels and a visor. Not to mention stickers at one point in time. These name tents are striking, bold and guarantee class participation. Designed by SMU Sailing's IT professional, Zixian, look out for the sailor in your class next time you are bored.

