Key Images



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1. New Year Sea Sports – Kolek Lumba

These photographs show several Malay koleks, or traditional *perahus*, at the almost annual New Year Regatta. The regatta was held at the Singapore Harbour off Collyer Quay. Buildings such as the Municipal Building (completed in 1929 and now part of National Gallery Singapore), the spire of St Andrew's Cathedral (*left*), Clifford Pier and the Ocean Building (*right*), can be seen in the backgrounds of these photos. These images were likely taken between 1935 and 1937.

Image sources:

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2. New Year Sea Sports, 1939

This photograph of Malay koleks was taken at the New Year Regatta on 1 January 1939. Held at the Singapore Harbour off Collyer Quay, buildings such as the Supreme Court and Municipal Building can be seen in the background. The back of the photograph is dated "1.1.1939".

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3. Spectators at New Year Sea Sports, 1939

Taken from the Fullerton Building on 1 January 1939, this image features spectators lining the pavement by the sea during the New Year Regatta. The event was held at the Singapore Harbour off Collyer Quay.

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