

CLAIM AND COUNTER-CLAIM

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Claim 1: Maximilian was promised treatment and rewards in accordance with his performance and time/effort spent training.

But after delivering, SingaporeSailing constantly reneged on its word and failed to deliver, citing his youthfulness in comparison to more senior sailors.

It accorded him treatment on a lower level.

Claim 2: Prior to Maximilian's gold wins in the South-east Asia and Asian Games, my husband and I had, at our own expense, sent him overseas on his own for over a year, enabling him to train with world-class sailors and Olympic medallists.

Claim 3: He was subjected to belittling remarks and treatment about his age and youthfulness by SingaporeSailing in the course of its programmes.

This resulted in him falling into severe depression.

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Rebuttal 1: No promises were ever made. Yes, there is a tiered system for monthly allowances to sailors. But this was established with the Sports Council, and based on criteria like educational qualifications and whether the sailor has a driving licence. Those with licences help drive trailers for transporting the boats and are duly rewarded. Maximilian does not have a licence.

Rebuttal 2: Parents only paid for his studies in Melbourne. The association facilitated and providing training, equipment, and a coach. Just before last December's Asian Games, it arranged and paid for him to fly to Sydney for four weekends to train with a top coach.

Rebuttal 3: We are not aware of any such remarks made by anyone in the fraternity.

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