

Windsurfing Association Singapore (WAS) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Date: 31st January 2026; Time 12 noon

Location:

Constant Wind Conference room, 11, Changi Coast Walk, Singapore 499740

Video call link <https://meet.google.com/uco-aoiu-pxy>

Welcome to WAS AGM 2025.

I must first extend my apologies for being late in calling for this AGM. Year 2025 has been a turbulent year for some of us, my-self included. Speaking for myself, I had to go through a few medical procedures, followed by rehabilitation, and that has resulted in some delay in getting back to 'work'. Anyway, things are gradually getting back to normal now and here we are, ushering in a brand new-year 2026 !

Year 2025 started off with the 44th Singapore Open.

It was held on 13th to 16th February and it attracted about 85 participants. They include participants from Hongkong, Philippines, Taiwan, Cambodia, Thailand, Australia and our very own local sailors. There is a good mix of young and older sailors, ladies and men. Notably, we are now seeing the more interest in some classes such as the LT windsurfer and Wing foil (apart from the usual Olympic classes such as IQ foils and the Technos). Clubs may want to consider channelling more resources to facilitate the growth of the emerging classes, encourage more younger sailors to go sailing via the pathway of LT wind surfer and then progress on to Wing. The former is a cheap, hardy set of equipment, good for beginners to racer levels, while the latter offers excitement and speed, foiling above water – it also has the advantage of being highly portable and affordable.

This year, we will see the running of the 45th Singapore Open Windsurfing and Wing foiling championship. It is scheduled for 12th to 15th February 2026. The number of participants will be modest, as the event clashes with another sailing event held in Malaysia. With the 2027 SEA Games event being held in Langkawi (in September), we will need to plan our next event ahead, align it with the Malaysian SEA Games test events, so as to get more regional sailors use our event as another test bed in their preparation for the 2027 SEA games.

The good news about this coming Singapore Open event is that there will be a talk (on 13/2/2026) by a top Australian women LT sailor. She will give us some tips on how to sail well and fast. It is open, free-of-charge to all sailors interested - looking for to that ! Thanks to Logan and Aida for making this arrangement, and to Constant Wind for the sponsoring the LT equipment.

Talking about gratitude, WAS will not be able to carry out any of her activities and events , if not for the help from volunteers and sponsorship (cash or in kind) from all clubs and our sailing federation – for this, I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to all WAS committee members, volunteers, sailing clubs (Aloha and Constant Wind) and

Singapore Sailing Federation. We will continue to promote the sports & run events together, and more importantly, building our next generation of leaders to take the sports to the next level.

Before I end, I am pleased to inform all that WAS has been financially healthy for the last decade or so -thanks to all our sponsors, Singhaiyi / Aloha Sailing Club and Singapore Sailing. Also, we have adopted a careful approach to spending, making sure that we stretch our dollar to the maximum and measure all returns on our investment.

I shall leave it to our Hon Treasurer to provide more details on WAS accounts.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year, and soon a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy Lunar New Year ! Take care and see you on water soon!

Thank you