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Fleet Celebrates the Finish of the 20th Annual Singapore Straits Regatta

(19 January 2014) **Poolside Party Celebrates the Close of the Regatta**



Closing & Awards Presentation Party at ONE°15 Marina Club

who should know as he has participated in all the Singapore Strait's Regattas since they began back in 1995.

Last night saw the close of the nearly week long 20th Singapore Straits Regatta. There was excitement in the air when guests and participants started to arrive at the ONE°15 Marina Club's poolside for a sumptuous buffet dinner and the handing out of awards.

"This year's regatta was one of the best," according to Gordon Maxted

Drama on the High Seas

Highlights of this year's regatta included lots of action and drama. On the Batam side where races were held off the Nongsa Point Marina for three days, saw heavy seas and high winds. Participants were battered and sometimes surprised at how rough conditions could get. As Victoria Koh, Skipper of *Jangan Main-Main* explained, "I've never sailed in such choppy water. At times, it was really intense." She also revealed that, "This was my first ever regatta and I loved it." When asked if she will join next year's Singapore Straits Regatta, she beamed, "Most definitely!"



Participants enjoying the party

Saturday's final races saw the fleet participating in events just off Singapore's eastern coast. While conditions weren't as rough as those off Nongsa Point there was still plenty of sailing excitement. At times, winds reached nearly 20 knots and there was a 1.5-meter swell pushed along by the Northeasterly Monsoon. Still, it was a much "calmer" race and participants were able to put all their sailing skills to work. "We had a great time off the east coast," acknowledge Skipper Victoria Koh.



One Fast Boat



Blue Note

The IRC Open Class yacht, *Blue Note* took top honours at this year's regatta. The boat's Skipper and owner, David Dimmock, said about the sailing conditions, "Batam was hard going and very challenging. It was like a washing machine out there with some very confused seas. But once we got used to the conditions we were in our element." Dimmock and his teammates were also very proud to have received this year's Cup. "There are a lot of great names on that Cup. Names like Ray Roberts. We feel privileged to be among the truly greats of competitive sailing."

Judgment Day

Mr. Selvam, one of the three international judges who was on hand to help settle any protests that might come up had this to say about the race, "Participants of this year's regatta may have had a great time but it was the truly marvelous support provided by the racing committee, sponsors and organisers that allowed this race to go on without a hitch." As for any protests, the long time sailor and judge disclosed, "There was only one protest. I expected that this regatta would not see any conflicts because all the participants were here to have fun and enjoy the sport of sailing. They are all true sportspeople."



Rekering Dream

Arthur Tay, Chairman of ONE°15 Marina Club, who presented this year's awards, said about the past four days of sailing, "The Singapore Straits Regatta is all about endurance, teamwork, fair play, having fun and above all, safety." Chairman Tay struck a positive note when he pledged his unwavering support for the sport of sailing in Singapore by declaring, "ONE°15 Marina Club shares a similar vision with everyone here in growing the regatta to include a wider participation locally and regionally as well as increasing the number of boat entries, participants and spectators. We are committed to revitalizing the regatta

together with Singapore Sailing Federation and fellow stakeholders of the SSR."



Enjoyable Torture

One of the hardest workers at this year's race must have been Principal Race Officer Huzaini Ibrahim and his team from ONE°15 Marina. They worked tirelessly to make this year's regatta the success that it was. Huzaini, who also headed up the Race Secretariat, had this to say about the regatta, "Everyone had a good time." And with a laugh, about the conditions in Nongsa Point, he said, "I think it was enjoyable torture. Participants learned first hand that you can never underestimate Mother Nature." Huzaini, a champion sailor himself sees a bright future for sailing in Singapore. "We're attracting a lot of youth to the sport. This was demonstrated by the number of university students we participated in this year's regatta.

It's only going to grow and get bigger." Huzaini also acknowledges this year's event "demonstrated a high degree of sportsmanship "It was truly great." he said.

Looking to the Future

ONE°15 Marina General Manager, Brian Werner said at the close of the awards party, "I know that everyone who took part had a great time and is looking forward to the 21st



Final races with Singapore's skyline as the backdrop

Singapore Straits

Regatta. He added, "Next year we will be making some adjustments so we can include more of the bigger boats in the regatta. The next regatta will be bigger and better than ever."

Race Report by Robert Stedman



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IRC Open Class														
S / N	Yacht	Sail No.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Overall	Overall after 1 discard	Position
1	Blue Note	SIN 2000	RTD,4	2	1	1	1	1	1			11	7	1
2	Rekering Dreams	SIN 3683	1	1	2	2	2	2	2			12	10	2
3	Haiyi 1		2	3	3	3	3	3	3			20	17	3

IRC C Class														
S / N	Yacht	Sail No.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Overall	Overall after 2 discard	Position
1	Shoon Fung Too	SIN 852	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	7	1
2	Waka Tere	SIN 333	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	16	12	2
3	SMUmad	SIN 104	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	RTD, 4	4	30	22	3
4	SMUve	SIN 105	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	33	25	4
5	Born In Fire Too		DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	DNC, 6	54	42	5

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S / N	Yacht	Sail No.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Overall	Overall after 2 discard	Position
1	Jangan Main Main	SIN 18	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	15	11	1
3	Quarter-deck		2	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	19	13	2
2	Shengli	SIN 93	3	1	1	3	RTD, 4	3	1	2	3	21	14	3



About Singapore Straits Regatta

The idea of a yachting regatta of international standing in Singapore waters was mooted in 1994 by a handful of local enthusiasts to entrench Singapore's position as a yachting hub in Asia and catalyse the growth of the local keelboat sailing scene. The annual fixture in the Asian Yachting circuit has since come to be famed for its blend of Singaporean and Indonesian flavour, being the only regatta that brings the yachts and sailors to clubs on both sides of the Straits. A truly unique regatta that presents a myriad of sailing conditions and experiences. The Straits Regatta has been constantly evolved over the past 19 years and the upcoming 20th edition will present itself in a format closer to the roots of the original editions in the early 1990s. A time-tested formula that has attracted sailors and yachts from all over the world!

In 1995, the inaugural Singapore Straits Regatta was held. A brainchild of pioneers of sailing in Singapore, this event saw Raffles Marina, Nongsa Point Marina, and Changi Sailing Club coming together with the Singapore Sailing Federation to organise this landmark event.

The Regatta is organised through a unique organising chair rotation system amongst the Singapore clubs and Nongsa Point Marina. The coming together of all stakeholders in Singapore sailing clubs through a Memorandum of Understanding signals the strong camaraderie and collective drive to promote the sport.

About the Perpetual Cup Series

Inaugurated in 1997, the Perpetual Cup Series crowns the top performing yacht in the elite racing class across three key sailing events in Southeast Asia, namely The Raja Muda International Regatta, Phuket King's Cup and Singapore Straits Regatta, and awards the winning team with the prestigious Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy from the treasure trove of historical trophies from the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club. Over the years, the Series has been awarded to several elite sailors, earning itself a prestigious reputation throughout the sailing community.

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