

# The Royal Langkawi International Regatta History

The Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC) was established through the exuberant efforts of our Founder Chairman and 1st Commodore, the late Y.A.M. Tunku Tan Sri Abdullah Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman whose passion for sailing led him to establish sailing sports in Malaysia and in the Asian region. The RLYC has something for everyone; a modern 234 wet berths including 6 berths for mega-yachts, trendy restaurants serving international and local fare, luxury boat charters and poolside barbeques.

Affiliations with some of the regional regattas, namely the Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta and Blue Water Rally are some of the sailing events that derived RLYC to have its own regatta organised at Langkawi. This brought about the advent of the Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR) which took sail in 2003.

RLIR was inaugurated in 2003 by the Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Y.A.B. Tun Abdullah Hj. Ahmad Badawi. The inaugural regatta in 2003 has grown as one of Asia's premier regattas and is part of the Asian Yachting Circuit Grand Prix. Sanctioned by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and Malaysian Sailing Association (MSA).

The idea for the RLIR was mooted from the desire of the RLYC to develop a new world-class international event in Langkawi. Over the past 20 years, the RLIR has attracted world-class sailors from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia and in time, developed into a world-class event that would attract the cream of the world's sailors.

The uniqueness of RLIR is that the races are all held in the idyllic waters of Langkawi including a day of races at the Kuah Harbour and offshore racing. In addition, we are one of the few regattas in Southeast Asia that provides full berthing facilities throughout the week of RLIR. The duty-free status enjoyed by Langkawi Island is also another reason for yachts to participate as it has provided as a stop-over for provisioning and shopping before the departure to the next port of call/race circuit.

The Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy – the most sought - after prize – will be presented to the winning team from the Racing Class yachts, followed by the LADA-IRC Challenge Trophy, the Langkawi Sports Boat Trophy and the Malaysian Multihull Challenge Cup, all temptingly screened for champions to compete for.

The "Tunku Abdullah Sportsmanship Award" as was introduced in 2009, will be presented for the best team, both on water and land, in memory of the late Founding Chairman and the first Commodore of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC), Almarhum Tunku Tan Sri Abdullah Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

# ASIAN YACHTING CIRCUIT (AYC) 2024/2025

Regatta	Country	Schedule of Event	No. Crew	No. Yachts
Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta	Malaysia	15 – 23 Nov 2024	250	30
Phuket King's Cup Regatta	Thailand	30 Nov- 7 Dec 2024	500	60
Royal Langkawi International Regatta	Malaysia	20 – 25 Jan 2025	250	30
Singapore Regatta	Singapore	14 - 16 Feb 2025	250	30
The Bay Regatta	Thailand	19 - 23 Feb 2025	250	30
Koh Samui Regatta	Thailand	24 - 31 May 2025	250	30

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

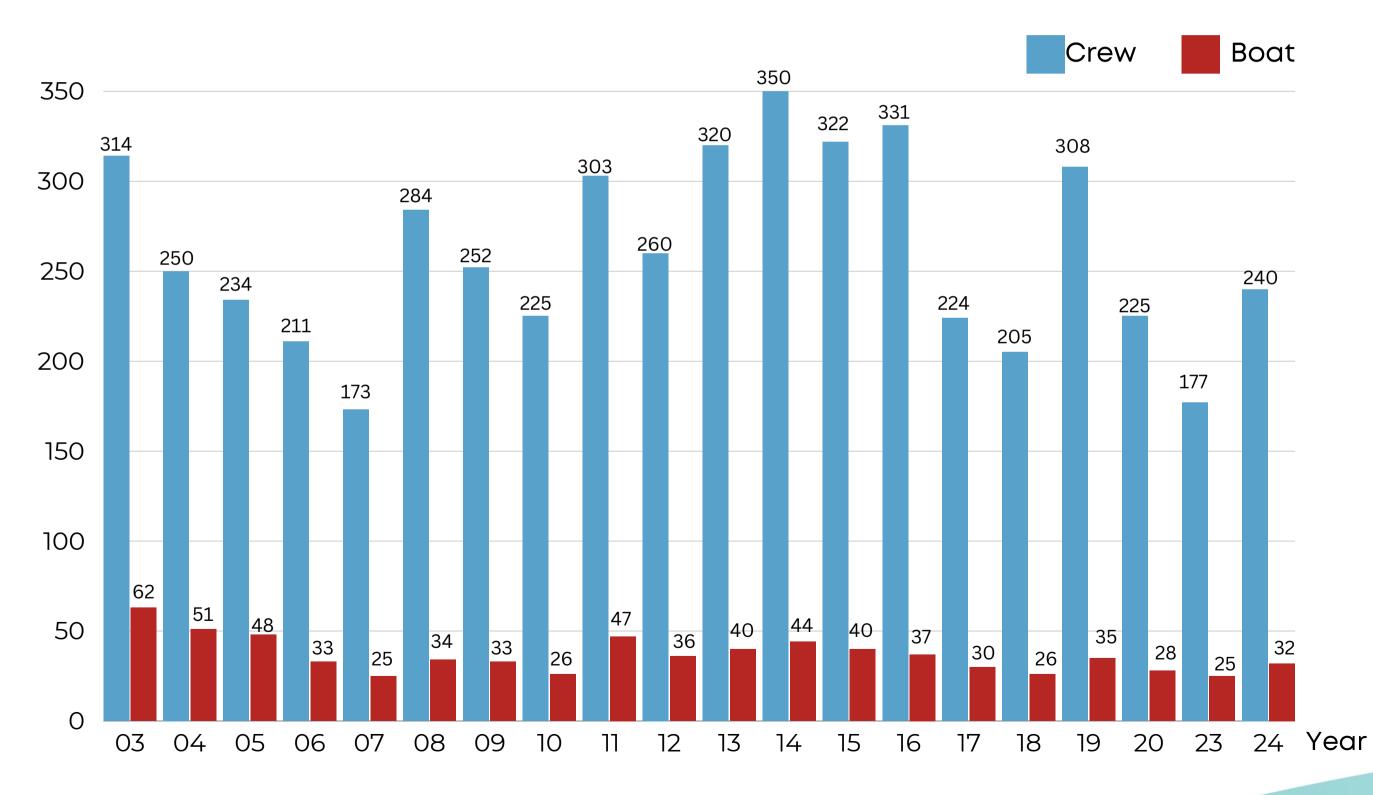
Date	Time	Programme
20th January (Monday)	9.00am - 5.00pm 2.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm Evening	Registration and sail measurement Practice race at Kuah Harbour (first warning signal 1400) Skipper's briefing Media briefing Free and easy
21st January (Tuesday)	9.30am 7.30pm	Race Day 1 - all classes (first warning signal 0930) Opening Ceremony and Race Day 1 Prize Presentation
22nd January (Wednesday)	9.30am Evening	Race Day 2 - all classes (first warning signal 0930) Free and easy
23rd January (Thursday)	9.30am 4.00pm Evening	Race Day 3 - all classes (first warning signal 0930) Race Day 2 and 3 Prize Presentation Free and easy

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Date	Time	Programme
24th January (Friday)	9.30am Evening	Race Day 4 - all classes (first warning signal 0930) Free and easy
25th January (Saturday)	9.30am 5.30pm 7.30pm	Race Day 5 - all classes (first warning signal 0930) Race Day 4 and 5 Prize Presentation Closing Ceremony, Overall and Grand Prize Presentation



# DATA OF PARTICIPANTS (2003-2024)





### PARTICIPATION

#### **Objective:**

- The 21st edition of RLIR will have approximately 30-35 teams participating.
- Focus countries: South East Asia, Asia Pacific, China, Hong Kong, Europe and America.
- More participation for youth in sailing and the international teams.
- Participation in regional yacht events.
- Putting sailing sports in Langkawi onto the world sailing map.

#### Campaign:

- Participate in the Asian Yachting Circuit (AYC) and distribute marketing materials, entry forms and incentives for the RLIR.
- Promote early bird registrations.
- Advertise on TV, yachting magazines, newspapers, YouTube and social media; TikTok, X, Facebook and Instagram.
- Distribute RLIR posters to Malaysian and Regional Yacht Clubs.

# TOURISM BOOSTER

Globally, sports tourism is recognised as one of the upcoming tourism markets with significant economic potentials. In Langkawi, it is an important income generator in the tourism industry and is supported by a broad global audience as sporting events usually attract domestic and international participants.

Revenue generated ranges from accommodations, food and beverages, ticket sales, sponsorships, media rights to merchandising and garment production.

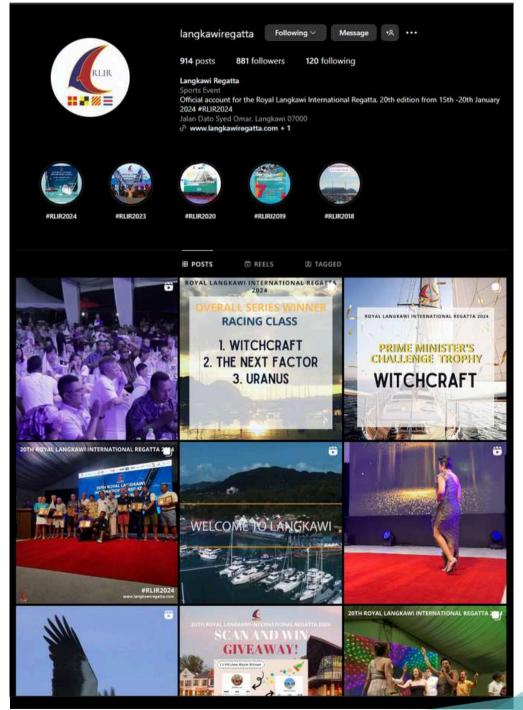
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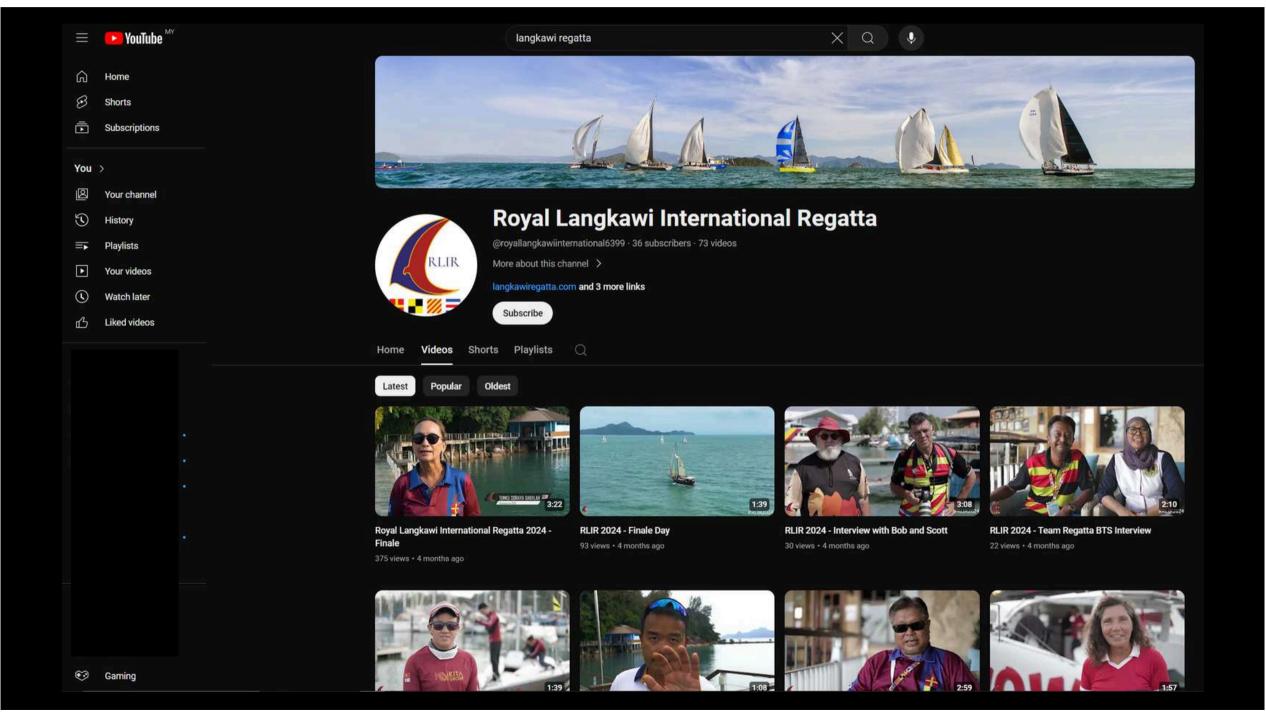


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#### TV



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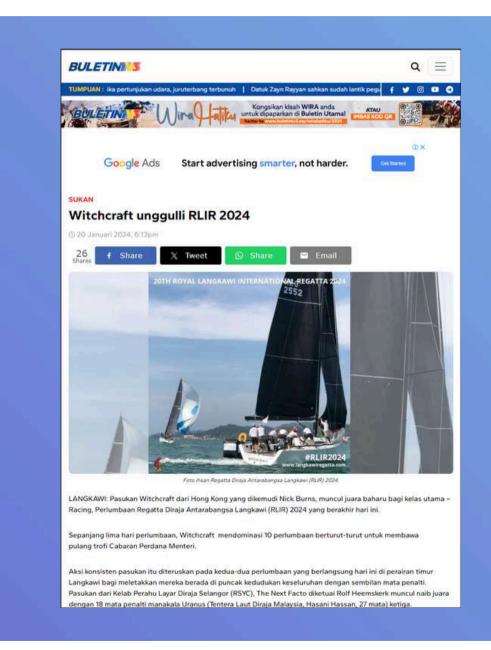
- The RLIR garners significant media attention from both electronic and print sources.
- The regatta has been featured in both Malaysian and international media.
- 6 days campaigns; featured in the sports sections of both broadcast and print media.

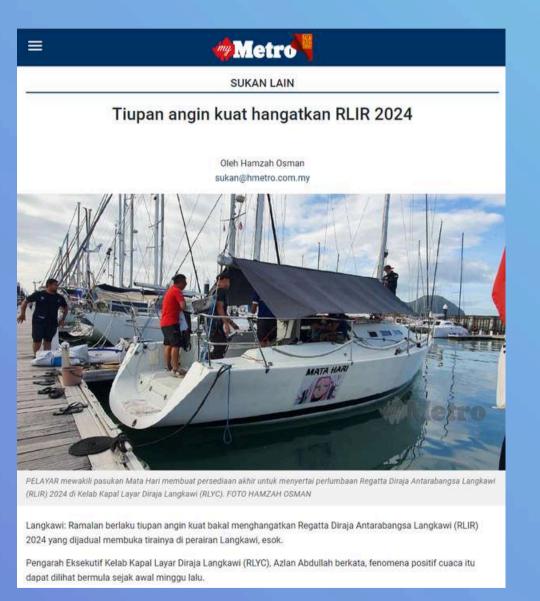
#### **RADIO**



- Broadcast in the English language.
- Interview slots are aired on TRAXX FM Radio
- Live cross-over to TRAXX FM Radio highlight of the event.
- Online promotion on TRAXX FM social media platform and YouTube.

## LOCAL MEDIA



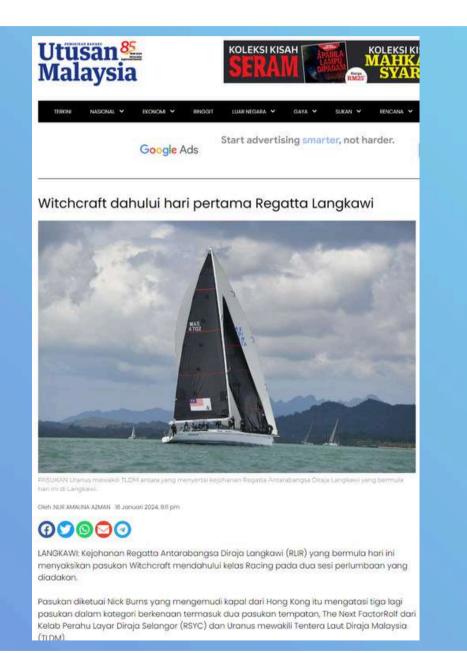




### RLIR LOCAL MEDIA







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TODAY NEWS

Sport

#### Witchcraft of Hong Kong tops day one of 2024 RLIR

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**LANGKAWI**: Team Witchcraft from Hong Kong displayed superior agility and poise to win the first and second Racing class races on the opening day of the 2024 Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR) today to secure top position.

Today's excellent wind speed allowed the team led by Nick Burns to take the lead after picking up just two penalty points from two races in the Kuah Harbour Race which started at the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC) here.

"Great races so far because it's just day one, and we have lovely winds and hope for the next races to get good wind speed as well. Today, winds were around 10 to 15 knots, which was perfect for sailing and that helped us to lead the race in our sailing category.

"(We see) One boat, The Next Factor from Malaysia, as our competitor. Me and the other boat skipper (we) are very competitive, so was a fun race today. While two other boats from Malaysia, Uranus and Zuhal, we had fun with them but they are not our competitors, plus we get better handicap compared to them," Burns told Bernama here today.

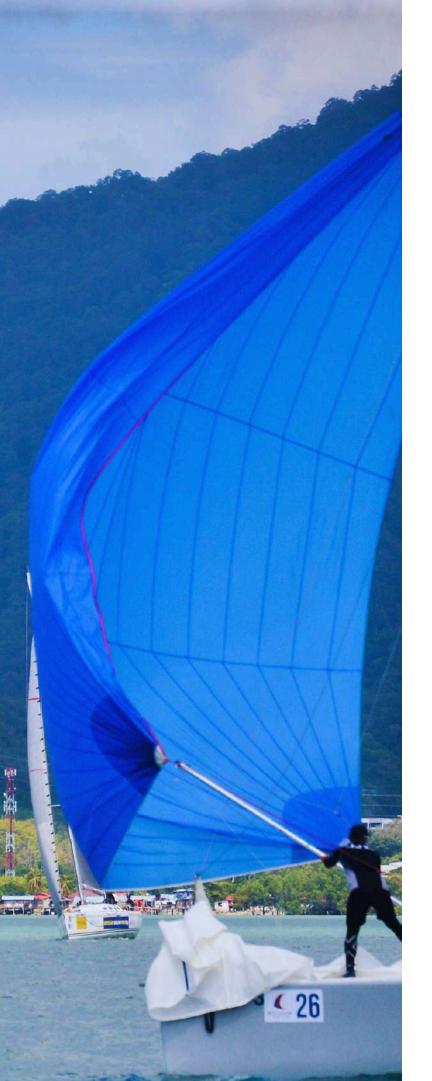
He said no team can predict tomorrow's race and beyond but he is hoping for good weather and wind conditions to allow his team to continue recording good results and continue to be in first position for the Racing class.

Meanwhile, the Mata Hari team from Malaysia, who were the champions of the IRC1 class last year, were only able to achieve second place with four penalty points for the class after failing to overcome the greater Cha Chan team from Japan who collected two penalty points.

# NTERNATIONALMEDIA







## MEDIA PARTNER CARUS



#### REACHING 974 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS 166 COUNTRIES

#### Documentary + Daily Highlights (6 days)

- Filming the on-shore activities, the races with sea-level cam/onboard cameras/balloons (aerial filming) and interviews.
- Raw footage for TV use immediately after races.
- Documentary of 10'00" with English voice overs.

#### **Online Media**

- Distribution of the daily highlights to more than 50 online sailing media.
- Distribution of the documentary films to online media & online web-channels.

#### **TV Distribution**

- Distribution of the raw footage, daily highlights and documentary film to national broadcasters/international TV channels.
- Inclusion of a session in the INSIDE SAILING TV shows.

## INTERNATIONAL TV CHANNELS

































# PACKAGEA – TITLE SPONSOR MINIMUM CASH SPONSORSHIP OF RM500,000.00

- The event will carry the Title Sponsor's name and logo before the event's name.
- The final race day (race day 5) will be named after the Title Sponsor.
- Title Sponsor to present a special token to the winner of the Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy or The RLYC Commodore's Challenge Cup at the closing dinner ceremony.
- Sponsorship materials will carry the logo of the Title Sponsor on buntings, banner, race marker (buoy sticker), Regatta merchandise (t-shirts), main stage backdrop and press conference backdrop.
- Closing dinner will be hosted by the Title Sponsor.
- Entitlement of 4 hotel rooms (2 nights of each room) at Ramada by Wyndham Langkawi.
   Marina Hotel.
- A viewing yacht will be made available for the Title Sponsor and their invited guests with F&B facilities.
- The Title Sponsor will be invited to press conference.
- Allocation of dinner table for opening dinner and closing dinner. 4 tables at each dinner.

# PACKAGE B – GOLD SPONSOR CASH SPONSORSHIP OF RM300,000.00

- The first race will be named after the Gold Sponsor including the prize presentation and opening dinner. Race prizes to be presented by Gold Sponsor.
- Sponsorship materials will carry the logo of the Gold Sponsor on buntings, banner, race marker (buoy sticker), Regatta merchandise (t-shirts), main stage backdrop and press conference backdrop.
- Entitlement of 3 hotel rooms (2 nights of each room) at Ramada by Wyndham Langkawi Marina Hotel.
- A viewing yacht will be made available for Gold Sponsor with F&B facilities.
- Allocation of dinner table for opening dinner and closing dinner. 3 tables at each dinner.

# PACKAGE C - SILVER SPONSOR CASH SPONSORSHIP OF RM200,000.00

- One race day will be named after the Silver Sponsor including the prize presentation. Race prizes to be presented by Silver Sponsor.
- Sponsorship materials will carry the logo of the Silver Sponsor on buntings, banner, race marker (buoy sticker), Regatta merchandise (t-shirts), main stage backdrop and press conference backdrop.
- Entitlement of 2 hotel rooms (2 nights of each room) at Ramada by Wyndham Langkawi Marina Hotel.
- Allocation of dinner table for opening dinner and closing dinner. 2 tables at each dinner.

# PACKAGE D – BRONZE SPONSOR CASH SPONSORSHIP OF RM100,000.00

- One race day will be named after the Bronze Sponsor including the prize presentation. Race prizes to be presented by Bronze Sponsor.
- Sponsorship materials will carry the logo of the Bronze Sponsor on buntings, banner, race marker (buoy sticker), Regatta merchandise (t-shirts), main stage backdrop and press conference backdrop.
- •Entitlement of 1 hotel room (2 nights of each room) at Ramada by Wyndham Langkawi Marina Hotel.
- Allocation of dinner table for opening dinner and closing dinner. 1 table at each dinner.





### BRANDING & MERCHANDISE



Main Stage Backdrop



Race Marker



Press Conference Backdrop



Participants T-shirt



Notice Board Banner



Bunting

## RIR RLIR 2024 DOWN MEMORY LANE













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