

ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove to host Singapore's first sailing world championships in 2021

- *The SB20 World Championship is slated to take place in February 2021.*
- *More than 70 boats and teams from around the world expected to set sail in one of sailing's most prestigious events*

SINGAPORE – [25 January 2019] – ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore, seven-time winner of Boating Asia Magazine's "Best Asian Marina" Award, today announced that it has secured the hosting rights for Singapore's first sailing world championships – the SB20 World Championships 2021.

From 2 to 6 February 2021, the marina will play host to more than 70 boats and teams from the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Portugal, Australia, Ireland and Italy amongst others. More than 15 teams from Singapore, comprising some of the Republic's top sailors, are also expected to participate in this prestigious event. This will be the first SB20 World Championships to be held in Singapore since the competition's inception in 2008.

According to Singapore SB20 Association Fleet Vice Captain, **Mr Nicholas Cocks**, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore's successful hosting of four SB20 Asia Pacific Championships between 2015 and 2019 was a key factor in its winning bid to host the 2021 world event.

"The tripartite alliance made up of ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore, the Singapore SB20 Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation put in a very convincing bid and we are delighted that the SB20 World Council at their meeting in December 2018 selected ours as the winning submission. Sailing has become increasingly popular in Singapore and playing host to a world championship event will definitely give the profile of the sport a boost locally and around the region," said Mr Cocks.

Conceptualised in 1999 as a one-design class of sailboat, the SB20 is an open keel boat designed for racing with a crew of 3 or 4 whose maximum weight must not exceed 270kg. Being the largest one-design keel boat fleet in Singapore, the SB20 is the boat of choice for Singapore sailors progressing from dingy racing to keel boat racing.

ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore, General Manager, Mr Teo Joo Leng, said: *“We are very excited to be selected as the venue host of the SB20 World Championships for 2021, which is one of the most prestigious competitions in the annual sailing calendar. This successful bid would not have been possible without the strong support and advocacy efforts of our partners – the Singapore SB20 Association, the Singapore Sailing Federation as well as the Singapore Tourism Board.*

“Over the years, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore has consistently supported the sea-sports community as part of our corporate mission to make it part of the lifestyle offerings at the marina. We will continue to explore more opportunities and events that will raise the profile of ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove Singapore as a unique and exclusive hub for such activities.”

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About ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore

Since its inauguration in 2007, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore is the winner of several international accolades including the Outstanding Hospitality Award at the Helm Magazine Singapore Yacht Show Awards 2013, seven-time winner of the Best Asian Marina of the Year (2009, 2012 – 2014, 2016 – 2018) and the prestigious FIVE Gold Anchor Award. The Club also has the honor of hosting upscale international yachting events including Volvo Ocean Race 2008/09, Asia Pacific Yachting Conference and is home to Singapore Yacht Show, the third most important boat show in the world according to The Financial Times.

Located in Sentosa Cove, the prime leisure district of Singapore, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove features a beautiful marina of 270 berths with facilities to accommodate mega yachts of up to 200 feet. The well-appointed clubhouse encompasses world-class facilities including restaurants and bars, suite rooms, a members’ lounge, conference and meeting rooms and leisure facilities. Evoking the glamour and elegance of Monte Carlo, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove is Asia’s most desired waterfront leisure destination.

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About SB20 Asian Grand Slam & Asia Pacific Championships

The annual regatta, now in its 4th year, will be organised by ONE°15 Marina Club with the support of the SB20 Class Association and sanctioned by Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF). This year, SSF shall run the races over the four days from 23 to 26 January, while ONE°15 Marina Club shall host the participants from across the Asia Pacific region and beyond at its premises at the exclusive Sentosa Cove. The race course will be off of Singapore's East Coast which typically boasts warm water, sunshine and 16 to 20 knot winds during the regatta time of year.

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