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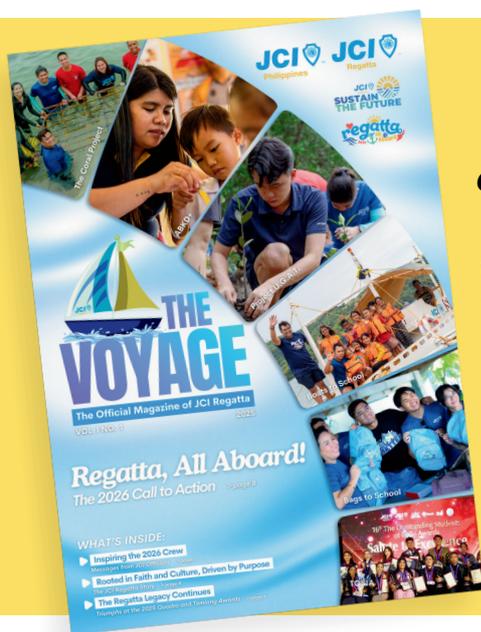


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## About the Title

*Charting Today. Shaping Tomorrow.*

 **THE VOYAGE** celebrates the journey of JCI Regatta and its vibrant crew of young leaders in making waves of positive change in their communities. Showcasing accomplishments, activities, rising leaders, and future directions, this maiden issue highlights JCI Regatta's enduring commitment to serving humanity, the embodiment of what it calls the "best work of life".

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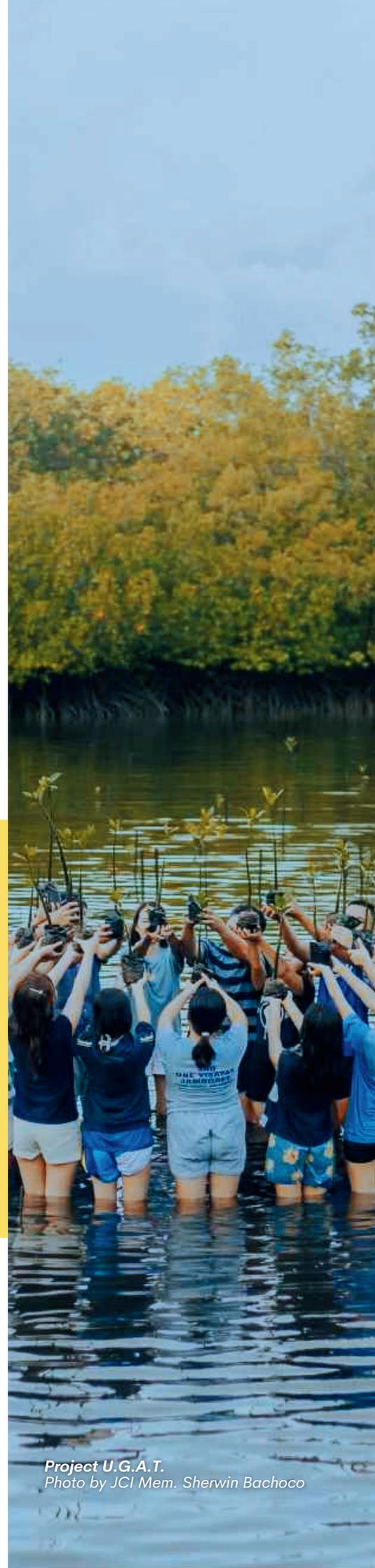
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## Message from the 2026 JCI Philippines National President

ATTY. PATRICK D. MAGLINAO

Warmest congratulations to all newly inducted members of JCI Regatta! Today marks not just a milestone, but the beginning of a meaningful journey filled with leadership, growth, and positive impact.

As you take your oath, you join a community driven by purpose, collaboration, and service. May this new chapter inspire you to challenge yourself, create sustainable change, and embody the JCI values of *active citizenship* wherever you go.

Your passion, energy, and commitment are what will continue to elevate JCI Regatta to greater heights. Believe in your capabilities, support one another, and lead with heart. The future is bright because you are now part of it.

Once again, congratulations—and welcome to the JCI Regatta family! May your journey be purposeful, empowering, and truly unforgettable.



*May this new chapter inspire you to challenge yourself, create sustainable change, and embody the JCI values of active citizenship wherever you go.*



## Message from the 2026 JCI Philippines Area 4 Vice President

ATTY. VINCENT VON A. NOGRA

Maayong adlaw, JCI Regatta! As JCI Regatta gathers for this meaningful Turnover and Induction Ceremony, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to President Joey for his remarkable year of leadership. Your dedication showed what it means to lead with heart and courage. To your incoming President Esteban, I celebrate this new chapter with you — may this journey bring fresh ideas, stronger connections, and moments that will help you grow even more as a leader. And to all the Sailors of JCI Regatta, thank you for proving that when passionate young sailors unite with purpose, the impact becomes truly inspiring.

This year's theme, **"REGATTA: All Aboard,"** strongly reflects the spirit of your 18th year as a chapter. Your journey, captured in your years, shows how every story, partnership, and milestone is a reminder of your determination in **OWNING YOUR IMPACT**. As your Area Vice President for the Visayas, I want you to know that I am with you, supporting your efforts, believing in your vision, and cheering for the bright path you continue to build for yourselves and for the people you serve.

As we welcome 2026, I hope you carry with you not just the lessons of this year but also the direction we want to move toward together. The JCI Philippines theme, **"Sustain the Future,"** reminds us to think long-term and to build projects that truly last. In the Visayas, our Area Theme—**Innovate4Impact**—encourages us to find new ways to create meaningful change and to stay brave in trying fresh ideas. You have already shown how courage and creativity can spark real impact. So keep going, keep sailing, and keep believing that the waves you take today will help shape a better and more sustainable future.

May your courage continue to sail and inspire others to rise as well. Madamo gid nga salamat and FULL SPEED AHEAD JCI REGATTA!



*Keep going, keep sailing, and keep believing that the waves you take today will help shape a better and more sustainable future.*



# Message from the 2026 JCI Philippines Regional Vice President for Western Visayas

**RICHMOND MARK V. YANSON**

Congratulations to JCI Regatta on your 18th Induction and Turn-over Ceremonies. The dedication demonstrated by your 2025 officers, under the leadership of LO President Joey Infante, along with your chapter members, has led to extraordinary accomplishments, as I witness the journey of your Local Organization from the Quadro Awards to the Temiong Awards, and your ranking as the Top 17 in JCIPEA, highlights your Local Organization’s steadfast dedication, not only to the communities and individuals who have been inspired but also to all the members of your organization. Indeed, JCI Regatta continues to ripple and maintain its significant impact within JCI Philippines.

To the 2026 officers and Board of Directors, led by President Steve Navigar Jr.: Congratulations on your one-year to lead. As you embark on this journey, may you continue to inspire others through lasting impact and empower young leaders to create waves of change. As your 2026 Regional Vice President, I am here to support you in realizing your vision and goals by providing the necessary tools as you navigate new adventures for JCI Regatta. I look forward to collaborating with you in the coming year and wishing you all the best as we sail together toward a sustainable future. As JCI Regatta, we are All Aboard for Legacy, Leadership, and Lasting Impact. VAMOS JCI Regatta!



# Message from the JCI Regatta Charter President

**ELMER J. USI**

From the day JCI Regatta first set sail, the vision was simple yet bold: to build a chapter of young leaders driven by purpose, integrity, and genuine service. Seeing how far we have come fills me with deep gratitude. Each member who has stepped forward, contributed, and grown with the chapter for the past 18 years has helped shape the identity we proudly carry today.

This maiden issue of our LO publication, made possible by Pres. Steve and Editor-in-Chief Dir. Mike, is more than just a collection of stories and updates—it is a reflection of our shared journey. It captures the spirit, the challenges, the milestones, and the unwavering commitment that propelled us from our earliest beginnings to where we stand now. May these pages remind us of the strength we find in unity and the passion that fuels our mission.

As we continue charting our course, I encourage every member to keep leading bravely and serving with heart. Let this publication inspire you to dream bigger, act with purpose, and make choices that uplift both our LO and our community. Together, we will keep steering JCI Regatta toward greater impact—anchored in service, guided by vision, and powered by its people.



## Message from the JCI Regatta Immediate Past President

**JOEY S. INFANTE**

Congratulations to the team for bringing our publication back. It has been a long time coming, and seeing it finally take shape is a proud moment for our chapter. This serves as reflection of who we are, what we stand for, and the work we continue to do as JCI Regatta.

This platform gives us space to share our projects, advocacies, and the stories of the people behind them. It reminds us that our work has meaning, and that every effort, big or small, contributes to the impact we aim to create.

To the team behind this, thank you. You didn't just make a publication, you brought back a platform for our voice as a chapter. I know this took time, coordination, edits, revisions (and probably a few late nights), but you pushed through and made it happen. We appreciate the work behind the scenes that most people won't see — but will definitely feel through this output. Thank you for owning your impact.

And to our readers—we hope you enjoy this edition. May the stories and experiences shared here inspire you, spark ideas, and encourage you to take part in the work ahead. Here's to more work, more learning, and more meaningful impact.



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## Message from the 2026 JCI Regatta LO President

**STEVE S. NAVIGAR, JR.**

“Voyage” means a long journey—usually by sea, sometimes through the air. This word resonates deeply with the 18 years of thriving legacy, leadership development, and lasting commitment and impact of JCI Regatta. From humble beginnings, we have sailed through high waves and the strongest winds. We did not only survive—we succeeded with pride and honor.

As the opportunity was given to me this year, I humbly give my all to the cause we started, the mission we continue, and the new opportunities we are crafting for the future. Thank you to the 2026 Board of Directors for believing in the importance of this memoir—especially to Director Michael Dejando, our first-ever Editor-in-Chief. My gratitude also goes to my longtime friend, Lexel Buendia of Black Feather Advertising, for bringing these pages to life through print.

This first issue of our official magazine is dedicated to our past members and presidents who paved the way for this success. It is also for our current members who continue to strengthen the legacy, and for the future generation—may you be inspired by the past so you can carry the cause forward in the years to come. We also extend this dedication to our valued partners whose unwavering support has made our projects, initiatives, and impact possible. Your trust fuels our voyage.

JCI Regatta: All Aboard! *Bulahan kita tanan.*



*From humble beginnings, we have sailed through high waves and the strongest winds. We did not only survive—we succeeded with pride and honor.*



# Rooted in Faith and Culture, Driven by Purpose

by Michael Angelo Dejando

**When passion is rooted in shared values, a community of changemakers thrives. This is the essence of JCI Regatta, whose beginnings are anchored in faith, culture, and an unwavering commitment to serve.**



JCI Regatta Charter President Elmer Usi

A Category 3 Local Organization of JCI Philippines, JCI Regatta is based in Iloilo City, and traces its humble roots to Santa Maria Parish, where its founders laid the groundwork for establishing the local organization in 2009. JCI Regatta Charter President Elmer J. Usi, through the guidance of 2009 National President Fulbert Woo and the support of JCI Iloilo through 2009 JCI Iloilo President Rex Chua, JCI Iloilo EVP Eon Tiu, and RVP Joemari Moriente, invited leaders from the Santa Maria Prayer Community as well as other young and dynamic Ilonggo movers to join JCI Regatta.

*"It was within these hallowed walls (of Santa Maria Parish Church) that the vision of JCI Regatta took shape, a vision to empower young Ilonggos to serve, lead, and create lasting impact,"* shared President Elmer J. Usi.

It was on March 23, 2009, when the pioneer members of JCI Regatta had their new member orientation, facilitated by Coach Gleendo Dasmariñas, the Lead Trainer for New Members Orientation.

*"It was a day filled with excitement, passion, and hope as we laid the foundation of something far greater than ourselves,"* recalled President Elmer.

Officially marking the beginning of a journey dedicated to serving humanity, JCI Regatta was formally established

on March 30, 2009, during the induction of its officers and members.

*"The induction of our officers and members was a proud moment, a symbol of new beginnings. We were honored to have 2009 JCI World President Jun Sup Shin of JCI Korea as our inducting officer, reminding us that we are now part of a global movement of young active citizens, united by one mission: to create positive change,"* said President Usi.

Regarding its name, the local organization drew inspiration from Iloilo's traditional sailboat festival, the Paraw Regatta, where JCI Iloilo is one of the original partners since the race's inception in 1973. Naming the new organization "JCI Regatta" reflects the chapter's desire to promote further Iloilo and the festival, celebrating craftsmanship, culture, and the Ilonggo spirit.

*"The name 'Regatta', which boasts as being the oldest traditional craft event in Asia, and the largest sailing event in the Philippines, became our compass, reminding us to move forward with strength and direction. From those first few members in 2009 who sailed on and navigated the chapter to become the Best New Local Organization in Asia and the Pacific, JCI Regatta has now grown into a thriving chapter that continues to shape leaders and build communities,"* finally averred President Elmer.



**ONBOARDING.** The pioneer members of JCI Regatta undergo the New Member Orientation program facilitated by Coach Gleendo Dasmariñas. They are also joined by members of JCI Philippines and JCI Iloilo. | Photo from the JCI Regatta Facebook Page



**A HISTORIC MOMENT.** The officers and members of JCI Regatta take a group photo with 2009 JCI World President Jun Sup Shin during their induction program. | Photo from the JCI Regatta Facebook Page

# The JCI Regatta League of Presidents



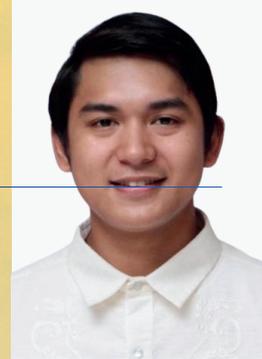
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**Steve Navigar, Jr.**  
2026 LO President



# JCI Regatta wins big at the 2025 Quadro, Temiong Awards

by Michael Angelo Dejando



**JOYFUL MOMENTS.** JCI Regatta officers and members pose for a group picture during the 2025 Quadro Awards Night last September 6 at Leyte and during the 2025 Temiong Awards Night last October 17 at Albay. Shown also is JCI Regatta President Joey Infante as he receives the Temiong Award for Best Local Organization Website. | Photos courtesy of Sherwin Bachoco and friends of JCI Regatta

**Staying true to this year’s call to action of owning their impact, Regatta members and their efforts were recognized as the chapter earned numerous distinctions at the 2025 Quadro and Temiong Awards Nights held during the JCI Philippines Visayas Area Conference and National Conference, respectively.**

During the Visayas Area Conference last September 5–7 at the municipality of Tanauan in Leyte, the chapter brought home five Quadro Awards for the Best Long-Term Local Community Program, Best Fund-Raising Program, Best JCI Week Celebration, Best Inter-Organization Collaboration Project, and Best International Human Duties Project. It also bagged five Banaag Awards for Best Tourism Program, Best Youth Development Program, Best Local Corporate Social Responsibility Program, Most Outstanding JCI Project Chairperson, and Most Outstanding JCI Local Organization under Category 3. Aside from these, the chapter garnered eight nominations that were shortlisted in the Top 5 and it ranked 4th in the JCI Performance Efficiency Awards (JCIPEA) among all chapters in the Visayas area.

Additionally, selected JCI Regatta members were bestowed with special awards. For their outstanding service and performance, RVP Florence King Erlano received the Forge Award as Best Regional Vice President, while AC Steve Navigar, Jr. got the same award as Area Chair for Camp Pag-Ibig. RSec Agustin Estoque was likewise given special recognition as Best Regional Secretary. Meanwhile, VP Blessed Bea Plondaya secured 2nd Place in the Public Speaking Competition and Member Marielle Frantilla won 3rd Place in the JCI Got Talent Competition as part of the Visayas Area Conference.

*“The Quadro and Temiong Streak of JCI Regatta continues: though we all know it’s more than just the awards. It felt great to be recognized, and this goes to all the members, BODs and Presidents of JCI Regatta,”* said 2025 JCI Regatta President Joey Infante.

On the other hand, during the National Conference last October 15–18 at Legazpi City in Albay, the chapter received several recognitions, including the Temiong Award for the Best Local Organization Website, the JCIPEA Platinum Seal of Efficiency, the Overall Rank of 17 in JCIPEA, the Platinum

Banner Award for the ONEVP National Programs Implementation, the SIBOL Membership Growth Award, the Seal of Pride Award, and the Special Award as a Top Local Organization Contributor (Bid Better Series). The chapter also earned three nominations that were shortlisted in the Top 5.

Furthermore, VP Blessed Bea Plondaya was honored with the Golden Laurel Award for excellence in the field of business, economics, and entrepreneurship. In addition, the 2025 Regional Vice President for Western Visayas, RVP Florence King Erlano, was among those who were given Leadership Excellence Awards, together with IHD Amb. Agustin Estoque as the 2025 International Human Duties Ambassador, ND Raymart Escopel as the 2025 National Director for Public Relations, and ND Rommel Terante as the 2025 National Awards Director for Manual and Website.

*“Receiving the JCI Philippines Golden Laurel Award for Business, Economics, and Entrepreneurship is an incredible honor—made possible by the mentors, teams, and communities who shaped me. Thank you, JCI Regatta, for guiding my journey and showing me what real impact looks like.*

*Here’s to creating more spaces, opportunities, and moments where purpose turns into action,”* shared 2025 JCI Regatta VP for External Affairs Blessed Bea Plondaya.



# GABAY 2025: Shaping the Next Generation of JCI Mentors and Leaders

by Eleazar Danila

**In two weekends filled with learning and collaboration, JCI Philippines once again brought to life its GABAY Training and Mentoring Program in Olongapo City and Marabut, Samar. The 2025 editions highlighted JCI's strong commitment to developing future leaders and offered transformative experiences for participants.**

From February 28 to March 2, Anne Raquel's Hillside Resort in Marabut, Samar hosted nearly 60 aspiring trainers, including 2025 JCI Regatta EVP and 2026 LO President Steve Navigar, Jr., who underwent a rigorous three-day training that strengthened their skills and purpose as emerging leaders. A week later, from March 7 to 9, 2025 JCI Regatta LSDD and 2026 VP for External John Vincent Andig represented the chapter in the Visayas leg of Gabay Year 4 at Jasmin Beach Resort in Olongapo City. Organized by JCI Candahug Liberation, the training welcomed participants from Area 4, all united by a common desire: to become more effective communicators, mentors, and catalysts of empowerment.

## A Program that Builds Leaders by Building People

The Gabay Training and Mentoring Program is more than a seminar series—it is a transformative experience woven into the culture of JCI Philippines, designed to develop proficient mentors and trainers by honing communication skills, mastering leadership frameworks, and developing the confidence to guide others.

For JCI Regatta's representatives, the program was both eye-opening and affirming, as participants from different backgrounds quickly found a welcoming environment that felt like home, with one sharing, *"It truly felt like a big family... I never felt alone or out of place."* Guided by dedicated coaches and facilitators, trainees were challenged to learn and unlearn habits that shaped their public speaking and mentoring styles, encouraging self-reflection, confidence-building, and the courage to embrace growth.

## Bringing the Learnings Back Home

For JCI Regatta, the participation of Navigar and Andig brings lasting benefits to the chapter. Their training strengthens the chapter's internal development efforts, ensuring that members receive mentorship from individuals equipped with updated techniques and a deepened understanding of JCI's leadership culture. The program also expanded their network, forging connections that could lead to future collaborations with other chapters.

Perhaps most importantly, their presence in these national events highlighted JCI Regatta's commitment to excellence showcasing the chapter's dedication to continuous learning and leadership formation.

Both Navigar and Andig reflected that the lessons they gained extend far beyond technical training. They learned humility in leadership, the value of listening, and the importance of guiding others with empathy. These insights, they said, will be brought back to JCI Regatta to uplift fellow members and strengthen the chapter's mission.



**DEEPENING CONNECTIONS.** 2025 EVP Steve Navigar, Jr. poses for a photo with representatives from other chapters. Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.



**ALL FOR REGATTA.** 2025 EVP Steve Navigar, Jr. represents JCI Regatta in this year's GABAY Training and Mentoring Program in Marabut, Samar. Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.



**A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE.** 2025 LSDD John Vincent Andig also represents JCI Regatta in this year's GABAY Training and Mentoring Program in Olongapo City. Photo courtesy of John Vincent Andig



**LEARNING AND COLLABORATION.** 2025 LSDD John Vincent Andig joins his team as they work their output in one of the program's activities. Photo courtesy of JCI Subic Lambert



**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.** The 2026 JCI Regatta Board of Officers is ready to take on the challenge of leading the chapter for another year of empowering young people to create positive change. | Photo by SBB Media Production

# REGATTA: ALL ABOARD

## How 2026 LO President Steve Navigar Jr. is Steering JCI Regatta Toward a Legacy of Leaders, Community, and Lasting Impact

by Joseph Bernard Marzan

In every organization, a moment arrives when its story makes a turn—when the tide shifts, the wind changes, and a new captain steps forward to steer the ship into a new era. For Steve Navigar Jr., the 2026 President of Junior Chamber International (JCI) Regatta, that moment has arrived.

Twelve years after a chance meeting on February 14, 2014—one that would alter the course of his life—Steve now stands at the helm of a chapter he helped shape, nurture, and elevate. His leadership journey, chronicled across boardrooms, barangays, classrooms, and even across international borders, has prepared him for this defining moment.

And his battle cry for 2026 says it all: **“Regatta: All Aboard.”**

Because here, everyone has a place on deck.



**EARLY YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS.** Steve poses for a group photo with other JCI members during one of the organization’s community activities. | Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.



**FACILITATOR MODE ON.** Steve facilitates a session of the JCI IN US (Jesus Christ Ignites in Us), a talk anchored to the JCI value of “faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life.” | Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.

### THE MAKING OF A LEADER

A decade of service built on purpose, humility, and impact, Steve’s origin story isn’t one of privilege. It is one of grit. *“I joined JCI Regatta because helping underprivileged communities is in my blood,”* he shares. *“I know what it feels like to have nothing.”*

Before JCI, his leadership was forged in student councils, civic groups, and the YMCA Youth Volunteers—spaces where he discovered that influence doesn’t have to come from age or title. In 2014, a casual “group date” with friends Cram, Hannah, and Gelo

unexpectedly turned into a conversation about advocacies and purpose—ultimately leading him to JCI Regatta.

Since then, Steve has served six board terms, pioneered more than 30 award-winning programs, and mentored over 10 members who eventually became chapter presidents and national leaders.

Even while working abroad, he never disengaged—mentoring virtually, facilitating trainings online, and representing JCI Regatta in national events. His service crossed time zones, proving that leadership is not a location but a lifestyle.

**THE PRESIDENT WHO WORKS FIRST, LEADS SECOND**

Steve describes himself as *“a worker before a leader.”* He is hands-on, involved in the full process of every program, and deeply committed to uplifting volunteers who serve alongside him. As he puts it: *“When we succeed, it is a victory shared by the whole team—not by me alone.”*

This mindset—humble, empowering, collective—has become his brand of leadership.



**“Everyone — members, partners, alumni, and even the communities we serve — are welcome to step in, participate, and be part of the mission.”**

2026 JCI Regatta President  
Steve Navigar, Jr.

**A LEGACY 12 YEARS IN THE MAKING**

From his early days creating BALANGAW, a pioneering empowerment program for Persons with Disabilities, to designing leadership courses through Regatta University, Steve’s impact on the chapter is undeniable. His work exemplifies JCI’s pillars of Service, Education, and Equality—values he embodies across his professional and personal life.

As a Special Education teacher, he lives the principle that *“service to humanity is the best work of life”*—a belief reaffirmed every time he engages with JCI communities. *“Every time I go into a community... that is where I find my answer,”* he says.

**“REGATTA: ALL ABOARD” THE VISION STEERING JCI REGATTA IN 2026**

If Steve’s leadership journey is the wind, then Regatta: All Aboard is the compass guiding his term.

At its heart is a simple invitation: *“Everyone—members, partners, alumni, and even the communities we serve—are welcome to step in, participate, and be part of the mission.”*

This plan of action anchors itself on the 3Ls—Legacy, Leadership, and Lasting Impact—a strategic compass detailed across pages 8–12 of the plan document.

**LEGACY — HONORING THE WAVE WE SAIL FROM**

To Steve, Legacy means continuity and gratitude. It means strengthening the foundation laid by 17 past presidents and generations of volunteers who built the chapter into what it is today.

In 2026, “Legacy” includes:

- Reviving and enhancing flagship programs;
- Recognizing past presidents, senators, and alumni as mentors; and
- Institutionalizing documentation and turn-over systems.

It is about honoring the past while enabling the future.

**LEADERSHIP — STEERING WITH VISION AND INTEGRITY**

Leadership, as defined in the plan, is not a title but influence, initiative, and integrity.

In practice, this means:

- Prioritizing leadership and skills training;
- Encouraging national and international participation; and
- Building a culture where every member is empowered to lead projects

Under Steve’s helm, Regatta becomes a training ground for Ilonggo leaders rooted in service and character.



**CHAMPIONING PWDs.** Steve has founded BALANGAW which focuses on supporting persons with disabilities through activities promoting awareness, acceptance, adaptability, and accessibility. | Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.



**A SPED TEACHER FOR OTHERS.** As a Special Education (SPED) teacher, Steve continues to promote inclusivity through BALANGAW. | Photo courtesy of Steve Navigar, Jr.



The Official Logo of the 2026 JCI Regatta Call to Action

LASTING IMPACT — SAILING TOWARD MEANINGFUL CHANGE

Impact, as seen in his award-winning projects, has always been Steve's north star.

- The plan outlines three commitments:
- Aligning programs with the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
  - Measuring community outcomes—not just outputs; and
  - Strengthening LGU, NGO, and private partnerships.

This is impact that doesn't fade after an event. This is impact with memory.

THE ACTION FRAMEWORK

Four Pillars to strengthen membership, deepen community work, amplify visibility, and elevate leadership.



PILLAR 1: CREW OF CHAMPIONS

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH, RETENTION, ENGAGEMENT & RECOGNITION

- With targets such as:
- 40% membership growth;
  - 95% retention rate;
  - Bi-weekly fellowships; and
  - Quarterly recognitions.

This pillar ensures that no one sails alone.



PILLAR 2: WAVES OF CHANGE

SUSTAINABLE HUMANITARIAN & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROJECTS

- With KPIs:
- Eight sustainable projects;
  - 2,000 beneficiaries; and
  - Eight LGU/NGO partnerships.

It reflects Steve's belief in programs that are inclusive, culturally rooted, and sustainable.



PILLAR 3: SAILS OF RECOGNITION

BRANDING, VISIBILITY & AWARDS

- Metrics aim for:
- 100% social media growth;
  - 10+ media features; and
  - 100% representation in regional, national & international events.

This elevates Regatta's identity—locally and globally.



PILLAR 4: ANCHORS OF EXCELLENCE

LEADERSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

- This includes:
- Quarterly training programs;
  - Completion of JCI Explore, Discover & other official courses; and
  - Mentorship with past presidents.

Because strong leaders build stronger chapters.

THE CALL TO ACTION

As the Plan of Action states, "The journey toward impact begins when everyone is on deck."

In 2026, Steve Navigar Jr. is not just calling members to serve— He is calling them to belong. To step up. To co-create solutions. To be part of the crew. To build a Regatta that honors the past, empowers the present, and invests in the future.

This is not just his presidency. This is a journey of shared purpose— and every wave begins with the courage to come aboard.



ALL ABOARD. The 2026 Board embraces the call to lead a community ready to belong, ready to rise, and ready to make waves together. Photo by SBB Media Production

# The JCI Regatta 2026 Board of Officers



**Steve Navigar, Jr.**  
LO President



**Joey Infante**  
Immediate Past President



**Blessed Bea Plondaya**  
Executive Vice President



**John Vincent Andig**  
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Vice President for Internal



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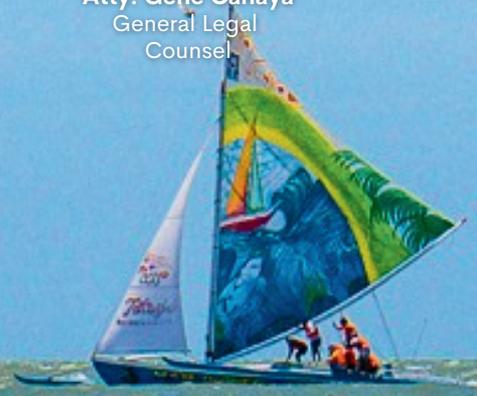
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# Official Theme Song of JCI Regatta *Leads the Way*

Written by *Mars Soriano and Angelo Henry Tribunal*

Performed by *Mars Soriano, Angelo Henry Tribunal, and Marc Lawrence Abanero*



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It all started with our faith in God  
Comes the desire and passion that we've always had  
With one heart and with one soul  
We'll inspire the nation as we're sailing on

We are bound by the common purpose  
To serve the community and mold their future  
Though we have lots of differences  
But we share our lives and abilities

**Chorus:**

JCI Regatta leads the way  
We're driven with the values as we live each day  
Through thick and thin, we stand together  
We're all moving further to be better  
It's how JCI Regatta leads the way

We create a positive change  
By touching lives of people that will ease their pain  
We run the race, amidst the storm  
It's the beacon of hope that makes us strong

**Chorus:**

JCI Regatta leads the way  
We're driven with the values as we live each day  
Through thick and thin, we stand together  
We're all moving further to be better  
It's how JCI Regatta leads the way

Service to humanity is the best work of life  
That's why we live, we give, and we lead

**Chorus:**

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## OUR VALUES

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That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life

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That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise

That government should be of laws rather than of men

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

## OUR PRAYER

We reaffirm our conviction that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life. May the Lord guide us in all our undertakings.