



THE WESTERN BUGLE



About

The SMU-RM Western Circuit Regatta is one of Singapore's premier regattas uniquely organized by both Raffles Marina and Singapore Management University. It features the largest keelboat racing fleet in Singapore, fun filled Post-Regatta parties and a charitable heart for disabled sailors through sailability.

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Day 2 Highlights

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Day 2 was definitely a change of events. Medium stable breeze coupled with choppy seas, opened up the playing fields for the heavier crews. Today's set up and technique was more crucial, making it a boat speed game.

Passage Race (IRC A and IRC B)

For IRC A and B classes, it was passage race day. Both classes started together and it was Shoon Fung Too, Zanzibar, SMUve and SMUMad starting well near the Race Committee boat. Zanzibar had an edge over the rest in terms of speed and came out of the pack in front. The platus, SMUve and SMUMad, with their main sails flogging were no match for Zanzibar who was powering full speed ahead. The rest of the fleet which had a clear lane held their course to the left side. Zanzibar continued to inch away and separate from the fleet. The IRC B boats were to have a hard time sailing their course amongst the IRC A boats, so it paid for them to stay away and avoid the wind shadows. Skillfully doing just that was Born In Fire and Waka Tere that eventually led the rest of the IRC B fleet.

Through the beat, Zanzibar kept pulling away in this drag race, holding their lane towards land. The rest of the fleet followed behind heading towards shore too, with Shoon Fung Too staying most windward of the pack. Ultimately, staying close to the shore paid off and it also ensured that barges would not pose as a hazard.

As the fleet continued to head upwind, the sea remained choppy but the breeze dropped significantly after rounding the top mark. With a lighter and patchier breeze, looking out for fresh wind became more crucial than ever. Many boats found themselves in patches of lull and gusts from one minute to the other. Going at it neck to neck towards the end were the SMU boats, SMUMad and SMUve. In the end, between the two, SMUve came out victorious. After a four hour long passage race, it was Zanzibar that took the win in IRC A and Shoon Fung Too for IRC B.

With the corrected timings, the President's cup goes to Zanzibar!



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Passage Race (PY)

A similar strategy to the IRC classes was adopted. Boats headed in shore with the aim to travel the least distance. Night Train took the lead early on, with O'Blueyes slightly to windward hot on their heels. The dying breeze with residual chops, resulted in bouncing bows throughout the passage race. Sure hope no one got sea sick!

With such a long race, crews dangled their legs out of the sides and kept hydrated with drinks in their hands! In the end, returning back to the finish line was Night Train in first, with O'Blueyes and Xtra Mile finishing close behind each other in second and third placing.

With the corrected timings, O'Blueyes claims the throne.



SB20s

Race 1

Over at the SB20 course, they sailed a different course configuration using beckons as their course marks. It was Tara and Scumbag that led the fleet comfortably around the course. The separation between the boats was rather significant as this longer than normal race. On the last upwind, with a long one tack beat, not much options were available for the boats to catch up. Podium positions were filled by Tara, Scumbag and SSF 4.



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SB20s

Race 2

The start kicked off with Walababy claiming the best start and being the first out to get the nice left hander. They stayed between the fleet and the favored side to protect their lead. To add on to the excitement, a barge came right through the upwind leg, separating the fleet right through the middle. That meant unnecessary wind shadow on the right while the left pack enjoyed fresh clear breeze. Glasgow Kiss rounded in first with Du Mei Dai in second and SSF 1 in third. The pack rounded tightly all coming in from the left lay line. SSF 4 did a gybe set while the rest of the fleet flew down to the right side. With the boats on the right, all fighting for clear air and sailing higher angles, that opened up opportunities for the boats that gybed off early.

Better winds today truly tested the crews' teamwork and communication on board. A single slip up could lead to many places lost. Speaking of which, on the next upwind mark rounding, Du Mei Dai approached from the left and squeezed between SSF 4 and the mark. That maneuver cost them dearly as they hit the mark and had to do a penalty. Moreover, with close competition amongst the SB20 fleet, such mistakes can be very costly.

Heading downwind, with the long finishing line, positions shuffled again. In the end, it was Glasgow Kiss, SSF 1 and Pocapena that filled the podium.



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SB20s

Race 3

First start was a general recall with the middle to pin-end pack pushing the line way too hard. The second start went off with a nice spread of the fleet across the whole line. Du Mei Dai and SSF 4 had a beautiful start at the Race Committee while Scumbag came out from the middle well. Similar to the second race, holding a clear lane out to the left and getting the first left shift to cross back paid off.

The wind built up throughout the race, which saw crews squeezing at the stern blazing downwind. Glasgow Kiss yet again dominated and added another race win to a very consistent score line. SSF 1 took second and Pocapena took third placing.

Race 4

The start saw an even spread with SSF 1 coming out tops. The fleet held long to the left side, so maintaining a clear lane was crucial for rounding in front.

The lighter winds proved favorable for SSF 1's 3-man crew rounding in first. Bandit and SSF 6 rounded close behind. Through the first downwind and second upwind, Bandit and SSF 1 continued to pull away from the rest of the fleet and had a mini drag race. SSF 1 threw in some tight covers to maintain their lead over Bandit. The race ended with SSF 1, Bandit and Glasgow Kiss claiming first, second and third positions respectively.



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Trimaran (Multihull)

Race 1

Stronger winds coupled with messy seas resulted in good fun on the trimarans. Sailors surely must have been excited for this nice change. With hulls flying, it became a speed game with minimal maneuvers. In the end, it was Deb Dash that came out victorious. Eeepai and Cicak took second and third respectively.

Race 2

It was a clear start with the fleet heading out to the left. The long upwind saw M23 taking the lead comfortably while the three boats behind, Cicak, Deb Dash and Eeepai, fighting close together. The tight reach led to crews having to decide if hoisting the kite was worthwhile or not. In the end, not hoisting the kite was the way to go as crews could not fetch the reach mark otherwise.

M23 continued to pull away on the downwind with Cicak and Deb Dash vying for second position. Cicak had a better hoist around the mark while Deb Dash had some issues with their spinnaker. Eeepai kept in the game by doing a gybe set.

Cicak later lost precious distance, as gybing late meant that the fresh wind hit Deb Dash and Eeepai who were windward before them. In the end, Deb Dash managed to sneak in between Eeepai and Cicak to take the race win. Cicak managed to keep second position and Eeepai had to settle with third placing.



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Trimaran (Multihull)

Race 3

Foreign Talent had a real good lead on the pack with M23 trying to hunt them down. Foreign Talent seemed to be having much better speed and height compared to the others, extending their lead through the upwind. Foreign Talent continued to secure their first place with remarkable separation. M23, with their patriotic Singapore spinnaker, kept flying downwind not letting Foreign Talent win without a fight. Both boats continued on with a good lead over the rest. However, in an exciting turn of events, Deb Dash managed to snatch second placing and so M23 had to settle for third.



Race 4

It was a tight start with most boats squeezing near the Race Committee. All the boats choose to head inland and it was a race for the best boat speed. At the top mark, it was Foreign Talent that took the lead, followed by Deb Dash and M23. Keeping the race simple, the leaders maintained their positions and there was no reshuffle of the podium finishes. Finishing positions remained.

For the Trimarans, today proved to be a much more fulfilling day with better winds to fly their hulls and plane downwind. It sure made for more intense, adrenaline pumping, fun racing!



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Day 1 and 2 Highlights

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Access 2.3

We would like to give a warm welcome for the Indonesian sailors who came down to take part in this year's Western Circuit Sailing Regatta!

With five races scheduled for Day 1, the sailors were up for a long day. The light wind conditions, coupled with strong currents, was a test of the sailors' abilities to maneuver their way through the race course. To begin the day, the AP flag was raised as the sailors were late for the first start of the day. For the first three races, the Indonesian team were late for their starts. However, despite a bad start to the day and their lack of experience compared to their counterparts, they managed to catch up with the Singaporean sailors to end in third and sixth placing in the last race. For the third race, Aaron had an early start by a second and had to carry out his penalty. Despite that, he managed to catch up with the fleet to finish impressively at second position. At the end of the day, Aaron held the first placing with Desiree close behind with a point difference. Sailors Xiu Zhen and Sulaiman came in third and fourth placing respectively.

Second day started out strong with the first race being carried out in winds of nine knots. The sailors were pushed to their limits as the race committee decided to carry out Penant 6, the longest race available for this class. The sailors were consistently punctual for their starts throughout the day. The only exception was Aaron, who once again was too early for two races. Despite the penalties he had to carry out, he still managed to edge out his competitors to finish. Another impressive sailor was Sulaiman who had to sail one of the races without his boom attached properly. His persistence and sportsmanship is definitely worth applauding.

Despite all the difficulties that the sailors may face on land or out at sea, they really give their best in everything that they do. Many thanks to the sailors who took the time out to take part in the regatta!



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Day 2 Highlights

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Windsurfing

Accompanying the relentless heat were gusty winds and choppy waves - and these conditions looked set to be name of the game this afternoon. As the tenacious windsurfers readied themselves for a second consecutive day of gruelling races, a serious amount of grit in addition to raw unbridled power will be necessary for the windsurfers to emerge victorious in their respective races. With no time to lose and against the backdrop of the banners of the five tertiary institutions represented, the fleet of windsurfers set off from the launching point with wind in their sails and fire in their bellies.

In the Intermediate (Women) category, Nicole Lim (NTU) continued her strong lead from Day 1, finishing first in all three of her races. The only racer to achieve a perfect tally, she did however concede that it was no walk in the park. "The conditions today were quite challenging and Natasha (Chng, SMU) overtook me at certain parts of the race," said Nicole. "My competitors definitely put up a good fight and I'm happy with my results."

Similarly, Melvin Huang (SIM Alumnus) pitched himself against nine other competitors in the RSOOne (Open) category, achieving podium finishes in all his races to emerge champion in his class.

At the close of this edition of the intertiary windsurfing championships, Singapore Management University achieved seven podium finishes to clinch the championship trophy for the fourth consecutive year, edging out narrowly the rapidly ascending team from Nanyang Technological University.

Chan Chun Leong (President, SMU Windsurfing), noticeably relieved at maintaining the title, said, "I think all teams really put in their best and this is one of the hardest fought victories SMU Windsurfing has seen. I am heartened by the increased level of competition in the local tertiary windsurfing scene and can't wait to see what's in store next year!"



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Did You Know?

Many terms that we use these days used to date way back two thousand years ago! How many do you know?

Term	Origin	Current
Overwhelm	To capsiz	
Please Stand By	An expression used to command sailors/people to be ready	
Feeling Blue	Comes from a custom that was practiced when a ship lost its captain	To feel upset
Gets Hitched	Comes from the act of joining two ropes to form one	To get married
Go with the Flow	An expression for sailing in the same direction	For someone who is always relaxed
Idler	For members who did not have night duty	For a person who avoids work
Skycraper	For a small, triangular shaped sail that was set above all others on the old square-rigged vessels	For describing a tall building
Taken Aback	To describe the position of a vessel with the bow facing the wing	An expression for a sense of surprise
Toe the Line	When called to attention, the crew will line up with their toes touching a seam in the deck planking	To conform to a rule unwillingly
Touch and Go	Refers to the ship's keel touching the bottom and getting right off again	Refers to a situation that is possible but very uncertain

Our Team

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