

Quote of the Month....

"I wanted freedom, open air and adventure.
I found it on the sea." - Alaine Gerbault

"New conference format provides expert discussion and networking opportunities"

From Asia Pacific Yachting Conference: Now in its sixth year, the Asia Pacific Yachting Conference (8 – 9 April) has evolved with a revamped format that will provide session streams tailored to both the boating and superyacht sectors. Held at the ONE*15 Marina Club just prior to the start of the Singapore Yacht Show, the two day conference will cover a wide range of topics from an expert panel of speakers. The new format has been designed specifically to cater to the different yachting sectors, with focused content and leaders in the field. Complementing the conference line up will be ample networking opportunities with key industry players

Asia Pacific Superyacht Conference Panelist, Captain Jimmy Blee, Asia Pacific Superyachts

'The Rise and Expansion of the Market' is the title of the 5th Annual Asia Pacific Superyacht Conference Programme recently announced. Captain Jimmy Blee of Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia and a member of AYSS, will participate with other panelists April 9th at the afternoon Panel Discussion – The Rise and Expansion of the Market, chaired by Nigel Beatty, President, SYL, Director of The Someya Group. Topics include: •Developments within the Indonesian Superyacht Industry; •A look at Indonesia's regulatory environment and the opening of cruising grounds •Analysing future growth of the Superyacht market for in Indonesia



Jimmy Blee of Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia

Originally from the Queensland East coast, Captain Jimmy Blee runs his own marine consultancy – Indonesian Marine Services

(www.indonesiamarineservices.com) with a boat design, a construction division and a management agency – Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia

(www.asia-pacific-superyachts.com). He is highly experienced and well versed in the Panel topics looks forward to contributing helpful information to registrants.

Singapore Yacht Show 2014 – April 10th- 13th

From the website of the Singapore Yacht Show:

World-leading super yachts, supercars and prestige brands converge on Asia's fast-rising equivalent to Monaco Yacht Show. Asia's premier boating and luxury lifestyle showcase, the Singapore Yacht Show, returns to ONE*15 Marina Club in Sentosa Cove from April 10-13 2014. Amid a glamorous round of elite parties and high-end entertaining, the world's leading yacht and boat builders, as well as many major luxury brands, are converging on the region's equivalent to the Monaco Yacht Show in Europe and the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in the United States.

As well as the latest superyachts and sports cruisers, this year's event also launches a separate expo of supercars and classic cars – with the line-up of prestige brands extending to fine art, specialist timepieces and hand-crafted jewelry, premium wines & spirits and luxurious waterside properties. "In Southeast Asia's most vibrant and exciting city, this exclusive event truly epitomises luxury lifestyle, showcasing some of the world's best-known brands and ultimate experiences," said Andy Treadwell, managing director of organiser Singapore Yacht Events. The Singapore Yacht Show has practically doubled in size at each edition since being launched four years ago, and this year's event is "shaping up to be the best yet", he said, with more than a hundred luxury brands including around 100 world-class boats – including over 20 superyachts, some measuring up to 70 metres (230ft).

Organisers expect a new record in visitor numbers, exceeding the 11,000 who registered last year, to the boardwalks of Quayside Isle at Sentosa Cove – complete with lively bars, restaurants and the cool W Singapore hotel. Entertainment has this year been extended to private VIP dinners, fashion shows, live entertainment and DJs. Headlining the boat line-up are the breathtaking, award-winning S/Y Vertigo - at 70m, one of the world's most celebrated sailing superyachts; the contemporary 50m explorer M/Y Exuma; and the elegant 60m cruiser M/Y Cloud 9.

More and more of the industry's biggest players are attending, with world famous brands exhibiting for the first time including Alloy Yachts, Lurssen, Edmiston & Company, Fraser Yachts, Perini Navi/Picchiotti, Philippe Briand, Porto Montenegro, Rossinavi Yachts, Sunreef Yachts, Y.CO and Yacht Zoo. Among many debuts, Simpson Marine's Lagoon 52 is one exciting new arrival, demonstrating a whole new era in cruising catamaran design. Other notable Asian launches include The Royal Albatross, a Tall Ship refurbished with a superyacht interior.



Calendar of Events April 2014

- April 10th - 13th (Conference April 9th-10th)
Singapore - Singapore Yacht Show & Asia Superyacht Conference
- April 17th - 22nd
Antigua, West Indies - Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta
- April 23rd - 26th
Port Vauban, Antibes, France - Antibes Yacht Show
- April 26th - May 2nd
Antigua, West Indies - Antigua Sailing Week
- April 28th - May 2nd
Genoa, Italy - MYBA Charter Yacht Show - Genoa

- Andaman Islands
- Maldives
- Borneo
- Hong Kong
- Indonesia
- Koh Samui, Thailand
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Phuket, Thailand
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka

Amazing Asia Pacific Anchorages – Koh Samui Surrounding Islands & Gulf of Siam



Ang Thong Marine National Park - Ko Samui, Thailand Area

Superyachts and others are discovering a wonderful span of anchorage options for visiting Koh Samui, Thailand, other nearby islands and the Gulf of Siam. According to Captain Charlie Dwyer of Asia Pacific Superyachts and proud member of AYSS, the region as a whole offers excellent options. In working with APS he has serviced many yachts in the area including Titan, Michalea Rose, Battered Bull and Vertigo - just to mention a few. Captain Charlie's anchorage recommendations for Samui are only briefly described and surrounding islands by name only. Those interested in complete descriptions and instructions may

email: charlie@asia-pacific-superyachts.com

KOH SAMUI

Bo Phut and the North Coast of Samui

Anchorage: Ao Bo Phut The bay is less than 4m deep up to 1 mile offshore. From the east the channel between Ko Samui and Ko Som has a minimum depth of 4m. Anchorage is in 2m of water on a muddy bottom well to the west of the wooden jetty.

Anchorage: Ao Ban Rak Bay Easily identified by the Big Golden Buddha directly to the east of the bay on Ko Fan island; this is also a shallow anchorage with a maxdepth of 3m. Fringed by coral reefs, approach is from the north then head toward the centre of the bay which is quite large. Good holding can be found just outside the moored powerboats in 2m of water about 100m off shore.

Anchorage: Choeng Mon Extreme caution must be used when approaching from the north. It is better to pass between Ko Kong Ok and Ko Lam Rai Nai rather than attempt the inshore passage without local knowledge. Anchoring is straightforward in 4-5m of water on sand about 100m off the beach.



Chaweng Beach

Anchorage: Ao Chaweng is a large open bay with several choices of anchorage as it is Samui's main tourist beach. Head toward the southern end of the main beach. Despite being very sheltered from the SW winds. Chaweng is often a very roly anchorage with the swell mainly coming from the SE, laying out a kedge is recommended.

Anchorage: Ao Thong Tekien To the south of Chaweng is a small bay with reasonable snorkeling and interesting coral formations. This is only a day time anchorage as it is fairly exposed. Anchor well offshore in 10 metres on sand, there is a good secluded beach ashore. A mile further south of this anchorage is Lamai Beach. There is a reef extending about 100m off the beach, and although there are several dredged channels suitable for dinghies the reef conditions in the bay seem to be uncomfortably roly at best and not advisable to anchor here.

South Coast of Samui

Anchorage: The 5 Islands On the south west corner of Samui are the five bird's nest soup collecting islands, there is only one anchorage in this group, on the eastern side of Ko Mae Tap in 7 m. The waters around here are deep.

Anchorage: Ko Katan and Ko Mat Sum This large bay is the base for the island's coconut plantation industry. Coming from the East watch out for the unmarked reef just past Lamai beach. From the West the water is deep all the way in. Anchor just to the north of the dredged channel breakwater in 5m on mud and sand.

Other Area Islands

East Coast Ko Phangan Island

- Anchorage: Had Rin Nok (8 nm from Bo Phut) North Coast Ko Phangan Island
- Anchorage: Had Nam Tok (Waterfall Bay)
- Anchorage: Ao Thong Nai Pan
- Anchorage: Ao Thong Nai Pan (continued)
- Anchorage: Bottle Beach
- Anchorage: Ao Leuk

Ko Tao ('Turtle Island')

- Anchorage: Ao Leuk
- Anchorage: Mango Bay
- Anchorage: Ko Hang Tao (Nangyuan Island)
- Anchorage: Ao Hin Wong
- Anchorage: Mae Haad Town

Ko Ang Thong Marine National Park

- Anchorage: Ko Ang Thong NPHQ
- Anchorage: Ko Wau Ta Lum
- Anchorage: Ko Sam Sao (The Stone Bridge)
- Anchorage: Ko Thai Phlao
- Anchorage: Pinnacle Beach, Ko Phaluai

Samui and its surrounding islands and the Gulf of Siam is a relatively new cruising destination and the above by no means covers all the possible anchoring options. Captain Charlie and his team are happy to help you in planning a memorable cruising

visit. More information is available at www.asia-pacific-superyachts.com and click on "Koh Samui".

Correction: note the correct website address to view the full article/interview in February 2014 APS Newsletter in Ocean Live by Editor Hillary Buckman of "Charlie Dwyer's ASR review" can be clicked to with following:

<http://www.oceanmagazine.com.au/j/index.php/livenews/656-dwyer-sheds-light-on-asr>



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