

SWEET & SHORT SAIL THAILAND 2018

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The survey that was done after the 2017 Sail Thailand Rally showed results that were extremely supportive of continuation of the concept of this short but sweet rally. The Rally Partners are most happy to announce the Sail Thailand 2018 Langkawi to Phuket Rally. As the rally was so unanimously supported there are only few changes for the 2018 issue. Never change a winning team, right? Basically the only thing to change seemed to be the internal timing of the rally. Little timing changes will allow for a bit more time to enjoy exploring the area covered by the rally. Most other aspects remain unchanged.

The Sail Thailand Rally is the logical next step for yachts cruising the region after having participated in Sail Indonesia, Sail Malaysia West and Sail Sabang. Returning from Sabang mid-December to Langkawi, the holiday period with Christmas and

New Year is often celebrated either with family on board or abroad. Early January returning to their yachts will give them ample preparation time for the Sail Thailand event and discover the stunning area between Langkawi, Phuket and Phang Nga Bay. For an excellent overview of sailing destinations in this area we would like to refer to the website of Siam Sailing, where you'll find interactive charts of this area. Have a look at: www.sailing-charter-thailand.com/charts.html.

"Cruising yachts now have a natural extension after arriving with the yearly Sail Malaysia Passage to the West from Puteri Harbour to Langkawi", says Sazli Kamal Basha, organiser of Sail Malaysia. "By working together between rallies and by coordinating rally dates, we can offer a truly nice way to discover our countries by sea. I am happy to see that

Sail Thailand was so successful last year and I will promote the rally where I can".

Matthew Na Nagara, general manager at Port Takola marina adds: "Our team has been supporting the idea of a rally for a long time and I think last years event showed us we were absolutely right in our belief that Krabi Port Takola is a natural stop in this rally. We are surely happy to host both rally participants and other cruising yachts for a cultural party in our marina. Krabi and Phuket have a lot to offer to sailors and by organising this rally we again can show visiting yachts the best of Thailand Andaman Sea."

THE ANNUAL SEVENSTAR PHUKET CRUISERS PARTY IS WELCOMING ALL CRUISING YACHTS IN PHUKET AND KRABI

The annual **Sevenstar Phuket Cruisers Party** on the 1st of February (the closing party of Sail Thailand), is open to and free for all cruising yacht owners and their crew in Phuket and Krabi, as always. The more the merrier is the motto!

Zara Tremlett of Phuket Yacht Haven says: "Since we first organized this cruisers party 5 years ago, guests have always told us how much they enjoy this reunion with cruising friends that they may not have seen for years. At the same time it is a welcoming of new cruisers to Phuket, an exchange of information for future plans and tips about places to go, or suppliers to stock up from. And finally, sometimes it is also saying goodbye, when leaving to other continents. It is a very inclusive community and I look forward to meeting new yacht owners and crew in our marina"

"We thoroughly enjoyed this rally and would recommend it very highly to other boaties. The itinerary, organization and events were excellent!"

Rita and David Jackson, BY Beachhouse 57.



PHUKET TO LANGKAWI RALLY QUICK FACTS

PROGRAM SAIL THAILAND 2018 *

- 15 January - Meet & Greet Breakfast @ Reebak Marina, Langkawi
- 15 - 23 Jan discover Butang, Tarutao, Koh Lanta
- 23 January - Arrival Chalong, Thailand
- Lunch at Phuket Yacht Club followed by Phuket Welcome Tour
- 24 - 27 Jan discover Phang Nga Bay on the way to Krabi
- 27 January - Krabi Cultural Party at Port Takola Marina
- 28 January - Krabi Land Tours
- 29 Jan - 31 Jan discover more of Phang Nga Bay
- 1 February - Cruisers Market, Phuket Yacht Haven
- 1 February - Sevenstar Phuket Cruisers Party, Phuket Yacht Haven **

*) Yachts joining the rally in Chalong are welcome.
**) Open to all cruising yachts in Phuket and Krabi

RALLY ENTRY FEE

THB 3500 per yacht for participation in all activities

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

For participation in this rally, please register with: your name; yacht name; crew names and send to: marieke@sailthailand.net



Pang Nga Bay

The rally passes through some very special areas like the one in between Phuket and Krabi. There are not that many bays in the world where limestone islands are visible as far as the eye can see. It's not only the islands in the Bay but the limestone formations continue on land and make up large parts of the horizon. Breathtaking beautiful and quite rare.

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