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ECO-DIVE AT ONE°15 MARINA SENTOSA COVE TURNS UP 200KG OF MARINE LITTER



Volunteers Pose for a Photo with the Marine Litter Collected

Singapore, 16 March 2018 – Further to the last underwater marina clean-up in September 2017, another eco-dive was initiated on 11 March 2018 at ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, setting precedent to the coral reef planting exercise slated for September 2018. The operation mobilized 100 enthusiastic volunteers comprising ONE°15 Members, boaters, members from the dive and sailing associations as well as ONE°15 and SUTL staff members.

Reporting at 3pm, volunteers attended a safety briefing conducted by safety officer Takuya Kimura, an experienced diver who also took part in the marina clean-up in 2017, and ONE°15's staff member Jonathan Sit. Topics covered include things to note at the dive site, the volunteers' roles in the clean-up, entry and exit techniques, dive procedures, emergency procedures and signal review.

The clean-up began at 4pm with clear skies, still air and plenty of eager hands. At the superyacht berths, divers worked hard to remove the marine litter in the marina by going under the waters while non-divers scooped up floating wastes and helped record the litter that has been collected.

Ahead of Earth Day, volunteers managed to improve the health of the marina by successfully removing over 500 pieces (or 200 kilograms) of trash and pollutant. Among the debris, there were several notable odd items collected including a supermarket trolley, glasses, umbrellas, bicycles and a kick scooter. Other common garbage were small items such as plastic bags and cigarette butts. A detailed breakdown of the marine litter collected can be viewed at <https://www.projectaware.org/debris-data/one-15-marina-singapore>

As a show of appreciation, ONE°15 Marina treated the volunteers to a sumptuous barbecue dinner and free-flow beer at Boaters' Bar, where they spent a beautiful evening socializing with like-minded eco-conscious individuals. Volunteers responded positively to the experience and vowed to encourage those around them to channel their appreciation for the environment into concrete actions to protect it. At the dinner, Teo Joo Leng, General Manager of

ONE°15 Marina said, "As a friend to the sea, ONE°15 Marina aims to develop a thriving ecosystem in our marina and has been actively promoting sound environmental stewardship. The goal of this exercise is to groom the superyacht area for our coral reef planting exercise in September. Eventually, we hope to open up areas of the marina for the public to dive, snorkel, and learn about marine biodiversity. We would like to extend a special thank you to all volunteers for taking time out of your busy schedules to help advance our eco-objectives."

ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore, appreciates the biodiversity of marine life in the waters and have always made great strides to protect the ecosystem in its marina.

- It received its accreditation as a "Fish Friendly Marina" by the Marina Industries Association (MIA) in 2016.
- It is the first Level 4 Clean Marina to achieve this recognition in South East Asia.
- It won the prestigious Green Maritime Company of the Year at the Asia Boating Awards 2015. The award recognises leisure marina businesses in Asia that have contributed to the protection of its environment.
- It is the first marina in the region to achieve ISO 14001, a prestigious and internationally-recognised certification for Environmental Management.
- Green mussels or Perna Viridis have been installed under the marina pontoon a few months into the Club's opening in January 2008. The mussels function as filter feeders, helping to remove pollutants from the semi-enclosed water, and provides an additional source of food for marine life within the marina.



Land Volunteers at Work



Recording the Marine Litter Collected



Divers Pose for a Photo



Divers at Work



Volunteers with Marine Litter Retrieved from the Sea Bed



Volunteers Enjoying the Barbecue Dinner



Jack Long (SUTL Group GM), Prof. Chou Loke Ming (ONE°15 Board of Advisors), Arthur Tay (SUTL Group Chairman), Galen Tan (Capt. of Eco-Initives), Teo Joo Leng (ONE°15 Marina GM)

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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, Six-Time Winner of Asian Marina of the Year (2009, 2012 – 2014, 2016 – 2017), and the prestigious FIVE Gold Anchor Award. The Club also has the honour of hosting upscale international yachting events including the Clipper 2013 – 14 Round the World Yacht Race, the Volvo Ocean Race 2008/09, Asia Superyacht Conference 2009 – 2011, Asia Pacific Superyacht Conference 2012 and 2013, the Asia Pacific Yachting Conference 2014 – 2017 and the Singapore Yacht Show 2011 – 2017. Located in Sentosa Cove, the prime leisure district of Singapore, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore, 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 fine restaurants and bars, luxurious suite rooms, a modern spa, a well-equipped gymnasium, a members' lounge and kids' playroom as well as conference and meeting rooms. Evoking the glamour and elegance of Monte Carlo, ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove, Singapore, is Asia's most desired waterfront leisure destination.

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