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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 POSTPONED TO SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022



Due to the high infectivity rate of the omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus which is spreading through the community, the Club Committee has decided to defer the AGM 2022 to Saturday, 21 May 2022.

Further updates will be announced in the Club's Notice Boards and website.

Members are encouraged to take special care and precautions to avoid any infection to them and their loved ones during this period.

POSTPONEMENT OF RSYC FISHING COMPETITION

Regretfully, the Organising Committee for the Fishing Tournament which had been planned to be held on 26 & 27 February 2022 had to make the painful decision to postpone the event in view of the current escalation in the number of new Covid-19 cases. The pandemic is expected to continue to be widespread until at least March 2022. New dates will be decided when the situation improves.

NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS WITH SHEDS AT THE RSYC BOAT YARDS

There have been controversies caused by boat owners who had carried out construction of various sheds, stores and other amenities at or behind their allocated boat sheds. Electricity and water supplies are tapped from the Club's sources. Some of these were built as permanent concrete structures and with doubtful safety and compliance standards.

The Committee has decided that, henceforth, no boat owner shall be allowed to build any concrete or permanent structures without written approval from the Committee and, for those with such existing structures, the owners shall be responsible for removing the structures when they stop their occupation of the boat sheds.

For those boatowners who are observed to consume significant amounts of electricity and water, meters will be installed to measure the volume of consumption for billing purposes.

18TH LADA LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL REGATTA



There was stiff competition from a large group of participants from around the country as well as international entries from Japan, Thailand and Singapore including competition from Olympic sailors. The disrupted Club's training programme during the long pandemic shutdown took a toll on the team's performance. All of them had tried their best and we hope the experience will spur them to prepare better for the future regattas.

Seven students from the Westports-RSYC young sailors programme for Pulau Indah schools and three other young sailors from RSYC were selected to take part in the 18th LADA Langkawi International Regatta from 9 to 13 February 2022. They were accompanied by the Club's personnel, Rizal Mahadi (Tom) and Muhammad Syafiq as the Coaches and Muhammad Zulhelmi as Sailing Administrator.



NOTICE ON UNAUTHORISED USE OF CLUB ASSETS

It has been brought to the notice of the Club Management that certain Members have made use of some Club assets without proper authorization. These members have privately used Club assets such as the jingo and forklift without permission. This is procedurally not acceptable, potentially dangerous and unsafe, and deprives other members of their use.

Such assets of the Club are available for Members' use upon application to the Yard or Admin Offices; a fee may be charged depending on the circumstances. Please give the Yard and Pontoon Teams your full cooperation to maintain good clubbing harmony and safety for all.

SWIMMING POOL REOPENS SOON

The refurbished swimming pool which now includes a shaded kids' pool, water feature and fish pond, and new changing rooms will re-open later this month. A soft opening could be in the works for Saturday, 12 March 2022. Watch out for the notice of opening!



The issue of floating rubbish in the waters outside the Clubhouse is a part of a bigger problem faced by the state government and the river management authorities, as shown by the following news report.

From The Star newspaper on 24 February 2022:

Selangor princess highlights need to keep Klang River clean



KLANG: The biggest challenge faced by the relevant authorities in Selangor is preventing the indiscriminate dumping of garbage into the Klang River. The sad state of the river even caught the attention of Selangor princess Tengku Zatashah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who posted pictures of the garbage there on Instagram. "Plastic trash, plastic pollution, a never-ending story, sadly. Despite the extraordinary efforts put into cleaning up our Klang River, it seems that from the latest photos, the heart-breaking struggle is real," she said in her post.

Tengku Zatashah added that the two Interceptors tasked with cleaning up the river had dredged up so much rubbish.

The Interceptor is a boat-like device created by Dutch inventor and entrepreneur Boyan Slat to clean up plastic garbage in bodies of water. Two Interceptors have been placed at the river in a collaboration between his organisation The Ocean Cleanup and the Selangor government. The collaboration is managed by state-owned company Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd and is an integral component of the Selangor Maritime Gateway's river management solution.

Tengku Zatashah also said that people had to reduce plastic trash and stop littering. "We are all responsible, ultimately. We all play a part. And we can all make a difference," said the princess, who kicked off an awareness campaign by creating the #SayNo2plastic hashtag on Instagram in 2016. Klang Municipal Council's Environmental Services Department director Zaireezal Ahmad Zainuddin agreed that garbage was still being dumped indiscriminately into the Klang River.

Some factories dump their waste material into the drain, which find its way into the rivers during downpours. Zaireezal said the council conducts regular enforcement work and seizes lorries found dumping garbage illegally. "We seized 119 lorries in 2019, 48 lorries in 2020 and 10 lorries so far this year," he added. However, the amount of garbage in the Klang River had been reduced drastically after the Interceptors were installed, said Zaireezal. He said the council also works with non-governmental organisations to create awareness within the local communities.

Landasan Lumayan managing director Syaiful Azmen Nordin said the Interceptors were part of the progressive Klang River ecosystem and further drives Selangor's vision of rejuvenating the river. He added that there were many positive changes after the Interceptors were installed. "Before 2016, a boat could not travel for more than 500m along the Klang River before it would stall, its motor stuck with plastic and other floating waste. "Today, we can travel the entire length from Pangkalan Batu to Port Klang without stopping. "This is a great indicator that most of the waste is being caught by our seven log booms and the Interceptors," added Syaiful Azmen.

He said the positive development indicated that the Interceptors and Landasan Lumayan's seven log booms can catch most of the waste that finds its way into the river.

PONTOON TEAM MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY 2022



Capt. Ananda Kumar, Chairman of the Pontoon Sub-committee, held a meeting with the Pontoon Team on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 to have a dialogue on matters relating to the pontoons, Members and the staff. Despite the multi-shifts and off-days' nature of their work schedule, it was heartfelt to note that all members of the Pontoon Team made the effort to attend this meeting which was held at 4.00 pm.

The Pontoon Team consisted of the staff who primarily performed duties on or around the Club's pontoons and slipways, and the other support staff from sailing, yard and maintenance. The primary team members consisted of Kalaisalava (Supervisor), Mohd Faharis, Manivel, Riduan (Wan) and Samudin (Din). The supplementary staff included Mohd Khoriri (Man) and Biplop from Maintenance and Rizal (Tom) and Syafiq from Sailing.

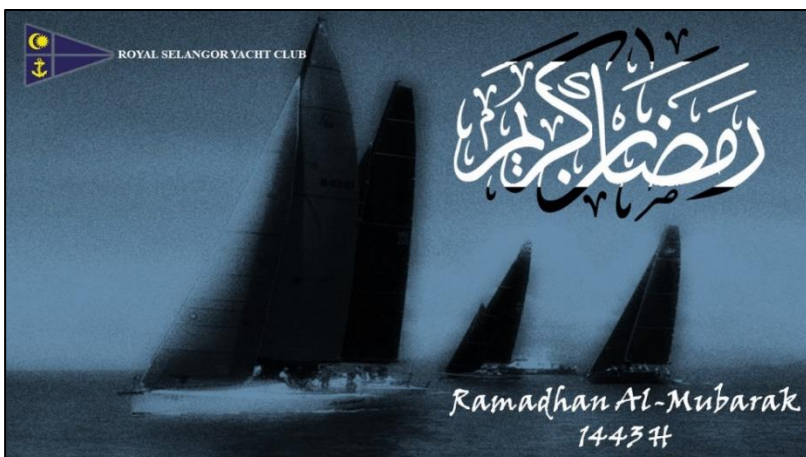
The Pontoon Team shared their experiences, challenges and recommendations for improvement. Capt. Kumar urged the Team to always maintain and prioritise safety at work both for themselves and the Members and guests they served. The Pontoon Team members will be provided with safety gear such as life jackets, safety shoes, raincoats and helmets.

Other decisions arising from this meeting included the following:

- To avoid excessive or unreasonable demands on the jingo operations, it was decided that the jingo will run on the hour, and with additional half-hourly services on the half-hour during daylight hours on weekends and public holidays; this is in line with the Club's Bye Laws No. 22: "Jingo Service";
- The small jingo should not be used to ferry passengers, and only to be used by staff for pontoon inspection duties; and
- An old second boat will have to be identified for use as a back-up for the sole big jingo now in use.

Other members of the Committee who attended the session included the Commodore, Jeffrey Voon, and the Rear Commodore, Kiran Kumar. GM Lee, Operations & Security Manager, Gregory Jarret, and Yard Master Zainal were in-attendance.

RAMADHAN CELEBRATION



The start of Ramadhan, the holy month of fasting for the Muslim community, will begin on 3 April 2022.

The end of the fasting month will be met by the Hari Raya Aidilfitri festivities on 3 & 4 May, 2022.

The Committee and Management of the Royal Selangor Yacht Club wish all Muslim Members a 'Salam Ramadhan'.