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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

ROYAL SELANGOR YACHT CLUB

CHINESE NEW YEAR
LION DANCE & HI-TEA

DATE : 8 FEBRUARY 2025
 TIME : 5 PM
 VENUE : ROYAL SELANGOR YACHT CLUB, PORT KLANG

The Commodore, Committee Members, Management, and Staff of RSYC warmly wish all our Chinese Members and associates a Happy Chinese New Year, Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Let's celebrate and welcome the Year of the Snake in 2025 together.

Join us on Saturday, February 8, 2025, for a spectacular lion dance performance around the Club, followed by a traditional Yee Sang tossing ceremony and a delightful hi-tea reception with live entertainment at 5:00 PM.

This event is complimentary for the first 50 Members who RSVP through the RSYC Office. Guests accompanying Members are welcome at RM50 per person.

EVERYTHING THAT FLOATS

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This is your chance to dive into the world of sailing and powerboating. Whether you're a total beginner or just love being out on the water, this fun-filled event is for YOU!

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025
10:30AM - 4:00PM
 ROYAL SELANGOR YACHT CLUB,
 PORT KLANG

RM80 RSYC Member
RM90 VISITING Member

*Lifejackets will be provided, and Registration includes a Certificate & Refreshment

REGISTER NOW

SCAN QR to register. Please contact us at 012-9721882 or e-mail: sailing@rsyc.com.my

Join us on Sunday, 9th February 2025, at the Royal Selangor Yacht Club for "Everything That Floats"!

Enjoy an exciting day on the water with sailing and powerboating experiences, perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike. No experience? No problem! Lifejackets, refreshments, and a Certificate of Participation will be provided for a safe and memorable adventure.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the world of boating and sailing!

MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION

We are delighted to invite all New Members of Royal Selangor Yacht Club who joined in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, to a welcoming reception hosted by the RSYC Committee.

This event is intended to bring our new Members together, foster camaraderie, and share updates about the club's initiatives and plans.

Details of the Event:

- Date: 22 February 2025
- Time: 14:00 Hrs until 16:00 Hrs
- Venue: Kenanga Room
- Dress Code: Smart Casual. No Slippers/ shorts

For RSVP, kindly contact the RSYC Office at 012-9721882 or 03-31686964 before 20 February 2025.

RSYC WHATSAPP CHANNEL

All RSYC Members are invited to follow the ROYAL SELANGOR YACHT CLUB channel on WhatsApp: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb0119d11uIQ5gHdp637>.

Stay informed with club notices, newsletters, and updates, which will be shared regularly on this channel.

Click the link above or scan the QR code to join.

Thank you!



NEW MEMBERS OF RSYC

The Club welcomes all New Members of RSYC who have recently join us in January 2025 and they are:

1. Shaiful Irwan Bin Md Salleh
2. Azlan Bin Azizuddin
3. Nurul Aqasya Binti Anis
4. Thomas Foeller
5. Sidneswaran Paramaswaran

RAMADHAN KAREEM

Ramadhan 1446H, the fasting month for the Muslim Community will begin on 2 March 2025.

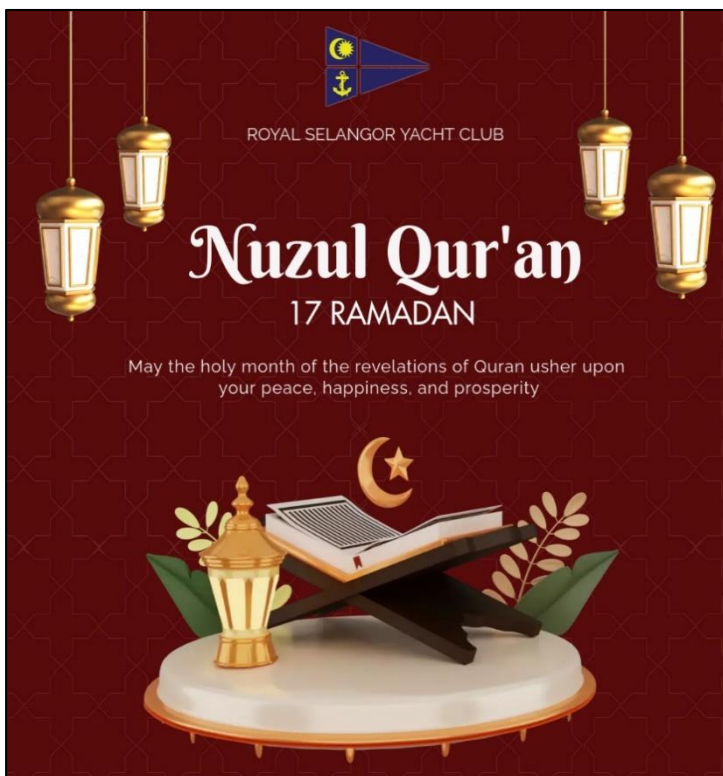
The end of this holy month will be celebrated with the Hari Raya Aidilfitri festival on 31 March and 1 April 2025.

Salam Ramadhan to all Muslim Members and Associates.

Selamat Menunaikan Ibadah Puasa!



NUZUL AL-QURAN



'Nuzul Al-Quran' is such an important event in the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as he received the revelation of the first verses of the Al-Quran, namely is Surah Al-Alaq verses 1 to 5 which emphasised reading. Mount Hira' (Jabal Hira) also known as Jabal Noor (Mountain of Light).

The event took place on Ramadhan 17th, 610 C.E., 13 years before the Prophet migrated (hijra) to Medina. He was visited by the Angel Jibril while performing *ibadah* in a small cave of Mount Hira' (Jabal Hira) also known as Jabal Noor (Mountain of Light).

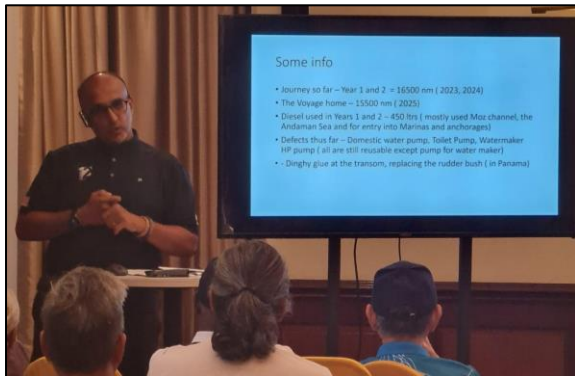
Salam Nuzul Al-Quran to all Muslim Members and Associates.

COMMODORE'S EXCLUSIVE HIGH TEA & BEVERAGE

On 12 January 2025, the Commodore's Exclusive High Tea, Beer and Satay took place at the Kenanga Room from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

The Club's Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Gus Teh, welcomed attendees, and a total of 75 Members and their guests participated in an engaging sailing experience sharing session led by Commodore Mr. Ramasamy Menon and Mr. Fabian Fernandez.

We encourage more individuals to embrace the adventure of sailing, challenge themselves, and explore the world by sailboat!



RSYC 'GOTONG-ROYONG'



A 'gotong-royong' (community clean-up) was held on 13 January 2025 in collaboration with our staff to maintain the cleanliness and upkeep of the Clubhouse and Boat Yards.

A total of 300kg of trash, collected in approximately 40 bags, was removed during the initiative.

We hope this effort raises awareness about the importance of effective waste management, particularly recycling and reducing plastic use.



**IN MEMORY OF ALLAHYARHAM TAJUDIN BIN ABD KADIR
1978 - 2025**



The RSYC Commodore, Committee, Management, Staff and Members express their deepest condolences to the family members and friends of Allahyarham Tajudin Bin Abd Kadir for their loss.

Salam Takziah.

Rubbish ruining water sports vista

<https://www.thestar.com.my/metro/metro-news/2025/01/25/rubbish-ruining-water-sports-vista#:~:text=For%20decades%2C%20rubbish%20dumped%20upstream,a%20variety%20of%20water%20sports.>

By **SHEILA SRI PRIYA**

- [Metro News](#)
- **Saturday, 25 Jan 2025**



Items such as plastic containers being picked up from Sungai Klang by designated staff from the Royal Selangor Yacht Club (RSYC). — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS and KK SHAM/The Star

For decades, rubbish dumped upstream in Sungai Klang has been flowing downstream to the mouth of the river in Port Klang, Selangor.

Facing this polluted site is the nearby Royal Selangor Yacht Club (RSYC), a venue for a variety of water sports.

RSYC general manager Roy Marshall said the club would spend about RM100,000 every year to clear

the rubbish accumulated in the river opposite its premises.

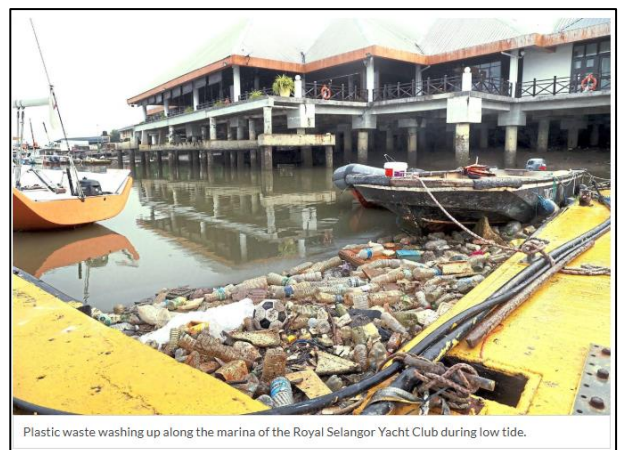
“We have designated staff to clean the river on a daily basis.

“A large amount of rubbish can be seen in the morning when it is low tide as well as during the full moon and the supermoon.

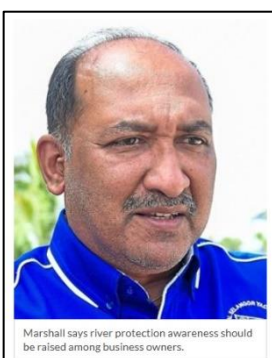
“The rubbish collected from the river is put in a roll-on roll-off bin, which in turn is sent to the landfill every two days,” said Marshall.

The rubbish consists mostly of plastic bottles and polystyrene containers.

The rubbish issue, said Marshall, is unlikely to be solved unless the root of the problem is addressed.



Plastic waste washing up along the marina of the Royal Selangor Yacht Club during low tide.



Marshall says river protection awareness should be raised among business owners.

“Firstly, there needs to be strong river protection education at all levels, from schools to organisations and businesses.

“River protection awareness should also be raised among business owners along the river.

“If they are not disposing of their waste properly, then stern action needs to be taken.

"I think it is important for the river to be clean at all times," he added.

Marshall said that in the old days, the river was clean enough for people to take a dip in the cool waters.

To restore the river to its former glory, RSYC has partnered with Putra Business School and spearheaded a corporate social responsibility project to rehabilitate Sungai Klang.

The project garnered widespread support, including the participation of Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, he added.

Yacht club member Gus Teh said the authorities needed to relocate the businesses by the river further upstream.

"When the tide is low, we can see far more rubbish.

"And when the RSYC carpark is flooded, the rubbish also flows into the club's area," he added.

Teh said it was time the authorities monitored the river using drone technology.



"Several neighbouring countries had similar problem but they managed to overcome it.

"It is futile to continue merely cleaning the river when the source of the rubbish is not addressed."

He said RSYC had a good number of visitors who loved sailing and boating and it was important to have a clean river to promote these activities.

"It is a pity the river mouth gathers rubbish despite frequent clean-ups and money spent by the authorities to keep the river clean," he added.

The RSYC was established in 1969.

Clean-up effort

When The Star Metro contacted Klang Royal City Council (MBDK), a spokesperson said river cleanliness was not under the jurisdiction of the city council.

The spokesperson said it was mainly the responsibility of the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) and the Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas).

When contacted, DID said Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd (LLSB) had been tasked with the river cleaning.

An LLSB spokesperson highlighted that some 91,688 metric tonnes of waste had been collected from Sungai Klang since 2016.

"This effort is part of the Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) initiative.

“Through operations supported by assets like interceptors and log booms, we have successfully removed significant amounts of waste from Sungai Klang,” said the spokesperson.

However, challenges persist, particularly during heavy rains or low tides when rubbish is carried downstream and accumulates in areas such as near RSYC.

“Moving forward, we are actively working to enhance our river-cleaning efforts by upgrading log booms to trap more floating debris, deploying additional mini-interceptors at key locations to prevent rubbish from entering the main river besides strengthening coordination with other agencies and local communities to improve efficiency during critical periods,” said the LLSB spokesperson.

The company also said that addressing river pollution required collaboration with other parties aside from public awareness.

“Tackling root causes, such as indiscriminate waste disposal, and improving upstream waste management are crucial to achieving long-term success.

“We appreciate RSYC’s ongoing efforts to clean the river and welcome further collaboration with stakeholders to strengthen these initiatives.

“We also urge the media to help us raise awareness and educate the public on the importance of maintaining a clean river for the benefit of all, ensuring the long-term health of our natural resources,” the spokesperson added.

River care



Global Environment Centre River Care Programme manager Dr Kalithasan Kailasam said the authorities faced a dilemma in terms of balancing activities along the rivers and caring for the environment.

“Some of the rubbish in the river could come from businesses that have long operated by the river.

“It is time the authorities ensure these businesses are licensed and comply with the rules.

“These businesses must understand their responsibilities towards the environment too,” he said.

Kalithasan said he had witnessed improvement along rivers in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, once settlers moved away or were made aware of their role in keeping the environment clean.

- Oleh **KHAIRUL IDHAM MOHAMED ZARAAI**
- **29 Januari 2025, 2:00 pm**
- **Utusan Malaysia**



PETALING JAYA: Pasukan Royal Selangor Yacht Club (RSYC) Racing Team, yang diketuai oleh skipper, Rizal Mahadi Sazili, berjaya merangkul kejuaraan dalam kelas Sports Boat pada edisi ke-21 Royal Langkawi International Regatta, Sabtu lalu.

Pasukan ini menamatkan perlumbaan dengan sembilan mata, mengatasi Navy 2 (Asmawi Azman – 20 mata) dan Navy 1 (Mohd Akiyuddin Mat Zaki – 23 mata), yang masing-masing menduduki tempat kedua dan ketiga.

Di bawah kepimpinan cemerlang Rizal Mahadi, RSYC Racing Team mempamerkan semangat berpasukan yang luar biasa serta kecekapan navigasi dalam menghadapi laluan mencabar dan keadaan perlumbaan yang kompetitif.

“Kejayaan ini bukan sahaja hasil kerja keras dan dedikasi pasukan kami, tetapi juga mencerminkan semangat kesukanan dan perpaduan antara pelayar dari seluruh Asia,” kata Rizal.

Regatta tahun ini menyaksikan persaingan sengit dengan penyertaan 35 bot dalam pelbagai kelas, termasuk pelayar dari Malaysia, Jepun, Korea Selatan, Thailand, dan China.

Sistem pemarkahan kejohanan ini mengutamakan jumlah mata paling rendah, di mana pemenang setiap perlumbaan memperoleh satu mata, manakala kedudukan seterusnya menerima mata lebih tinggi secara progresif, menjadikan setiap perlumbaan penuh dengan strategi dan perancangan taktikal.

Royal Langkawi International Regatta terkenal dengan persaingan bertaraf dunia serta kondisi pelayaran yang menakjubkan di perairan Langkawi, menarik penyertaan pelayar dan pasukan terbaik dari serata dunia.

Kejayaan RSYC Racing Team di kejohanan ini bukan sahaja mengangkat reputasi mereka, tetapi juga mengukuhkan komitmen mereka terhadap kecemerlangan dan penambahbaikan berterusan dalam sukan pelayaran. – UTUSAN

<https://www.therakyatpost.com/news/2025/01/31/its-all-about-staying-on-course-rsync-racing-clinches-win-at-langkawi-regatta/>

It's All About Staying On Course – RSYC Racing Clinches Win At Langkawi Regatta

RSYC Racing Team manager Ash Alwi says many perceive sailing as an “elite sport”, when it is actually more accessible than what most people think.

- By Shahril Bahrom
- January 31, 2025



It was all smiles and cheers for The Royal Selangor Yacht Club (RSYC) Racing Team when they took home the first place trophy under the Sports Boat class at the 2025 Royal Langkawi International Regatta.

The event, which took place from 20 to 25 January at the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, saw [32 sailing yachts](#) from Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Denmark,

United Kingdom, and Australia all competing in six classes to win prestigious trophies.

The classes include: Prime Minister’s Challenge Trophy (Racing Class), LADA-IRC Challenge Trophy (IRC 1 Class), PSC-IRC 2 (IRC 2 Class), Langkawi Sports Trophy (Sports Boat class), Malaysia Multihull Challenge Cup (Multihull Class), and RLYC Commodore’s Challenge Cup (Club Class).

Pitman and Team Manager for the RSYC racing team Ahmad Kashfi Alwi, or Ash Alwi, shared a [post on instagram](#) last Sunday (26 January), featuring photos of his team and a little bit of history on how they began sailing as just a leisurely weekend activity.



“We started from nothing, quite literally. What began as a sailing activity with newfound friends at the Royal Selangor Yacht Club was the impetus for our tiny racing team.

“We started winning small races and participated in several regattas. We lost a few, gained momentum, and lost again, but we never looked back and stayed on course (pun intended),” Ash said in his post caption.

A niche, yet quite accessible sport



Speaking to TRP, Ash said there is usually not much media coverage on the sport of sailing, adding that many consider it a “sport for the elite”, which makes it seem inaccessible to the average Joe.

He also mentioned that event organisers of the sport tend to pull in more sailors to participate, instead of marketing it towards spectators.

“It’s not like Formula 1, where the races are also heavily marketed towards spectators who want to watch,” Ash explained.

Some of you might be asking “how do we watch a race that’s happening out at sea?”.

Interestingly, regatta events have spectator boats that you can get on and follow the race. This could be a good starting point to test your interest in the sport.

Starting sailing as a hobby or sport

When asked about how one can start sailing, Ash first said to ask yourself “What do you want out of the activity? Do you want to enter events and compete, or just sail to chill?”.

The next step would be to research or ask people in the sport where you could get sailing classes, depending on your location. For example, if you live in Kuala Lumpur or Selangor, the RSYC would be an ideal choice for sailing lessons.



Ash recommends taking basic lessons first, just to establish a foundation in knowledge about sailing. These beginner lessons teach participants everything including safety, parts of the boat, how the boat works, knots, how to read the wind and the weather, and how to rig a boat, among many other things.

If you’re looking to develop your sailing skills further, you can sign up at a school under the International Sailing School Association (ISSA) and learn more advanced sailing.

Unfortunately, a search on their [website](#) found that there are no ISSA schools here in Malaysia, and the closest ones are in either Singapore (Asian Yachting Academy), or Thailand (Andaman Discovery Diving & Yachting Center).

There's no finish line in sailing

Ash parted some words of wisdom about sailing, which is that there is no “end” in the journey of the sport.

“There will always be something new to learn. The environment and weather changes over time, technologies evolve, and so does every aspect of sailing with it.

“Sailing also builds character, as it teaches you how to be resilient and adapt to situations that change all the time,” he said, adding that sailing does not consider a person's wealth or social status, as when you're all out at sea, everyone is “on the same boat”.