



## Press Release

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### Sailors for Ocean Conservation ORCP partners with World Wide Fund for Nature

The Ocean Racing Club of the Philippines (ORCP) is forging a partnership with World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines (WWF-PH) in line with its objective to help raise awareness among sailors on marine conservation and ocean protection. ORCP aims to grow the community of offshore racers and also help develop young sailors to crew for sailing yachts.

“We genuinely welcome this partnership with the ORCP and are excited about the synergies that will be created toward protecting our marine environment. WWF cannot do it alone: we need allies in the mission of building a future in which people and nature thrive. The sailing community is one of the best allies, as they know what is happening to our oceans firsthand. Through this partnership with ORCP, WWF hopes that more people will re-connect with our identity as a maritime nation and become better stewards of ocean health. Our entire landmass is within the Coral Triangle - the world’s center of marine biodiversity. The success of our effort here is not only for the benefit of Filipinos but the rest of the world whose oceans are fed by Philippine waters”, says Katherine ‘Trin’ Custodio, Executive Director of WWF Philippines.

The ORCP, under the auspices of the Philippine Sailing Association (PSA), will hold the **Corregidor Cup Regatta 2022** on 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. There will be racing for three days, with about 15 to 20 participating sailing yachts in four different categories – IRC Racing Class, Cruising Class, Multi-Hull Class and Classic Yacht Class. This inaugural regatta is organized in conjunction with Corregidor Foundation Inc. and Caylabne Bay Resort & Marina.



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#### About ORCP

ORCP is an organization composed of Philippine-based sailors whose mission is to promote, develop, and expand the sport of offshore yacht racing in the Philippines. ORCP draws its membership from yacht owners, regatta sailors, water sports enthusiasts, and ocean conservation advocates who want to race or promote the sport of yacht racing in the Philippines. The ORCP also aims to foster resilient ocean ecosystems by supporting marine conservation initiatives of partner organizations. Its main activities include organizing inshore and offshore races across many iconic island destinations in the Philippines.

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