

## Sawadee.com Regatta 2011

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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Koh Samui is the second largest island in Thailand. There were no roads at all until the 1970s but it now has its own international airport

**T**hirty boats, blue water, and 10kts of breeze made for a great start to the 10th edition of the Tropical Island Regatta, a perennial favourite for sailors in Asia and the event that winds up the regional season of big boat regattas. For openers, PRO Ross Chisholm set windward/leeward courses for the four divisions - Racing, IRC 1, IRC 2, Cruising and Multihulls.

Ray Roberts, skipper of Evolution Racing, was back to defend his title this year, and faced stiff competition in the shape of Johannes Waimer's TP52 Team

Premier. The first race of day 1 racing saw Frank Pong's 76ft Jelik II take line honours, with a handicap win going to Neil Pryde's Welbourn 52 Hi Fi. A fading breeze through the afternoon gave Team Premier the chance to throw down the gauntlet when they claimed both line and handicap honours for the second race.

Matt Allen's Beneteau 44.7 Zhik Ichiban (IRC 1) defended her top spot in race 1 by a mere 27 seconds on corrected time, but in race 2 found themselves out on a limb, and it was Nick Burns/Fred Kinmonth's Mills 40 EFG Bank Mandrake

that claimed the top spot.

Greg Coops' X-372 Abraxas outclassed the other five IRC 2 and Cruising class division boats by claiming two 'daily doubles' and going directly to the top of the score card. The single trimaran Radab Kanjanavanit KT-ZMICO Cedar Swan faced off against four catamarans, and came out on top in both Multihull class races.

On day 2 the PRO started racing in 7-8 knots of westerly breeze, but then the wind gods went back to bed and the PRO had no alternative but to cancel racing for the day. (to be continue next page)



### OCTOBER

24-HOUR DINGHY RACE,  
HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB  
HONG KONG

A firm fixture in the Hong Kong sailing calendar over

the past six years, this race raises large sums of money for charity as teams race around a closed-loop course in Hebe Haven. October 01-02, 2011.  
[www.hhyc.org.hk](http://www.hhyc.org.hk)

### CHINA COAST RACE WEEK HONG KONG

Organized by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, this year the series comprises the China Coast Regatta and the VinaCapital Hong Kong to Vietnam Race. The China Coast Regatta, October 14-16, is Hong Kong's premier

"big boat" regatta. The event consists of three consecutive days of yacht racing in Hong Kong, and the regatta is followed by the race to Vietnam which starts on October 19, 2011.  
[www.rhkyc.org.hk](http://www.rhkyc.org.hk)

### CHINA CUP INTERNATIONAL REGATTA SHENZHEN, CHINA

The regatta starts on October 28 with a 26nm passage race from Hong Kong to Longcheer Yacht Club, followed by three days of inshore racing in Daya Bay,

China. Racing starts on the 28 October, 2001.  
[www.chncup.com](http://www.chncup.com)

### NOVEMBER

#### RAJA MUDA SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL REGATTA MALAYSIA - PORT KLANG

This annual island-hopping regatta for racing classes, cruisers, multihulls and classics is held along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The event is scheduled for November 18-26, starts at the Royal Selangor Yacht Club and continues up the coastline



taking in some of Malaysia's most popular tourist destinations - Pangkor, Penang and Langkawi.  
[www.rmir.com](http://www.rmir.com)



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**Phuket is home to three major regattas every year: the Phuket King's Cup, Phuket Raceweek, and the Phuket Multihull Challenge**

The south westerly trades returned on day 3, allowing two windward/leeward races followed by a passage race to the south of Koh Samui. Johannes Waimer's TP52 Team Premier stayed on top of the leaderboard, with Neil Pryde's Welbourn 52 Hi-Fi snapping at their heels.

Day 4 was a lay day, occupied by various 'lifestyle' events including a golf tournament, a property exhibition, fashion shows and a car rally. There was also

a well-supported beach clean-up – just one way for the visitors to 'give back' something to the island that hosts and supports the regatta.

Day 5 produced more windward/leeward racing, with Hi Fi coming out two points clear of Team Premier after two wins and a second place. More fiercely contested action could be seen at the Junior Optimist Regatta which kicked off that day, with a swarm of talented kids

nipping around Chawaeng Bay.

So it was nip-and-tuck for the last day, with Johannes Waimer and the crew of Team Premier eventually succumbing to Neil Pryde's Hi-Fi who bagged the silveware in the Racing division. The closing party was held at the Centara Grand Beach Resort, the home of the regatta for the past decade. Many skippers and crew are reported to have declared their intention to return for 'Samui 11', next year! 🦋

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**ZOKE AROUND THE ISLAND RACE HONG KONG**  
 This classic race "Around Hong Kong Island" starts outside the Royal Hong

Kong Yacht Club's Kellett Island clubhouse. The Race is open to all Hong Kong sailors and all classes of boat including keelboats, catamarans and dinghies.

In recent years, outrigger canoes and coastal rowing boats have also taken part. This year's event is on November 20, 2011. [www.rhkyc.org.hk](http://www.rhkyc.org.hk)

**MONSOON CUP MALAYSIA**  
 The Monsoon Cup is part of the World Match Racing Circuit. It has one of the richest prize purses for a sailing event – M\$1.5 million. Racing takes place in Foundation 36s and starts on November 29, 2011. [www.monsooncup.com.my](http://www.monsooncup.com.my)

**DECEMBER**

**PHUKET KING'S CUP THAILAND**  
 The Phuket King's Cup Regatta is Asia's biggest regatta and is now in its 25th year. Over 100 yachts participate in the regatta, with many coming from overseas. A strong charter fleet makes this regatta unique in Asia. With the patronage of HM King Bhumipol Adulyadej, the regatta is organized by the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing



Committee under the auspices of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of



# Six Senses Phuket Raceweek 2011

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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Koh Samui is the last race of the Asian Yachting Circuit that rates yachts and skippers

The 2011 Six Senses Phuket Raceweek has served up everything for the sailors – light winds, storms, rain, good winds and white caps. The ‘tradition’ of a testing final day continues as five boats chose not to leave the anchorage.

Six Senses Phuket Raceweek is not only renowned for great sailing, but is also attracting sailing stars year-on-year from within Asia and beyond. Following double-Olympic gold medal winner Shirley Robertson’s appearance in 2010, this year

the Regatta welcomes round-the-world yachtswoman Dee Caffari who sailed on Six Senses Niña, and Paul Larsen, who with the Vestas SailRocket is attempting to set the outright World Speed Sailing Record, and was sailing on DaVinci in the Regatta.

Said Dee Caffari, “I loved the Regatta, it was a really good atmosphere. It was great to see so many boats on the water. The sailors were and happy and the resort was beautiful.”

In IRC Racing the real battle was for

second and third overall as Team Premier (Neil Pryde) wrapped up the series with a day to go. On the last day, as winds grew to 13-15 knots, KukuKERchu (David Ross) lead off the start from with Jing Jing (Rick Pointon) and Katsu (Ben Copley) close on her stern. Katsu tacked early and lost ground as KukuKERchu and Jing Jing stretched out a small lead on the water, and rounded the top mark ahead. After three loops and a crew injury on KukuKERchu, Jing Jing took the win (to be continue next page)



Thailand and the Royal Thai Navy. The regatta starts on December 5, 2010, which is the King’s birthday. [www.kingscup.com](http://www.kingscup.com)

ASIA SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS PHUKET THAILAND This exclusive (invitation only) annual Superyacht Rendezvous held at the

Chedi Resort in Phuket, Thailand, will be run on December, 16-18, 2011. Regular features of the rendezvous are fun sailing events, afternoon cocktail parties aboard the participating yachts and a gala dinner party. [www.phuket-invitational.com](http://www.phuket-invitational.com)

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART RACE AUSTRALIA To many sailors in Australia, Christmas Day is known as “the day

before the Hobart”. The fleet sets out from Sydney Harbour and races across the Bass Strait, into Storm Bay and then up the Derwent River to the finish at Hobart. The race is known as one of the toughest offshore races in the world. [www.rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com)

**JANUARY 2012** ROYAL LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL REGATTA MALAYSIA This event is organized by the Royal Langkawi Yacht



Club and is scheduled for January 09-14. The racing takes place in the beautiful scenery of the Langkawi archipelago. [www.langkawiregatta.com](http://www.langkawiregatta.com)





**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**Six Senses Phuket Raceweek is the 'Opening Regatta' of the Asian Yachting Grand Prix series**

on corrected time from Katsu in second and KukuKERchu in third.

Having the IRC 2 series win almost in the bag, all eyes were on Royal Thai Navy 4 (Cdr. Pornprom Sakultem), on the last day, but instead it was Piccolo that took the series, dropping Royal Thai Navy 4 into second, and Team Sea Bees came in third.

On the last day only four points separated the top three IRC 3 yachts. Remington (Jim Ellis) was expected to enjoy the longer course on the last day, and he did, even as the breeze softened and

and PRO Simon James decided to call it a day. This left Remington to take the series win from Linda (Jim Kane) in second, who beat Dreamtime on countback.

The one-design Fireflys were all geared up for the white caps and expectations were high as Team Land and Houses (Peter Dyer) took a two point lead over Voodoo (Ian Coulson/ Clarence Tayong) into the final day. But Voodoo slipped to fourth in the final race which meant that Land and Houses took the series, with Voodoo in second and Twin Sharks in third.

In the Multihull Racing class, Sidewinder scored her fifth win on the last day of racing and took the series title from DaVinci, who placed second with Miss Saigon in third

The old dames in the Classic Class completed their four-race series with a scenic around-the-islands race. The series win went to Idiom, with Seraph in second.

Good quality race management, an onshore venue second-to-none, and race courses in some delightful scenery mean that Six Senses Phuket Raceweek 2011 was another success. 🐼

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**AEDAS FOUR PEAKS RACE HONG KONG**  
 The Four Peaks Race this year will be on the

weekend of January 23-24. The race is a gruelling overnight affair, first sailing from Deep Water Bay to Sai Kung, where runners from each boat go ashore by canoe or dinghy, climb Ma On Shan mountain and return to their boat. They then sail to Lantau to climb Lantau Peak; then to Lamma to run up Mount Stenhouse. The last run is an ascent up Violet Hill from the landing area in Repulse

Bay, and finally a sail to the finishing line back in Deep Water Bay.  
[www.abclubhk.com](http://www.abclubhk.com)

**SINGAPORE STRAITS REGATTA, SINGAPORE**  
 This regatta is scheduled for January 26-29 and will be held in Indonesian waters. The event starts and finishes at Nongsa Point Marina, Indonesia, and is organized (in rotation) by Republic of Singapore Yacht Club, Raffles Marina, Changi

Sailing Club and SAF Yacht Club Changi.  
[www.straitsregatta.com](http://www.straitsregatta.com)

**FEBRUARY**

**THE NEPTUNE REGATTA INDONESIA**

Part regatta, part motor yacht rally, the Neptune Regatta starts at Nongsa Point Marina opposite Singapore, and heads south for the featured 'Race to Zero', which finishes on the equator. King Neptune initiates



members into the shellback club.  
 February 5-11, 2012.  
[www.neptune-regatta.com](http://www.neptune-regatta.com)