

19, 20 and 26 August
20th SMU-RM Western Circuit Sailing Regatta
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Till we meet at the 21st WCSR

The 20th SMU-RM Western Circuit Sailing Regatta (WCSR) took place over the weekends of 19, 20 and 26 August. This 85-boat regatta, attracted many local and international sailors. Raffles Marina (RM) was abuzz during the three days as the event featured Keelboats, Multihulls, SB20s, PYs, J24's, Access 2.3's for disabled sailors and six Windsurfing classes.

This year's event was filled with adrenaline pumping racing, post-race parties, charity auctions for Sailability Singapore and a recycling project! For the first time at WCSR, organisers from SMU supported the "Turn the Tide on Plastic" campaign by the United Nations – with hopes to reduce the amount of pollution in our waters. Sailors and Windsurfers were encouraged to recycle their aluminum cans and plastic waste such as plastic bottles used during the races. Recycling bins were placed around the marina to promote recycling over the three days.

Day 1 and 2 saw challenging races along the Western Johor Straits from all categories, including Access 2.3 Dinghies by Sailability Singapore and the Windsurfers. The final race day enjoyed plenty of sunshine, light winds and flat waters.

The podium spots were still up for contention. Later that evening, sailors enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner with an impressive line-up of performances at the gala dinner and charity auction. SMU's Ardiente wowed the crowd with their Latin ballroom dance moves whilst the institute's VOIX charmed their way into everyone's hearts with two a cappella pieces.

The highlight of the evening was the lively charity auction, which received overwhelming support from the sailors. This year was rather unique as the marina received two sculptures, courtesy of Art Porters for a silent auction. All proceeds and donations went directly to Sailability Singapore. Thereafter, overall prizes were presented by Dr Low Chin Nam, Executive Director of NSL Ltd and Mr Peter Lim, Honorary Advisor of Singapore Sailing Federation, and the President's Cup presented by Professor Arnoud De Meyer, President of SMU.

This year's event was a huge success and the organizing committee would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to all participants, VIPS, guests, volunteers and not forgetting



Battling the rough waters



Preparations in progress



Access 2.3 dinghies by Sailability Singapore



Sailors enjoying Go Kart racing at the Red Bull tent



Sculptures, courtesy of Art Porters



SMU's Ardiente with a Latin ballroom number



Windsurfing



SMU's VOIX



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Look out for the detailed sailing report in the October issue of eNautique.

To view more photos of the regatta, visit our Instagram [#westerncircuitsailingregatta2017](https://www.instagram.com/westerncircuitsailingregatta2017)



Post Race party at the lawn



Meraki (Ambush), Winners of the President's Cup and IRC A Class



Cheque presentation to Sailability Singapore

20th SMU-RM WCSR (Overall Winner's List)

SMU President's Cup

Meraki (Ambush), Mathew Master and Bruce Anson

IRC A Class

1st - Meraki (Ambush), Mathew Master and Bruce Anson

2nd - Zanzibar, Jonathan Mahony

3rd - Petit Bateau, Esben Poulsson

IRC B Class

1st - Waka Tere, Kurt Metzger

2nd - Born In Fire, Pascal Radue

3rd - SMUMad, Clement Lim Hao Yang

SB20 International Cup

1st - Glasgow Kiss, Nils Ramilovic

2nd - Tara, Aaron Taunt

3rd - SSF 4, Tan Wei Chong

SB20 Class

1st - Tara, Aaron Taunt

2nd - SSF 4, Tan Wei Chong

3rd - Glasgow Kiss, Nils Ramilovic

J24 Class

1st - RSYC Dua, Jonathan Yeo

2nd - Shengli, Amanda Ng

3rd - Balqis, Zaheera Hashim

PY Class

1st - Ambindi, Scottz Lip

2nd - Jens Jaunt, Graeme Hespe

3rd - Xtra Mile, Low Chin Nam

Trimaran (Multihull) Class

1st - Abracadabre, Deborah Barker

2nd - Witblits, Shaun Norris

3rd - Eeepai, Michael Chia

Access 2.3 Class

1st - Yap Qian Yin

2nd - Glen Tan

3rd - Aaron Per Yong Quan

4th - Ng Xiu Zhen

5th - Anthony - Teo

Inter Tertiary Windsurfing Cup

1st - Yap Qian Yin

2nd - Glen Tan

3rd - Aaron Per Yong Quan

Windsurfing, Novice (Men) Class

1st - Khairuddin

2nd - Low Wei Jie

3rd - Ong Jun Ping

Windsurfing, Novice (Women) Class

1st - Soh Wan Ting

2nd - Heather Low

3rd - Charlotte Low

Windsurfing, Intermediate (Men) Class

1st - Loh Jia Wei

2nd - Darrel Loo

3rd - Nicholas Yeow

Windsurfing, Intermediate (Women) Class

1st - Valerie Lim

2nd - Siti Nurhayati

3rd - Audrey Chia

Windsurfing, Intermediate (Mix) Class

1st - Marcus Chew

2nd - Wong Shu Hao

3rd - Lim Kiat King

RS One Class

1st - Leonard Ong

2nd - Melvin Huang

3rd - William Cai