



Phuket Yacht Club

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The EGM called to vote on the constitutional changes recommended by the Constitutional Committee resulted in an overwhelming vote of support for all the recommended changes.

As well as a number of administrative details the meeting supported the logical extension of voting for family and corporate members and the introduction (yet to be defined) of a country membership.

Over 70% of the votes eligible were represented by person or proxy which was a very strong turnout by the club's members.

I am today sending out invitations for the Black Jack Dash. This is a power boat rally to Koh Rang Noi on the 19th June. Playing cards will be handed out to the participants at the venue, to be opened on arrival at PYC. There the fun heats up with the skippers deciding to stick or twist in order to get the best hand. A barbeque and prize giving will follow.

Cost 3000 THB for members.
4000 THB non members. T-shirts will be available.
It is good to see the busy sailing program ahead of us this summer. I hope the weather gods are kind.

Pertter Dyer
Commodore

PHUKET YACHT CLUB FACILITIES REPORT

We have received a number of positive comments on the upgrade to the ramp and floating dock access. Additionally a number of people have stated that the floating dock is unstable and needs to be replaced to match the upgraded facilities.

Luckily I was able to buy a floating dock of similar size from a movie set that has only been used for around 6 weeks. This is presently assembled and sitting in the water in front of the club waiting for more pins to arrive and the tightening tool for the pins.

This dock is an improved design over the present dock, hence much more stable.

I have noticed that the increase in the number of dinghies tied to the present dock has increased and many of these are left for long periods and fill with water.

We ask that members respect our improved facilities and ensure they take care of our new floating dock. We are considering using some of the old floating pontoons to make an island just off the dock and encourage people to tie their boats to this if the envisage their boats will be tied up for some time to increase the life of the new dock.

Doug Pauling



SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS

Work has been started to expand the food offerings, with a lite bite menu being introduced and for Sunday lunches adding roast chicken as well as lamb to the menu (which started from Easter Sunday). The turnout has been improving over the last month with many more people enjoying the food and the music of Edwin between 2.30-5.30pm.

Friday nights, Club members night, have been gaining popularity with an average of over 30 members and guests over the past two weeks. A sundowner special has been added in June with buy 2 drinks get one free between 5-7pm Monday to Friday nights with special nights coming later this month.

Another very popular Quiz night is being held on Saturday 18th June so please call the club early to reserve your table on 093-090-0221.

Clare Stevens



PHUKET YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHOOL

The Phuket Yacht Club sailing school has had a brilliant start to 2022. We measure our success by retention of young sailors and it's encouraging to see the ever increasing size of the PYC squad who consistently sail most weekends continue to develop and grow. It's not been all training however and we celebrated some of our success and newly learned skills with a weekend sailing trip to the Cruiser Island Resort on Koh Lon. This event was well attended and included a short passage sail from the club to and from Koh Lon. There were many activities to keep the kids entertained including a beach start pursuit race, another short passage to Koh Tanan better known as Hamburger Island. A game of Balloon soccer, a beautiful beach barbeque and of course the traditional beach campfire and roasting marshmallows.

Moving forward into June there is another O'pen Skiff Regatta scheduled on the 4th and 5th and we're hoping to attract up to 15 competitors. An overseas entrant has already been received from Mumbai, India, UWC Thailand and of course our local youth squad. The format will be fun based competition in true O'pen Skiff, Un-regatta style including Free-Style, Adventure Race and of course the much-loved Multihull Solutions Bridge of Doom.

On the global stage the O'pen Skiff World Championships are scheduled in July to be sailed on the beautiful Lake Carcans, Maubisson, France. Over two hundred boats have already registered in what will surely be the biggest O'pen Skiff event of the year. At the time of writing PYC Junior members, brother and sister, Ellie and Owen are registered and now preparing for what will surely be a life highlight of their sailing careers. On behalf of the PYC may I take this opportunity to wish them all the best and I look forward to hearing all about the excitement on their return.

Scott Duncanson



SAIL RACING REPORT

Our sailing season is progressing quite well although there is a lack of entries recently. After having a very successful, well attended rally to Koh Racha in February, we only had four entries for the Songkran Phi Phi Rally in April. They were three Stealth's in Twister Two, Zero and Saffron along with the lovely, Linda. Unfortunately, the weather gods did not help and after a slow start out of Chalong Bay, the wind died completely and a motoring division ensued. However, on arriving in Phi Phi, all was good with moorings available and festivities ashore. Then, there was a free following day, exploring the delights of the island. A timed start the next morning also became a motoring event as the wind did not play ball. All competitors enjoyed the rally for it's conviviality even without the challenge of a sailing race. It was a rally after all!

On the 21st May, three boats entered the Crew's helm races in the bay with the regular skipper's having to work, winding winches and pulling ropes for a change. There were no spinnakers allowed which was a good thing as the fresh southwesterly breeze was in the high teens to mid twenties creating quite lumpy conditions and making the crews work hard. The same boats returned the next day with female helms this time - Ket's daughter Rabbit, Oiy, Muk & Katie. Wind and sea conditions were the same and the triangle/sausage course was no problem for these ladies who steered extremely well. Maybe we will see more ladies helming regular races in future! As to the results Jessandra 11 won the Monohull division, Swift won the Cruising Catamaran division and The Sting won the Cruising Trimaran division.

Coming up, we have the Boo Meesuk Regatta on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June. There will be various short courses in Chalong Bay to use as preparation for the 3 day Multihull Solutions Regatta starting on Friday 24th June. We hope to see as many boats (Monohulls and Multihulls) as possible doing both these events. The promised entries are already looking good. Sailing Notices of Race will be posted very soon on Facebook and hopefully, our revamped website with the Sailing Instructions coming out not long after then.

Warwick Downes