



Phuket Yacht Club

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PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS

As the wet season takes hold, the refurb at PYC nears completion. We still have some work to do in the car park and dinghy storage and we are looking for new stools.

On the senior sailing side we have enjoyed the multihull regatta and the rally to Ao Po.

The events calendar is looking good with numerous treats in the near future.

By the time you read this our new website will be up and running. The delay has simply been due to the theft of much content stolen from the previous website and needing to be written up from scratch. This is still in progress but we need to get the site into the Public Domain where we will expand it.
www.phuketyachtclub.com

Please contribute to the website if you have pictures or comment of interest,
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Peter Dyer
Commodore

PYC FACILITIES REPORT

Thanks for your positive feedback on the new waterfront facilities. This would not have happened without the strong support of the committee and some generous members along with a good local crew who were able to keep Chalong Bay out while they were upgrading the boat ramp.

Since then with feedback from Clare the staff we have replaced the top of the bar (the blue matches the floating dock), fixed a number of drainage issues in the bar especially for the ice boxes. Additionally new drainage has been installed between the bar and the kitchen to alleviate flooding when it's raining heavily.

As many of you are not aware, the Club is not tied into town water, so we rely on water trucks, up to 6 trucks per month. Please be economical if you are using water to flush down dinghies and skiffs. To minimize the amount of water we purchase we have recently installed new guttering at the back of the club which we hoped would cut down the number of trucks.

Unfortunately there has not been much rain lately but look forward to some future savings

In the near future we will install a winch for the boat ramp to help retrieve dinghies. Down the road we may also look at a new dinghy storage arrangement which will enable a few more dinghies to be stored on land. Once this is carried out we will probably be able to squeeze a few more car park places.

Glad to see that no boats have been reassigned to Dock B, so appreciate that everyone is assisting with looking after the dock.

Doug Pauling



SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS

The events calendar is slowly filling up with a successful wine tasting event being held at the end of August and more planned throughout the year along with new gourmet nights with a guest chef so please check the new website for further details. Another very popular Quiz night is being held on Saturday 3rd of September please call the club to reserve your table on 093-090-0221 if you haven't already. A club Anniversary party will be held on a October 8th, the theme being "a night at the movies", (a fun and popular night in previous years) and of course Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 1st November.

Clare Stevens





PYC SAILING SCHOOL

It's already the end of August and most schools have just re-opened after the lengthy Summer Holidays. There was no break for the PYC Sailing School however completing three ISSA beginner and intermediate courses over the 7 week period. With travel finally possible again many of our regular students returned to Europe, US, Australia etc but that didn't stop an influx of new participants learning the ropes and experience sailing the beautiful waterways of Phuket. Weather conditions have been quite unpredictable as normal for this time of the year and it has been very satisfying watching our participants sailing skills develop in challenging conditions with many beginners quickly moving up to the intermediate ranks.

2022 O'pen Skiff World Chamionship

While all this training was happening in Phuket two of our regular sailors Ellie and Owen travelled with their parents to compete in their very first O'pen Skiff World Champions held from Lake Carcans, Maubuisson, France. Over 200 O'pen Skiffs participated in U12, U15 and U17 divisions. Gaining international sailing experience was the goal and they certainly achieved that with 5 long days on the water in moderate to fresh conditions and learning to start in 50 plus boat fleets. O'pen Skiff ambassador Russell Coutts was in attendance and young Owen was lucky enough to receive a personally signed regatta cap that must have been one of the many regatta highlights. Next years World Championships will be held July in Italy and we hope that we may again have PYC Youth Sailors in attendance.



2023 O'pen Skiff Australian Championships

A little closer to home the 2023 Australian National Championship will be held January 9-14 from the South of Perth Yacht Club and PYC already has its first entrant in Zac signed-up to participate. Over 100 boats are expected and again the goal will be to gain international racing experience for the young sailors. This will be Zac's first National Sailing competition and will be participating in the U17 division. All nationalities are invited to attend and entry information can be found here. <https://openskiff.org.au/events/2023-aus-open-skiff-champs/>

Junior sailors progression

A handful of our junior sailors are reaching their mid-teens and looking at transitioning to adult classes. Element 6 Evolution based in Choburi recently began manufacturing the Olympic ILCA sailing class dinghies, formerly known as the Laser, in Choburi Thailand. This has of course made an already very popular class much more accessible but more importantly affordable. The ILCA Masters World Championship are scheduled to be held in Pattaya Thailand in February 2023 and we're hoping to see at least two PYC sailors competing. Suitable for all ages 15 and up with rigs to suit most any weight ,we hope the class might gain some traction in Phuket allowing our sailors young and old to continue their sailing journey through YRAT Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, sanctioned events held throughout the country each year.

Safety and First Aid.

PYC will host a First Responders / First Aid course on September 9. As we head towards a busy high season and a substantial increase of people spending time on the water we encourage as many members to attend as possible. The cost is minimal just 3,500 baht for first timers, 2,500 baht for renewals and could save lives.

Coach Garfield

PYC AO PO CLUB EVENT

The Phuket Yacht Club headed north this August having our first event in a long time out of the confines of our Chalong Bay locale and up to Ao Po Marina for a sailing and motor yacht race and rally.

Competitors were treated to some wet and wild conditions but great breeze was abundant for the sailors with flat waters and the beauty of Phang Nga Bay met the motor yachts in a well attended weekend event (August 20-21). PYC's race officer Matt McGrath set the sailing scene with courses starting outside Ao Po Grand Marina sending the fleet around nearby islands with breezes from mid teens to gusts over 30 knots at one point.

The formidable monohull class was sent around the picturesque Koh Sup islands and back. Day 1 saw the fleet charge in the distance with John Grendon's Di Hard emerging from the pack claiming line honors and the first day prize. Day 2 saw John Vause's Ruby Tuesday glued to their hip and, leaving everything on the course, Ruby Tuesday pipped Di Hard on the finish line to claim line honours for day 2, but waiting in the wings only 1 minute behind, Torben Kristensen's Kinnon charged to the finish claiming the event on a handicap win and count back overall victory. Valiant efforts from Toot Yai, That Girl, and Ozi were in the performance handicap mix right until the end.

The multihull class was spread over three not so similar yachts that made for a fun filled start line and different styles of racing indeed. Derrick Van Deventer's floating gin palace Merkaba (Privilege 37) had some great timed starts and rumbled well around the course, taking a deserved barbecue break on race 2. Andy McDermott's newly acquired pickle fork Trident (Corsair 28) was showing great gains especially down wind, but it was race stalwart John Newnham's Twin Sharks (Firefly 850) who lit the afterburners and took the overall win in fantastic breeze and conditions suiting the fast multihulls.

The brave duo of Disabled Sailing Thailand dingies came out in the big breeze with the big boats and held their own on the weekend. Apologies as we didn't get the names of the valiant competitors but it was dingy one the victor overcoming the conditions a little better than dingy two. Day 2 even brought one of the rigs down in an overpowered moment - these guys were not holding back!!! No injuries and everyone safe, great effort and great for the two crews to join the PYC weekend.

The motor yacht rally had three revved up speed machines fueled to the brim and ready for the scavenger hunt as planned by Motor Rally organizers Brendan & Mick Kealy. All three boats took different....strategies shall we say. Long reaching rooster tails flailing off their transoms, they roared into the tranquility of Phang Nga Bay in all directions and in the end it was Dan Fidock's Concubine as the last standing having completed the scavenger hunt and the contents of their well provisioned cool box.

Congrats to Simpson Marine for getting a spectator boat out there just in time for the last finish but beers were a plenty and a good time had on other yachts in the area just out for a cruise in support.

The highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly though the Saturday beer and barbecue night at Ao Po's Port of Call restaurant. Really Good Deli graciously donated a proverbial feast of grilled delights all prepared in generous portions by the hard working Port of Call staff. The complimentary beers hung in there well but the sailors could not be beat as the supplies eventually ran their course. Thanks to Boatworks Phuket, Go Boating Thailand, and Phuket Yacht Services for each donating funds to fuel our friends with much needed cold ones.

Results:

Multihulls sailing	Monohulls sailing (count back results)
1. Twin Sharks	1.Kinnon
2. Trident	2. Di Hard
3. Merkaba	3. Ruby Tuesday
Disabled Sailing Thailand	Motor Yacht Rally
1. Dingy 1	1. Concubine
2. Dingy 2	2. Tied - Cholomark
	2. Tied - Luna Craft

Next up in the racing calendar:

September 17-18. The Mark Horwood Regatta
Another club racing event in Chalong Bay! Details coming soon.
See you there!

Jason Corall