



Phuket Yacht Club

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Dear Members ,

hopefully the wet season will soon be over and we will see sunny and hot days again.

The big news at the club recently is the introduction of our new chef Arkom and for those of you who have not tried his food it's truly excellent and will add a whole new dimension to eating at the club.

Already the number of covers served on a daily basis is increasing and the variety of food is excellent , you should almost make the PYC your default venue for a meal.

The menu for Christmas dinner has been published and bookings are coming in fast so please let us know your numbers and preferences if you want to enjoy the festive season with us at the PYC.

The Melbourne Cup event was well attended and much enjoyed with the only hiccup being that we ran out of champagne late in the afternoon and had to make a mercy visit to the wine pro shop to keep the customers happy.

Our sailing program this autumn has been severely affected by the stop go process suffered from the Kings cup organisers and the inevitable changes in the dates of our events has affected entries especially with people travelling from overseas. This will not happen next year our planned program will not alter when other sailing events move the schedules.

The Jai dee event is upon us and we look forward to a warm sunny weekend and hopefully some wind.

I'm sure that after the King's cup a number of our members will join in the Kata Rocks poker run which we organize on their behalf. For those who don't know the formula it's a dash right the island of Phuket with a number of stops where playing cards are collected and refreshment enjoyed the count. The culmination of the event is the return to Kata Rocks with five playing cards forming a poker hand. The winner is the boat with the best hand. PYC have claimed the winner in the previous two events so let's make it three in a row .

Kind regards

Peter Dyer
Commodore

PYC FACILITIES REPORT

Well the exciting news was that Dock "B" escaped its mooring and went on a walkabout around Chalong Bay, visiting a number of sites. It was finally found hiding under Chalong Pier. Many thanks to Peter Dyer's crew for locating and returning the escapee.

You will notice we have put some small stones around the carpark so members don't have to swim from their cars to the bar. This is a temporary measure and we will look at a long term solution for the car park in the near future to minimise flooding. Please let any of your crew or friends, female or male to show caution walking over these stones if wearing high heels to the bar.

If you are in the condition where you float back to your car or bike after the bar, hope you have a designated driver. Apart from the safety aspect, the brown bears are being very diligent these days.

As previously mentioned there is still outstanding cleanup of the onshore facilities and this will take place during the dry season. Hopefully this will remove many of the ants that live near the dinghy storage area.

A quick thanks to everyone for taking care of the jetty and waterfront facilities. This will ensure these facilities will serve us for many years to come

Doug Pauling

SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS

As from November 1st Phuket Yacht Club has had the pleasure of welcoming Chef Arkom to head up our Kitchen and we have already seen many improvements to the food that the club can offer. The Sunday lunches have been expanded to include roast beef or Pork tenderloin (depending on the week) in addition to our usual roast lamb.



In the new year we will begin to update our menu to fully utilise the Chefs talents.

The Christmas lunch session is already fully booked but if anyone would like to join our evening session (6pm) we have some places still available. Please call the club with your food choices, and a deposit of 500 baht to secure your reservation.



Due to popular demand we will be offering a New Years Eve menu which will be sent in an additional forthcoming email.

Another Wine tasting event will be held on Saturday 21st January, with quiz nights and many more events to enjoy in 2023.

Cheers

Clare Stevens

PHUKET SAILING EVENT

Phuket yacht club race calendar Dec.2022 - Feb 2023. Following the three day Jai Dee Regatta hosted and organized by The Phuket Yacht Club November 25th-28th we have the King's Cup Regatta Dec 3rd -10th. This is the first KCR since 2019. After that several PYC boats and sailors are getting ready for the Royal Langkawi International Regatta which has always been a popular regional regatta and is emerging from the COVID shadows much like the KCR. The Bay Regatta is back Feb 22nd-26th 2023. It is a perennial favorite sailing event that visits three provinces during arguably one of the world's most scenic and fun regattas. The Bay Regatta managed to stay afloat and operate during the pandemic. Because of the busy regatta schedule Dec-Feb the PYC's own race program is typically scheduled to pick up again with racing events to resume after the Bay Regatta. The annual club

race calendar will be announced in January following the publication of the local tide charts. Rest Regards and happy sailing,

Matt McGrath
Phuket Yacht Club Race Director.

PHUKET SAILING SCHOOL

It's been a whirlwind of activity at the PYC Sailing School these past few months with mid-term break sailing courses, special guest speakers and finally the years sailing finale, the Phuket Kings Cup Regatta. Near all of the multi-day courses have been well attended and we've seen quite a sharp increase in juniors trying sailing for the very first time. The monthly racing has also been increasing with the Open Skiffs in double figures and three ILCA 7s (Lasers) now actively participating.

On Wednesday 30th Youth Sailors and parents were treated to a presentation evening with guest speaker Kamolwan Chanyim (Bam). Bam has represented Thailand at the Olympic Games twice in Rio and Tokyo, sailing the ILCA 6 (Radial) and remains one of Thailand's leading female athletes. She covered in detail, all facets of her mental and physical preparations, and everybody was given the opportunity to ask questions about her pathway to elite level sailing. I was pleasantly surprised at the level of engagement from the youth sailors and some of the very relevant questions that were put forward.



PHUKET KING'S CUP REGATTA

For the first time the O'pen Skiff class was included in one of Asia's largest Regattas the Phuket King's Cup. A total of 17 boats from both PYC and UWC International School were transported to Kata Beach for the event. Conditions ranged from an extremely light and variable 0-3 knots on Day 1 to a solid 15 – 20 knots on days 3 and 4. The learning curve was steep for many of our participants but coaches were suitably impressed by the perseverance and resilience of even our youngest sailors. PYC was well represented by Zac, Michael, Maylisse, Tafari and Ella with Zac finishing on the podium in 3rd and Michael close behind in a well deserved 4th. Anandi from Mumbai took top honours in a great demonstration of sailing consistency in all conditions.

A hearty congratulations to all competitors competing in their first ever King's Cup Regatta. Moving forward into the new year Zac will travel to Perth, to compete in the Australian O'pen Skiff Championship.

Coach Garfield

