

New Superyacht marina and changing Thai regulations in Koh Samui to encourage Private and Charter Yachts to come to Thailand

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Captain Charlie Dwyer of [Asia Pacific Superyachts](#), taking care of Superyachts reaching the fabulous [Koh Samui yacht vacation](#) destination for the past 15 years, has proudly unveiled the latest Thai government plans for a new superyacht marina and positive changes in Thai regulations to encourage private and [charter yachts](#) to come to [Thailand](#).



Phangan island, Koh Samui – a breath-taking Thailand yacht charter destination – Photo credit to Asia Pacific Superyachts Koh Samui

“We have terrific news for Superyachts considering a journey in to Koh Samui,” reported Captain Charlie Dwyer. “I’m thrilled to alert owners and captains of new and positive government plans for a new marina and positive changes in Thai regulations in support of welcoming Superyachts.”

Captain Charlie reported that the eagerly awaited new Port will be positioned on Samui Island, according to **Jula Sukmanop, the General Director of the Harbor Department**. Mr Sukmanop unveiled plans to build yacht ports in Krabi and Samui at a press interview, stating: *“The Thai government will now carry out*

studies and private organizations will then be able to invest in the project and share the government's plan to encourage yachts and Superyachts to come to Thailand. Plans are afoot to adjust the regulations with regards to facilitating foreign yacht and Superyacht owners in a bid to attract them to Thailand. These include changes in the taxations levied and a longer period of time yacht owners will be allowed to stay in Thailand. The government has supported the project with 15 million Baht with the goal to set Thailand as the center of ASEAN marinas."



Elephant tours in Koh Samui – Photo credit to Asia Pacific Superyachts Koh Samui

Captain Charlie added: *“The government is gearing up efforts to make Thai waters more attractive for cruise tourism and foreign yachts, as part of a plan to promote the country as the marina hub of Asean.”* **In a recent interview Thailand Marine Department’s director-general, Chula Sookmanop, said:** *“The government is loosening boat regulations to make it easier for yacht and superyacht owners to dock in Thai waters. The prime targets are yacht owners coming from [Mediterranean](#) and [Caribbean](#) seas, who want to escape cold weather there during the winter. Owners will be allowed to stay longer in Thailand and will become eligible to receive some tax incentives.”*

Superyachts can also expect to greatly benefit from new VAT and crew regulations, ensuring remarkable savings for superyacht owners as well as captains.



APS Koh Samui – Capt Charlie Dwyer – Photo credit to Asia Pacific Superyachts Koh Samui

Captain Charlie suggests visiting Superyachts in to Koh Samui include an adventure cruising journey through famed Angthong Marine Park Archipelago and top dive spot, Koh Tao, using Samui as a base. According to Captain Charlie, Samui's beauty is being recognised and in a roundup of Thailand's '*Top 10 yachting destinations*' in Luxury Island and Magazine, naming Koh Samui as Number 1 of the top ten.

[Koh Samui](#) represents a true paradise of turquoise blue sea with miles of white sand beaches and friendly Thai hosts. The island provides a perfect base for a [luxurious superyacht charter vacation](#), mixed up with exotic cruising journeys.