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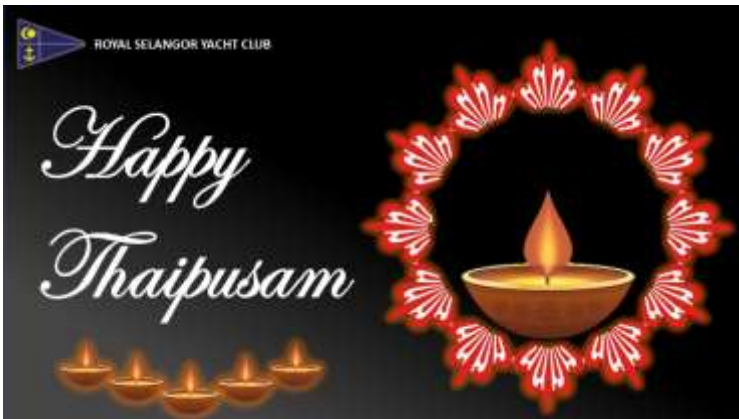
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NEW YEAR 2022!



RSYC wishes everyone a very Happy New Year. Cheers to your good health, happiness, and prosperity in 2022!

THAIPUSAM (18 JANUARY, 2022)



Thaipusam is a festival celebrated by the Tamil community on the full moon in the Tamil month of Thai, usually coinciding with the Pushya star and this year it falls on Tuesday, 18 January.

RSYC wishes all Hindu Members and associates a

Happy Thaipusam 2022!

FISHING COMPETITION ON 26 & 27 FEBRUARY, 2022

Note to all RSYC Fishing Kakis: Mark down the dates, 26 & 27 FEBRUARY, 2022 for the RSYC FISHING COMPETITION!

A group of members have stepped forward to propose and offered their help to the Committee to organise a Fishing Competition for Club members and their guests.

The Committee has agreed that it be held on the weekend of 26 and 27 February, 2022. Originally proposed in November, 2021, the early Fishing Competition dates could not be accommodated due the 31st Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta being held from 10 to 18 December, 2021 and the doubts over the prevailing SOPs for such an event.

Watch out for further news on the Club's Notice Boards. To be promptly informed, please register your interest with the Club's Admin Office at info@rsyc.com.my or call 03-3168 6964.

RIVER RUBBISH

BEFORE



Heavy rains on 17 December, 2021 and river rubbish: Following the very heavy rainfall during the weekend of 17-19 December, 2021, the Klang river saw a deluge of rubbish flowing down river. Much of these became entangled and formed large floating masses of plastic and other household and construction wastes mixed with vegetation like hyacinths, palm oil fronds and the occasional tree trunks. These invariably floated and or were stuck in between the boats or stranded on the river bank.

In the Club compound this rubbish created quite a mess both at the pontoons, in between the boats berthed there, and on the Club's ramps and slipway, as shown by the above

pictures! Despite the JPS contractor positioning 5 workers every day to pick up rubbish around the Club pontoons since before the 31st RMSIR began on 10 December, 2021, there was little noticeable improvement.

Gotong Royong by LPK's Management Team on 24 December, 2021:

LPK (Lembaga Pelabuhan Klang/ Port Klang Authority) extended a helping hand to help remove the rubbish. On 24 December, 2021, the General Manager, Capt. Subramaniam, and AGM, Capt. Kamal, led a team of about 15 other executives and managers to organise a "gotong royong" by spending a whole afternoon to collect the rubbish from the water around the Club pontoons! We appreciate their gracious and voluntary efforts.

The follow-up cleaning and removal of flood debris throughout much of the Klang Valley had caused even a shortage of trucks and rubbish bins in the market and, which caused some delay to organising the Club's own clean-up efforts. It took the Club several more days with its forklift and, later, with a hired excavator to finally clean up the rubbish on the ramps and slipways which can be seen in the latter photos.

AFTER



We hope and pray the extreme weather and very heavy rainfall will not happen again nor cause so much damage and havoc to Klang Valley residents, anymore.

VOLUNTEER BOATS FOR FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

The heavy rains in the Klang Valley on the weekend of 17 to 19 December, 2021 caused widespread flooding and brought hardship to residents in many low-lying areas. The serious situation was compounded by a lack of boats and other relief preparations and coordination. Many residents were stranded on roof tops for several hours and some even up to two days and more! Desperate calls for help came from both the stranded victims as well as friends and relatives who were trying to engage service providers including for boat rentals to mobilise assistance.

The Club is humbly proud that members and associates took it upon themselves to organise their own contributions to the flood relief and rescue efforts. Several of the Club members, staff and volunteers took their boats to the affected

areas to provide transportation at the flooded areas. Some of them had brought in rented boats from Pulau Ketam and used the Club's ramp and other facilities to transfer the boats.



At least seven boats left from RSYC to the affected areas on Sunday 19 December, some coming back after midnight while others continued for another day or two.

Those involved in volunteering their services turned down requests for photos and interviews and preferred that their efforts remained anonymous. Nevertheless, the Club wishes to thank them for their selfless acts of kindness. Thank you, Sirs!

31ST RMSIR 2021 (10 TO 18 DECEMBER, 2021)



The 31st edition of the Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta was held from 10 to 18 December 2021, after postponing the event for a year due to lockdowns and changing pandemic situations. RMSIR 2021 was organised in a simplified format, focusing on friendly passage and harbour races with social events kept to a minimum. Adherence to strict SOPs was made a condition. All participants, organisers and guests were required to be fully vaccinated.

RMSIR 2021 took its traditional course along Malaysia's west coast, starting at Port Klang and making its way up the Straits of Malacca to the islands of Pangkor, Penang and Langkawi but local day racing was organised close to Pangkor instead of in Penang harbour. This year, the number of registered boats was very much reduced compared to previous years, primarily due to international yachts and sailors not being able to enter Malaysia. Due to the simplified format and the absence of international participation, the Raja Muda Trophy and Jugra Cup were not awarded this year.

Sponsors: **Tourism Selangor** was once again the RMSIR Title Sponsor, and we are grateful to them as always for providing both generous financial assistance and comprehensive support, including arranging the PADAT Dancers in Port Klang. Penang Tourism provided funding and the Langkawi Development Authority contributed to the cost of the closing dinner at RLYC.

The other product sponsors were Celsius energy drink who provided free samples, Hypergear whose waterproof bags were popular as sailors carried their own luggage this year, and Zoll Medical Malaysia who hosted an evening reception at RLYC and gave away a ZOLL AED device as a lucky draw prize.

The organising committee is most grateful to all sponsors.

Administration and Race Team: The Land Team led by Norhamizah Amiruddin (Miza), was assisted during the planning period by other RSYC staff members, in particular, Yani and Suffi. The On-the-Water Team led by Zainal and Man were supplemented by other capable volunteer staff. For the first time, Malcolm Elliott was the PRO this year ably assisted by Suffi and Ex-ASP Khalid, who acted as marine police liaison and ARO. There was no International Jury due to travel restrictions. Everyone played their roles well!

Thank you to the Teams for a job well done!

Yellow Brick Trackers were used again this year, and proved to be very helpful for safety reason and to ease the burden of race officers. All participating yachts could be tracked easily on a mobile application and website on the internet, including being used to record finish times which were used as the official results, backed up by photographic evidence.

Port Klang to Pangkor: The start at Port Klang was delayed until the wind improved at 13:00hrs. Later in the afternoon and into the evening, the wind was light and progress was slow. The usual land breeze did not come until late in the night. First across the line was the Royal Malaysian Navy in Uranus at 12:35hrs, but it was the Malaysian SSL Team in Meraki who snatched victory with a 10-minute gap ahead of The Next Factor. Insanity and Nijinsky also sailed close together for much of the course, with Insanity finishing 15 minutes ahead at 03:10hrs but Nijinsky taking the win on corrected time.

Pangkor In-shore Races: For the first time, in-shore racing was held in Pangkor this year. The sun shone, the breeze was good, and we believe everyone enjoyed sailing in this attractive area between Pangkor and the Sembilan Islands. Meraki took the win in Class 1, Nijinsky in Class 2 and Dash in Class 3.

Pangkor to Penang: Poor wind conditions delayed the start and the RO had to move the start a short way up the course. There was reasonable breeze during the afternoon and early evening. But, later, a strong squall hit the fleet, packing more than 25kts of wind with relatively high waves and causing several shades of havoc. Some boats reduced sail, and everyone was bounced around in very rough conditions. In Class 1 Uranus, finishing at 22:30hrs took the win. Meraki retired with a damaged backstay. Insanity in Class 2 crossed the line at 01:14hrs with Nijinsky finishing at 02:22hrs but taking first on corrected time. In Class 3 Marikh finished at 04:22hrs for a comfortable win over Dash.

Penang to Langkawi: The NE wind was in from the start and all classes went off on time on a starboard tack. Progress was good, with most yachts tacking onto port after 2 to 3 hours to maintain position. In the late afternoon the fleet was caught up in another storm, with heavy rain and strong winds, which lasted around one and a half hours. Times were fast, with Uranus finishing at 20:03hrs but The Next Factor crossed the line at 20:17hrs and took the Class 1 win. Insanity, finishing at 20:52hrs achieved their first Class 2 bullet, and Marikh was the Class 3 winner.

Langkawi Harbour Races: On the first day, racing started with everyone going south towards the islands. It was once again a race in three parts – first, a brisk run down the harbour under spinnaker, followed by some tiptoeing around the rocky outcrops, then a beat home via various marks in 10 kts or so of afternoon breeze. Light rain came and went. All classes finished in good time. Saturday looked promising, with good breeze at the start time. Once, again, some light rain fell but the breeze was good, getting a little lighter towards the end of race two. Racing was close and competitive all round, with Meraki taking two wins in Class1, Nijinsky two wins in class 2 and Dash getting the bullet in Class 3.



Winners 2021

Class 1

- 1. Meraki
- 2. The Next Factor
- 3. Uranus

Class 2

- 1. Nijinsky
- 2. Insanity
- 3. VG Offshore

Class 3

- 1. Dash
- 2. Marikh
- 3. Candice 11

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR (01 FEBRUARY, 2022)



RSYC wishes all Chinese Members and associates

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