"The Mast Abeam Advocate"

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CLASS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sailors and Friends of the Class - Welcome back after the Summer!





We just finished the Triple-Header of regattas, with the RSYC Regatta, Singapore Regatta and Western Circuit Regatta. The turnout has been growing and what is most encouraging is that we have had many new sailors join us over the past weeks and months, both as crew and helm. The class is on fire and we are really hoping to see a full house as we prepare for the National Championships on the 14-15/10!

With new owners coming in and new boats on the way to Singapore, grab yours before they run out! This is a perfect opportunity to get prepared ahead of 2025 and the World Championships. We are also very much looking forward to Dubai 2024. So far, Singapore is largest non-UAE country in terms of entries (6 confirmed and 4 more pending as of writing). Boats will be loaded onto containers after Nationals and arrive in Dubai by year end. There is more space! Anyone who is keen to ship or to rent a boat for a campaign - just let us know and we get you sorted!

We continue to grow our strong partnership with SSF and are continuously working on new ways to activate the 8 boat strong SSF fleet - there are always boats available for those keen to rent for an event. If you want someone with experience to come and join you, just reach out.

After a short break, we are looking forward to kicking off the autumn calendar, starting with Club Racing on the 9th of September. See you there!

Your Class Captain, Magnus

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SB20 Association of Singapore 2024/25 Racing Schedule									
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Venue</u>	Start Time					
11 Aug 2023	<u>.</u>		/ /						
12 Aug 2023	Singapore Regatta	Passage Race	SSF / One15 / RM	06:00					
13 Aug 2023		up to 5 W/L	SSF / RM	10:00					
19 Aug 2023	SMU Western Circuit Regatta	up to 5 W/L	SMU / RM	13:00					
20 Aug 2023	<u> </u>	up to 5 W/L	SMU / RM	13:00					
9 Sep 2023	Autumn Series (1/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
23 Sep 2023	Autumn Series (2/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
7 Oct 2023	Autumn Series (3/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
14 Oct 2023	National Championships	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
15 Oct 2023		up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
1-3 Dec 2023	SB20 Middle East Championships	W/L	DOSC Dubai						
9 Dec 2023	December Shoot Out	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM						
3 Feb 2024	Nils Razmilovic Cup	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
4 Feb 2024	Milis Nazifiliovic Cup	up to 5 W/L	3D20 A33 II / NIVI	13:00					
2-4 Feb 2024	SB20 Asia Championships	W/L	DOSC Dubai						
12-16 Feb 2024	SB20 World Championships	W/L	DOSC Dubai						
16 Feb 2024									
17 Feb 2024	C'array Branks	Passage Race	SSF / One15 / RM	06:00					
18 Feb 2024	Singapore Regatta	up to 5 W/L	SSF / RM	10:00					
9 Mar 2024	Spring Cup (1/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
23 Mar 2024	Spring Cup (2/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
6 Apr 2024	Spring Cup (3/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
20 Apr 2024	Spring Cup (4/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
18 May 2024		up to 5 W/L	35207031171001	13:00					
19 May 2024	SB20 Mayhem Regatta	up to 5 W/L	One15	13:00					
8 Jun 2024	Squall Cup (1/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
22 Jun 2024	Squall Cup (2/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
6 Jul 2024	Squall Cup (3/3)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
27 Jul 2024 (TBD)	Squaii Cup (3/3)	up to 5 W/L	RSYC	13:00					
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28 Jul 2024 (TBD)		up to 5 W/L		13:00					
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12 Oct 2024	Autumn Series (4/4)	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
2 Nov 2024	SB20 National Championships	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
3 Nov 2024		up to 5 W/L	CD20 A l . / DNA	13:00					
7 Dec 2024	December Shoot-out	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / RM	13:00					
4 Jan 2025	A-PAC Delivery/Fleet Sail to One15	Transit	SB20 Ass'n / RM	10:00					
10 Jan 2025	Asia Pacific Championships & Asian	up to 5 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / SSF / One15	13:00					
11 Jan 2025	Grand Slam								
12 Jan 2025		up to 5 W/L							
	OneDegree15 Fun Race #1 & #2	Fun Race	SB20 Ass'n / One15	12:00 and 15:00					
18 Jan 2025				13:00					
19 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00					
20 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00					
21 Jan 2025	SB20 World Championships - Singapore	up to 4 W/L	SB20 Ass'n / SSF / One15	13:00					
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23 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00					
24 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00					
25 Jan 2025		up to 4 W/L		13:00					
1 Feb 2025	A-PAC Return/Fleet Sail One15 to RM	Transit	SB20 Ass'n / RM	10:00					

Save the dates NOW! - Click here for Google Calendar

University Teams Report

By Daniel Ian Toh, NUS Sailing Captain

This is the first of a 2 part series introducing our university sailing teams. This month's newsletter will feature the National University of Singapore (NUS) Sailing Team. Stay tuned for next month's feature where we will share more about the Singapore Management University (SMU) Sailing Team.

A Brief History of NUS Sailing:

NUS Sailing was founded in 2017 by a bunch of sailing friends with the vision of introducing the sport to fellow NUS students.

Since then, the team has been honoured to represent the university and country in regattas both nationally and internationally, welcoming sailors of all backgrounds and experience levels.

The heart of NUS Sailing comprises a team of passionate, disciplined sailors who share a love for the ocean and sailing. Our team also uses our platform to reach out to the wider community. We regularly organise outreach events for fellow NUS students such as Fun Sails and Basic Sailing Courses. We also make the effort to organise an annual Athletes Give Back event to reach out to various beneficiaries.

Our Activities:

Our team prides ourselves on developing sailors who pick up the sport for the first time in NUS. We organise up to 10 Basic Sailing Courses (BSC) every year, where fellow NUS students can learn how to sail at a heavily subsidised rate.

Promising sailors will then join our Varsity Sailing team where they will learn the ropes of the SB20. Our team uses a peer-coaching model where the more experienced sailors in our team (such as our many former

national sailors) will mentor and guide our

newer sailors.

During the off-season, our team also organises various team bonding activities, such as sailing expeditions to Lazarus Island.





NUS Sailing and the SB20 Class

Our sailors have been involved in the SB20 class since the founding of our team. While we raced in both the J24 and the SB20 in our earlier years, we have consolidated our team's racing to just the SB20 since the pandemic.

We acquired our first 2 boats, Walababy and Pocapena, in 2018. We acquired 2 more boats, Luminus and Purple Patch, in 2021, and we are proud to have a fleet of 4 SB20s now.

Our team has achieved stellar results in the class over the years. Highlights include winning the Asian Grand Slam and Nationals in 2021, and the SMU-RM Western Circuit Regatta earlier this month. With our recent win at the Western Circuit Regatta, we are proud to have won all the major SB20 regattas on the local calendar.

At this juncture, we would like to express our appreciation to all the sailors in the SB20 class who have helped our team get to this stage. From simple acts like lending us tools, to bigger projects like helping us ship our boats in from Australia, we will always be grateful to this community of sailors that we are humbled to be part of.

Future Plans

We are proud to be sending 2 teams to compete in the 2024 Dubai Worlds*, a huge milestone for our team. We aim to use this event as a stepping stone towards the 2025 Worlds in Singapore, where we hope to achieve our goal of becoming World Youth Champions!

We are also glad to have kept many sailors in the sport by providing them with a platform to continue sailing, and we hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

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The SMU Western Circuit Regatta

Magnus Ekbom had this to say: "WCR 2023 Edition 24 is a wrap! This was the last event on what became the "Southern Monsoon Circuit" (RSYC regatta, SG regatta and WCR). Race report below signed the infamous Freddie Hall!!! My added comments is that we saw several new helmsmen and women grabbing the stick and making their mark as well as 6 new-to-class sailors on the boats. This is fantastic for the fleet. Super congrats to the Purple Patch team from NUS. You guys have been very consistent and really putting in the work to get your team to the top. Can't wait to see what you will do in Dubai 2024!!!"

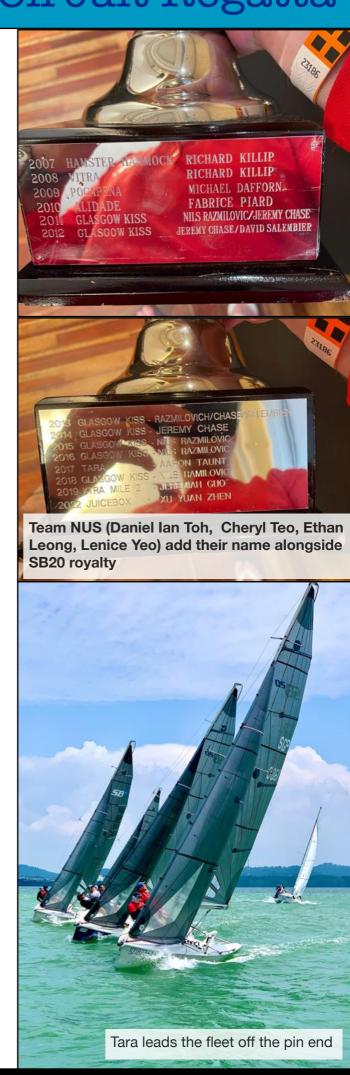
Regatta Report by Freddie Hall

This weekend saw the 24th running of the prestigious Western Circuit Sailing Regatta, organized by SMU (The Singapore Management University) and hosted by the world famous Raffles Marina and Country Club.

Saturday was dominated by light winds, lightening, thunder and occasional rain squalls followed by very light wind racing conditions. The Student Team skippered by Daniel Toh on board Purple Patch dominated the day, with Fugazi sailed by husband and wife team Ewen and Tracey McKewan scoring a win in the third and final race of the day.

Zorro and Sidewalk Café put in a strong showing bringing new crew into the fleet, the latter scoring a second in race 2 which led to a gigantic mid-fleet tussle with Tara and Sinbád. Working from Home enjoyed the tricky, light conditions taking scalps from Walababy and Zorro in race 3.

Sunday brought classic Singapore flat hiking conditions - a proper foam on, with boats light up dramatically down the runs. Over 4 races, Team Tara sailed by Magnus Ekbom, Agoston Sipos and Freddie Hall scored 2 wins and a forth, meaning it was all to play for between Tara



and Purple Patch going into the deciding last race.

In a start scene reminiscent of Ben Ainslie and Robert Scheidt at the Atlanta Olympics 1996 there was a close tussle between the two, but Tara managed to waive off the attack from the Purple Patch and stretch her lead to a resounding victory. However, Purple Patch had the final say, as their pre-start tactics had pushed their opponents momentarily over the line 30 seconds before the start copping Tara a black flag penalty!

With that the students took home the impressive Western Circuit Trophy - and a BIG demonstration of their stated objective to win the Dubai 2025 SB20 World Youth Championships for Singapore. Well done Daniel Ian Toh, Cheryl Teo, Ethan Leong and Lenice Yeo on a great win!

24th Western Circuit Sailing Regatta SB20 class

24th Western Circuit Sailing Regatta SB20 Class

Overall

Sailed: 8, Discards: 1, To count: 7, Entries: 10, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Boat Name	Class	Sail No.	Helm/Owner	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Nett
1st	Purple Patch	SB20	36	Daniel Ian Toh	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	(7.0)	1.0	25.0	18.0
2nd	Tara	SB20	SGP 3361	Magnus Ekbom	4.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	(11.0 BFD)	30.0	19.0
3rd	Fugazi	SB20	3609	Ewan McEwan	6.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	(0.8)	4.0	33.0	25.0
4th	Xtra Mile 2	SB20	GER 3580	Jeremiah Guo	3.0	6.0	(7.0)	1.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	32.0	25.0
5th	Sidewalk Café	SB20	3407	Steve Kennedy	7.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	(11.0 UFD)	5.0	2.0	40.0	29.0
6th	Sinbad	SB20	3294	Daire O'Reilly	5.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	(11.0 UFD)	3.0	2.0	11.0 DNS	42.0	31.0
7th	Luminus	SB20	3271	Serzen Gurung	1.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	(11.0 UFD)	6.0	4.0	11.0 BFD	54.0	43.0
8th	Zorro	SB20	SGP3031	Nicholas Cocks	8.0	(11.0 DNC)	9.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	11.0 BFD	66.0	55.0
9th	Walababy	SB20	3063	Jonna Sophie Scmhude	9.0	(11.0 DNC)	10.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	68.0	57.0
10th	Working From Home	SB20	3236	Paul Town	10.0	(11.0 DNC)	8.0	8.0	8.0	11.0 RET	11.0 RET	11.0 RET	78.0	67.0



Editorial.... With Steve

As we build into the 2025 World Championships we thought it important to bring the community together and share the various activities that are going on that perhaps not everyone is aware of. The work that the University teams do behind the scenes is a classic example of this. If you have some club or team projects or goings on that you think deserve some recognition (or if you know of someone else who is doing some good work) please send in some information about it.

and more boats on the water regularly AFTER the worlds and in the long term.

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Whilst the world championships are the main focus for many of us in the next year or so, we want to build a strong SB20 community and work towards greater participation

Recently there have been many newcomers to the fleet including new boat owners and we will introduce them through profiles in the 'Mast Abeam Advocate'. For those of you who are under the age of 35 you would be wondering what is with the title?? Well just like Rule 39.2 in the 1993-1996 rule book, most of us SB20 sailors are old and almost relics of the past (as the NUS team showed us last weekend!!).

When Myles was heard yelling "MAST ABEAM" during a recent race - with the surrounding fleet looking as confused as a trimaran sailor (why do trimaran sailors always look confused??) - I thought it a fitting title for the newsletter.

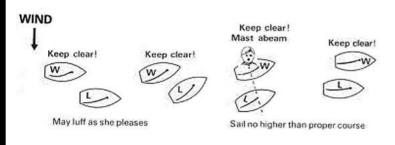
I hope you find the newsletter enjoyable, informative and light hearted. I welcome contributions of embarrassing / funny photos of sailors (PG rated), interesting stories, sailing memes, funny quotes etc etc. Each month we will profile some established sailors and some newcomers to the fleet. If you have just joined the fleet and I have missed you with the profile survey please let me know and I will forward the link.

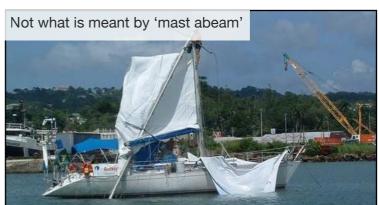
Enjoy.. Ed.

MAST ABEAM - 1993-1996 Racing Rules of Sailing

39.2 Luffing – After starting and clearing the starting line, subject to rule 32 (serious damage), a yacht clear ahead or a leeward yacht may luff as she pleases unless the windward yacht has been mast abeam at any time during the overlap.

Definition: Mast abeam – a windward yacht sailing no higher than a leeward yacht is mast abeam when her helmsman's line of sight abeam from his normal station is forward of the leeward yacht's main mast. A windward yacht sailing higher than a leeward yacht is mast abeam when her helmsman's line of sight abeam from his normal station would be if she were sailing no higher forward of the leeward yacht's mainmast.





A Guide to Buying an SB20

The common perception is that sailing is for the wealthy or that you need to spend a lot to own a boat. In fact if you can find a team to share the costs with, most people are surprised how affordable it can be. Affordable - not free!

These are the upfront costs you will face:

- Boat purchase entry level boat **\$12,000 \$18,000** for a cheap second hand but race worthy SB20
- Marina membership one of the team will need a membership to be able to keep the boat at the marina. Approximate \$3000 \$5000
- MPA Licensing \$50 per year
- Insurance Less than \$500 per year
- Monthly membership and berthing (including sail storage) \$440 per month

Team of 4 sharing the costs:

- Purchase of boat and membership: \$3875 each Retrievable when on selling the boat
- Monthly expenses including licensing and insurance: \$122 each per month

If you have any questions about buying a boat, are looking for boats for sale or need help getting a team together to share a boat please talk to Daire O'Reilly or any of the class committee reps. With the worlds coming up, there will be opportunities to share shipping costs making buying boats from overseas viable.

Sailor Profile - Daire O'Reilly

Current Team: 'The Incident'

Years of Sailing: 31

Started Sailing: In Optimists in Ireland

Industry: Aircraft Leasing

From: Ireland, lived in Singapore 12 Years Enjoy most about Sailing: The competition Other places Sailed: Jesus! Everywhere.. Who would you take double handed around the world?: My brother because he is sound

Other Sports: Snowboarding

Biggest Sailing Achievement: Winning Irish

Nationals

Goal for the year: Compete in the Dubai



How could you not trust that smile....

Daire is also the committee man to talk
to if you have any questions about
boats for sale or interest in joining the
Dubai Worlds!

'Rules Reality' with Ewan Mc Ewan



Ewan is a respected International Race Umpire who has umpired at the highest level including being the Chief umpire for the Extreme Sailing Series for 7 years. This makes him a more popular guy to talk to at the bar than Myles or Freddie (before the protest time limit). He is also the co-owner of Fugazi and not a bad bloke. Having sailed for 52 years, he is still the second best sailor in his family with wife Tracey (who is the National Coach of the single handed youth class) taking the honours. Controversially, Ewan doesn't mind pineapple on pizza or bananas on boats - which says a lot. (Ed)

This piece in the newsletter will in each edition cover a rules situation. The aim is to promote awareness and discussion.

Room To Finish Or Not Room To Finish!

In this edition I'll cover a common situation that occurs at the finish, it is especially common in high-angle downwind sailing boats like the SB20 class though also multihull and skiff classes.

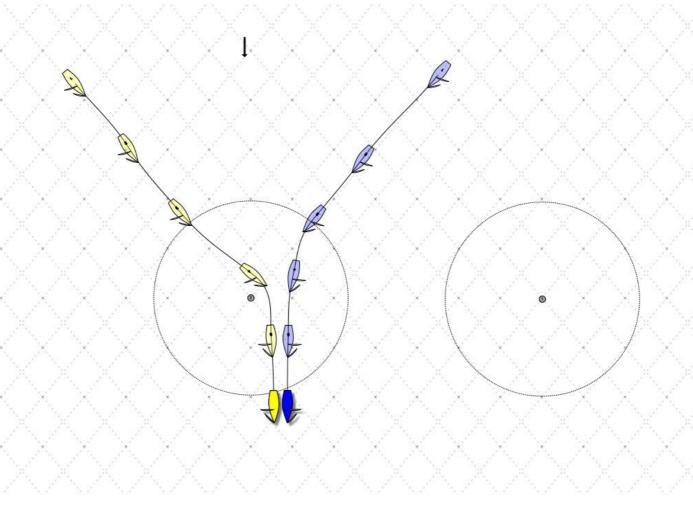
Please refer to the diagram and the relative positions of the boats as numbered (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6). 1. The two boats approaching the finish on a downwind leg. They are on opposite tacks, Blue on Starboard tack, and Yellow on Port tack. To sail the course correctly they need to leave the Race Committee Vessel, RCV, to starboard.

As the boats are sailing downwind, below 90 degrees to the true wind direction, and on opposite tacks (port and starboard) they are not overlapped (have a look at the RRS Definition Overlapped).

However, as you will see in the Definition, they are overlapped for the purposes of applying the rule for marks, RRS 18. The rule starts applying once the first boat enters mark's Zone (the Zone is itself defined as a 3 boat-lengths from the mark). As soon as the first boat enters the Zone, in our example it's the Blue boat, the two boats are considered as 'overlapped' and the 'outside' boat is required to give the 'inside' boat mark-room to pass the mark.

So, in our example, the Yellow boat is entitled under the rules - specifically rule 18.2 b, and the Definition of Mark-Room - to pass the RCV leaving it to starboard and finish the race. The Blue boat has to allow this and if she doesn't, she is open, via a valid Protest, to be penalised (normally DSQ if the usual post-race hearing system is used).

A couple of tactics can be employed here; the Blue boat could gybe on to starboard tack earlier hoping to 'get a piece' of the Yellow boat before either boat reaches the Zone, thus before the Yellow boat gets any rights to mark-room. And the Yellow boat can 'go deep' hoping to reach the Zone before having to keep-clear under rule 10.



There is rarely doubt about the overlap as the boats will have effective been 'overlapped' for quite some time. The issue is often where the 'right' of Yellow and the 'obligation' of Blue begin. If Blue is in any doubt her recourse is to give the mark-room and then Protest, the alternative - to force Yellow to gybe and/or hit the RCV is a high-risk option as Blue would break rule 14, and if there was damage or injury, could herself be penalised.

In lighter winds, where the angels are very high, it can be better for Yellow to go higher, build speed, 'dip' behind Blue and then complete a neat roll gybe to power across the line. In stronger winds it can be high-risk for the Blue boat to try and 'take out' the Yellow boat prior to the Zone as, given the short distance to the line, it can all end badly with tricky boat handling causing errors!

What do you think? What have been your experiences of these situations? What tactics do you apply? What rule/s would you like discussed here in this section of the newsletter?

Teaser Question for the next instalment of *Rules Reality!* In position 6 in the diagram does the Blue boat have to keep-clear of the Yellow boat?

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Best, Ewan

Welcome to the fleet...

Sailor Profile - Ryan Phuan

Current Team: Looking for Opportunities (Stints with Born in Fire, Sidewalk Cafe)

Years of Sailing: 1

Started Sailing: NSC (Optimists)

Industry: Communications (ex Raffles Marina)

From: Singapore

Enjoy most about Sailing: The teamwork and

competitive aspect

Other places Sailed: Not yet

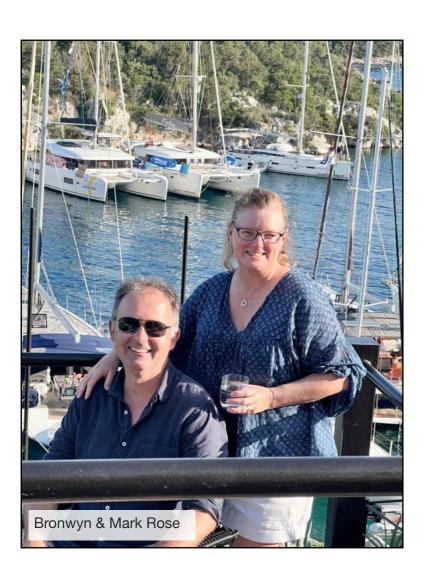
Other Sports: Golf

Biggest Sailing Achievement: Winning

Singapore Regatta IRC Passage race aboard

Born in Fire

Goal for the year: To find a regular crew spot on SB20. (Shouldn't have a problem, Ed)





WELCOME NEW OWNERS of SINBAD!

Mark and Bronwyn Rose hail from Perth, Western Australia where they've spent a



lifetime sailing in 20-25 knot afternoon sea breezes as members of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. They have also sailed competitively in Wellington, New Zealand and on the Great Lakes in the USA. As with any boat owner, the size kept increasing, starting with 22 foot, then 24, 27 and 30 foot racer/ cruisers. They then decided to buy a Beneteau Oceanis 411 for cruising and race on other boats. Mark enjoyed hanging out on the trapeze of a Shaw 650, whilst Bronwyn became heavily involved skippering one design yachts in their club's strong women's programme. Since moving to Singapore early 2022, they've tried a number of sailing options, and are excited to be back sailing one design vachts in the SB20.

Events and Social with Nicole...

SB20 Chat Groups:

- 1. Events/Activities <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/</u>
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- 2. Find a skipper/charter/crew <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/</u>
 <u>HUjvxwuDQU1INQ04AcbMEj</u>
- 3. Chat for everything else <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/</u> CON7PjPJlzk96pdnklTQyf



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Grow Boating Singapore is a meet-up of boating industry professionals who have an interest in developing the boating scene in Singapore. The evening will have a light buffet and drinks sponsored by boating businesses in Singapore.

Next Grow Boating Singapore event – Monday 4 September 2023



DIESEL ENGINE COURSE LEVEL 1 S\$350 JYRC Members 20 % discount A course to help you prevent and solve diesel engine failure. The course will give awareness of the main systems of a marine diesel engine and the ability to prevent breakdown at sea & rectify defects not requiring workshop support. Mechanical failure is the main cause of lifeboat callouts to yachts. This course includes basic maintenance and engine care which will prevent most cases of engine failure SCHEME TYPE | Specialist Short Courses | Beginner Required experience Minimum duration Minimum age Format ■ None ■ 1 Day This course is based in a **1**6 classroom The four stroke cycle, fuel, cooling and air systems, engine electrical systems, spares and tool requirements, winterisation and servicing

Aware of the main systems of a marine diesel engine. Able to prevent break-

down at sea and rectify defects not requiring workshop support

Who will be there:-

- Captains and crew
- Charter operators and charter agencies
- Yacht brolBoating sur

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SB20 Training

Started with the vision to meet high demand for adult sailing courses and provide a pathway for beginner sailors to learn the basic skills, practice their crew work and handling and then be introduced to the racing scene (both SB20 and wider club races). We are proud to say that two of our students were introduced to racing during the Western Circuit regatta with Ryan Phuan joining Thomas Reckefuss' Born in Fire in the IRC class as a Main Trimmer and Rob Webster jumping on board The Sidewalk Cafe as a bowman. Both sailors are hooked and talking about buying boats / looking forward to the next races.

We have also introduced over 40 beginner adult sailors to sailing over the past 3 months, some of whom have done dingly courses previously and are looking to enter the keelboat scene and others who are totally new to the sport. In August, HiTech bought Scumbag (which had been unused for some time) and has just finished repair works including bulkhead fixing and reinforcement, new standing and running rigging and a keel touch up. We will be using this boat as a second training boat as well as a 'pathway' boat to racing via our 'Learn to Race' course. We hope this will not only ensure another boat on the water for club racing but also make it easier for people to try the class out and network with other sailors after racing, immersing them in the fleet and creating opportunities for joining or forming teams.

Please get in touch or pass on our details if you know of anyone who is looking to learn to sail or improve their sailing on SB20s and thanks for the support already from the SB20 community.

Steve



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