

Word of Appreciation 🙏

Wow! What a fantastic start to the year 2024 !!

On 22nd to 25th February 2024, the sea off the East Coast of Singapore was packed with action – more than 70 windsurfers glided through the water, wind-foilers skimmed just above the surface of the sea and wingers cruised and took off occasionally!

Check out this site - <https://www.windsurfingassociationsingapore.com/> for more information and pictures about the 43rd Singapore Open Windsurfing and Foiling Championship, incorporating the Asian Techno Championship 2024. We also have the honour of Mr Piotr Oleksiak, the Secretary General of the International Windsurfing Association (IWA) and Bic Techno Class representative (who took a 20-hour flight from Europe to Singapore) to oversee this event.

This annual event has attracted sailors from Japan, Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and our finest local sailors, all pitting their sailing skills, fitness and wits against each other in the 4-day event. Eventually the winners emerged – they are those who are the fittest and best at capitalising on gusts and tricky wind direction changes, read the current well and able to tune their equipment to attain the fastest cruising speed.

On behalf of the Windsurfing Association Singapore (WAS), I would like to take this opportunity to thank our event partner, Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF), our sponsors Aloha Seasports Centre and co-sponsor Constant Wind SeaSports for the use of their Centres and providing the logistical support. We are grateful to our volunteers, many of them are sea-sports enthusiasts from the various universities. They have demonstrated great responsibilities and resilience. Some worked under the hot sun, in a small bobbing boats, diligently keeping a tab on sailors' results. Others assisted on-land in race secretariat duties. Whichever duties they perform, we hope that this form of experiential learning will be useful to them in the years ahead. Specifically, I would like to mention the following people and to convey my heart-felt appreciation for a job well done:

SingaporeSailing: Rohaizan, Wearn Haw, Shawal, Joa, Izreen, Lukman and many others working behind the scene

Protest Committee / International and National Juries: Wee Tee, Wee Lee, Piotr, Mike Short, Dusan Vanicky and Ewa Jodlowska

Aloha: Ah Loh, Max, Lillie and the admin team

Constant Wind: Joe, Cindy (Lightcraft), Kah Soon, Wilson, Sheila, Dorothy, receptionists and the team of beach boys, helping to launch and recover boats/boards.

Race Committee (OD) and Safety Committee: Jen E, Robert Thesiera, Ellyn, TC, Krai

Volunteers/helpers, Drivers and Boat Drivers: Joseph Lee Shin Woei, Ang Alden, Danielle Lim Chin Shuen, Teo Wei Xuan, Adam Cheang, Manav Krishan, Chia Miang Hwee, Mohamed Alham Bin Mohamed Ahnafi, Yong Shou Choong, Leung Chun Kit Andrew, Sophie Eugenia Mok Su Lin, Jakub Antonin Sharpe, Tan Jun Yuan, Wong Qi Ying, Gerald Yong Tse Hsien, Chesna You Ziyang, Arrayn, Jeryl Sim & Ron Tay.

Windsurfing Association Singapore: Ms. Nur Huda Ramle, Mr. Joe Chua, Mr. Loh Fock Jin, Mr. Ho Kah Soon, Mr. Wang Yew Pang, Ms. Aida Khalid, Ms. Josephine (Josie), Mr. Keegan Ng, Ms. Wei Xuan & Mr. Max Ong

NetBall Singapore: Cyrus

Event photographer: Howie

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StarBoard: for the product prizes

And many others who have contributed in one way or another – my apologies if I have missed out mentioning your names.

Also, a big thank you to Dr Lincoln Chee- President of SSF, Mr Jevan Tan - Vice President, SSF and Mr Leslie Tan – CEO, SSF and Mr Jason Lim – Secretary General, Asia Sailing Federation for gracing the prize giving ceremony.

Last but not least, a big thank you to Mr Gordan Tang of Singhaiyi and aide Wang Yew Pang for the continuing support and sponsorship year after year, enabling this event to continue.

The collective effort of everyone above has once again led to the very successful completion of this biggest annual windsurfing event in Singapore for the 43rd time. As we usher in the Year of the Dragon, may I wish you happiness, good health and great fortune in the years ahead!

To our sailor friends from overseas – thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you again next year. And may this world be a more peaceful one going forward.

Lemmy



Happy faces from the winners ..