



# SAMUI REGATTA 2019

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## Welcome from Mr. Weerasak Kowsurat - Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand

On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, I would like to welcome you to Koh Samui.

More and more international event organisers are seeing the potential of Thailand as a host for marine and sporting events, and we are proud to have been associated with the Samui Regatta for the last 18 years.

With its increasing number of participants from around the world, Samui Regatta is one of the longest established marine events in the region and we would like to thank the organisers for their efforts and continued support in the development of Samui Island and Thailand as a leading marine sports destination.



## Message from the Governor of Surat Thani Province

Welcome to Thailand, Koh Samui and the 18<sup>th</sup> Samui Regatta.

I'm very happy to see many sailors from around the world here on Samui to enjoy the great sailing conditions we have to offer. I wish you all the best of luck in the competition and hope you have a great Regatta and enjoy our Samui hospitality.

## Mr. Wichawut Jinto - Governor of Surat Thani Province



## Mr. Kittipop Roddon - District Chief Officer of Koh Samui

Samui Regatta is well-known around the world as the 'Tropical Island Regatta'. Sailors come from around Asia and beyond each year to enjoy this wonderful event and Surat Thani Province, and Samui Island is proud to be its home.

I would like to welcome all those involved in the Regatta, competitors, the organisers, hosts and sponsors, and members of the press, for your support. And I wish everyone a highly successful event this year.



## Mr. Ramnate Chaikwang - Mayor of Koh Samui

I remember when this Regatta was first launched by some local sailors who wanted to put Samui on the map and showcase the Island as a sailing destination. 18 years later and these sailors and the event organisers have been successful.

The Samui Regatta is unique – a boutique regatta run from the beach, that attracts sailors from near and far each year. And we are proud to host you all each year at our home, Samui Island. I hope you all have a great Regatta, take away fond memories of Samui and tell your friends back home.



## Mr. Vorasit Pongkumpunt - President of Samui Tourism Association

Over 500 sailors take part in the Regatta each year and many of these are from overseas. We want to thank you all for coming to Samui and we hope you enjoy your stay during your time here.

Samui Island has so much to offer – it's natural gems, beautiful beaches and seas, and unique southern Thai culture are just some of the treats in store for you. We hope you find time to experience and enjoy them all while here. And you must try Samui's southern Thai cuisine – I'm sure you will enjoy it alot!



**Welcome to The Koh Samui Regatta,**

LMH Group is absolutely delighted to be able to welcome sailors, honoured guests, participants and organisers of this year's Samui Regatta to Synergy Samui, La vida, and Le Murraya Boutique Serviced Residences & Resort. We value the spirit of this competition very highly and are more than proud to have been given the opportunity to host this year's events.

It takes a great deal of skills, passion and perseverance to become a great sportsman in sailing; we too hope that the same level of passion will shine through in our hospitality, so that every aspect of Samui Regatta 2019 is a memorable one. Moreover, beyond LMH Group's border, we strongly believe that our fellow Samui islanders will once again make our ancestors proud by working hand-in-hand in welcoming visitors with Samui's playful & kindhearted fashion.

Consequently, make a success out of this international event.

We are hopeful that everyone involved in this tournament, whether you be this year's trophy winners or the future's, will all have a great experience with unrivalled comfort. And at the end of it all, will be able to leave the island with an everlasting smile and a heart filled with sweet memories and friendships that will make you long for coming back to this beautiful paradise in the Gulf of Thailand once again.

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On top of that, as third generation members of this small local business, we cannot overstate how much this event mean to us. We are ecstatic to not only be a partner of this great event like many years prior, but to be trusted and given a chance to host the actual event for the first time.

We promise to do our very best in ensuring a smooth running of the whole regatta period. We sincerely hope that guests, participants and everyone associated with this regatta will enjoy their time on this island we love so dearly.



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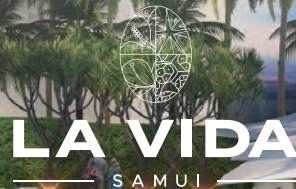
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# Welcome to the 18th Koh Samui Regatta



On behalf of my team at Regattas Asia, I am proud to welcome all sailors, supporters, media and sponsors to Synergy Samui and the 18th Samui Regatta.

This year's Regatta brings a number of changes, most noticeable is that we now have a new Host Sponsor - SYNERGY SAMUI, part of the Le Murraya Hospitality Group. I must give my sincere thanks to Khun Cholatis & Khun Warunee Chokkanapitak and their family for ensuring the future of the regatta, when our previous host of the past 17 years was no longer an option.

On the water, we have a fantastic line up in the IRC Zero Class and it's great to see the Premier Boats returning. I am looking forward to watching Moon Blue 2, Bella Uno and Lawana battle it out on the island races. They are joined by an interesting mix of new and less young IRC boats, which should give us some exciting racing at the end of the Asian Yachting Grand Prix season.

We are continuing our mission to develop water-sports in Southern Thailand and have been supporting the development of many small dinghy regattas in the southern region providing equipment for children of Koh Phangan, Phuket, Koh Samui and Hua Hin to competing against each other. Hopefully, some form of dinghy training programme will restart in Samui and return to our regatta in future year.

Before I finish, I must mention the passing of two of the regattas long-time supporters, John Stall (Capt. Squall) and Kim Thomas (KT). Much can be said about both. We will remember them during the traditional Golden Coconut Ceremony at the last night dinner.

In these challenging political and economic times, the province of Surat Thani, the Surat Thani provincial office of tourism and sports and the municipal of Koh Samui have again come together to endorse our event.

I must also thank Mayor Chaikwang and the Samui Tourism Association for joining to provide us not only accommodation for media and officials, but a venue for our final night party. Which, this year will be held on the banks of Chaweng Lake in the Centre of Chaweng. Opposite the famed Reggie Pub.

We are especially indebted to our Co-Sponsors, Nora Buri and Nora Beach Hotels, Group, Mount Gay Rum, Budget Car and Truck Rental, the Resotel Group, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand, who have assisted to make this year's event possible.

Thanks, must also go to all our supporting sponsors, suppliers, volunteers, media partners and most importantly..... You the competitors, who have supported the event for 18 years, making Koh Samui one of Asia's favourite regatta destinations.

I hope you have a great week.  
See you on the water.....

*Kae Wattana.*

Kae Wattana  
Managing Director - Regattas Asia

## The Synergy “Beach” Stage

Located on the beach, near to the Pool.

This is the place to get beach-side, post race drinks, the first sight of the day’s results and our daily presentations.

The Regatta Tavern is open Monday through Saturday (closed Lay-day).

Race Day Presentations, will run from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. (or until presentations finish if later).

With Free-flowing Beer, Wine and Mount Gay Rum, backed up by Coke, Tonic, our signature cocktail and a range of canapés.

Outside these times, regatta participants will be able to purchase discounted drinks at Synergy outlets during the period of the regatta.

## Opening Party - On the Beach

One of the most popular Samui Regatta events, the opening party. NEW this year, we open with a Beach Cocktail Party on the beach at Synergy Samui Resort. Great Snacks, free-flowing drinks and entertainment kick off the week to a great start.

## The Mount Gay Rum Shack.

The Mount Gay Rum Shack returns and will be open during the regatta parties, offering their famous rum at special regatta prices and the opportunity to obtain one of the limited Mount Gay Samui Regatta Red Caps.

## The Closing Dinner

Koh Samui was the first regatta in Thailand to stage a full sit-down dinner for 500 guests. This years Dinner will be held at a new venue, next to Chaweng Lake, providing a buffer dinner, Regatta signature cocktails, live music, shorter speeches and final awards including the Asian Yachting Grand Prix Championship.

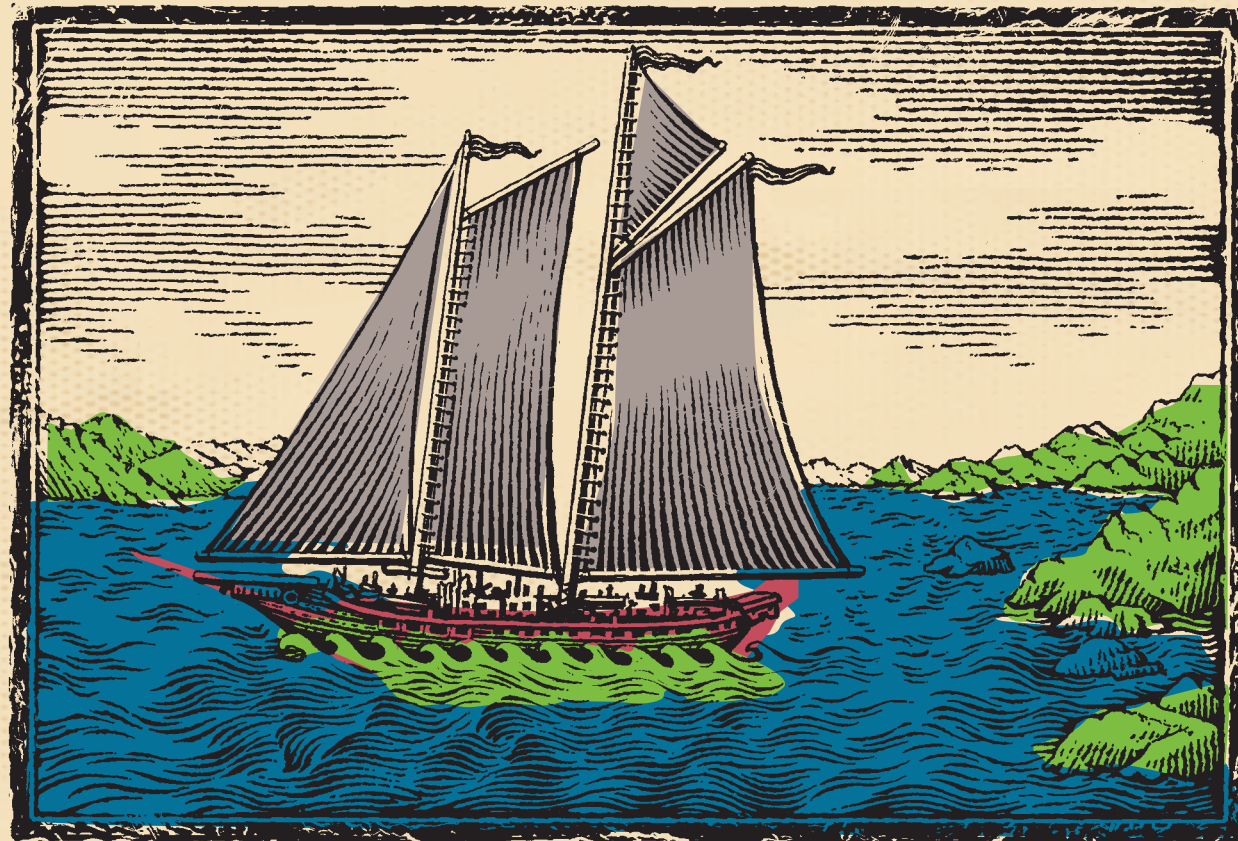
## Official Programme and Locations

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00 - 17.00	Advance Registration
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 - 16.00 13.00 17.30 18.00 - 21.00	Registration - Main Restaurant, Synergy Practise Race Skippers Briefing - Synergy Opening Ceremony & Cocktail Party.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 18.00 - 20.00	First Warning Signal - Race Day 1 Synergy Beach Presentations
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 18.00 - 20.00	First Warning Signal - Race Day 2 Synergy Beach Presentations
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 18.00 - 20.00	First Warning Signal - Race Day 3 Synergy Beach Presentations
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May		Reserve Day.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 18.00 - 20.00	First Warning Signal - Race Day 4 Synergy Beach Presentations
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	10.00 19.00	First Warning Signal - Race Day 5 Final Dinner and Presentations at Chaweng Lake.



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# Where to Register

Registration will take place at the Main Restaurant, Synergy Samui on Saturday between 12.00 and 17.00 and Sunday between 11.00 and 16.00.

# Daily Presentations

Daily presentations are held at the Presentation Stage, situated at Synergy Samui Beach front, between 18.00 and 20.00.

# How to get to your boat.....

Capt. Narin and his Panmas team will be providing a transfer service from 08.00 on race days. Boats will be departing from the meeting place, near Lawana Tradewinds Resort.

# How to get to Results and Updates



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## Keeping up-to-date

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Our website is your essential guide to Samui Regatta 2019.

News, Amendments, Results, Photos and Daily Reports will be updated live to our website throughout the regatta.

If you have any on-board photos or exciting video footage, please call into the media room situated in the main building and we will try to get it up online.



## The Samui Regatta Team



The Samui Regatta is organised by Regattas Asia. It is held under the auspices of the Samui Yacht Club Regatta, The Province of Surat Thani, The Ministry of Tourism and Sports, The Yacht Racing Association of Thailand and the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

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And a whole raft of volunteers, Regattas Asia staff, and Synergy Samui Resort staff, most of whom remain in the background, but who nevertheless make a major contribution to the success of the regatta, both in the preparation and during the event.

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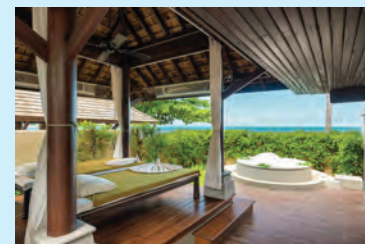
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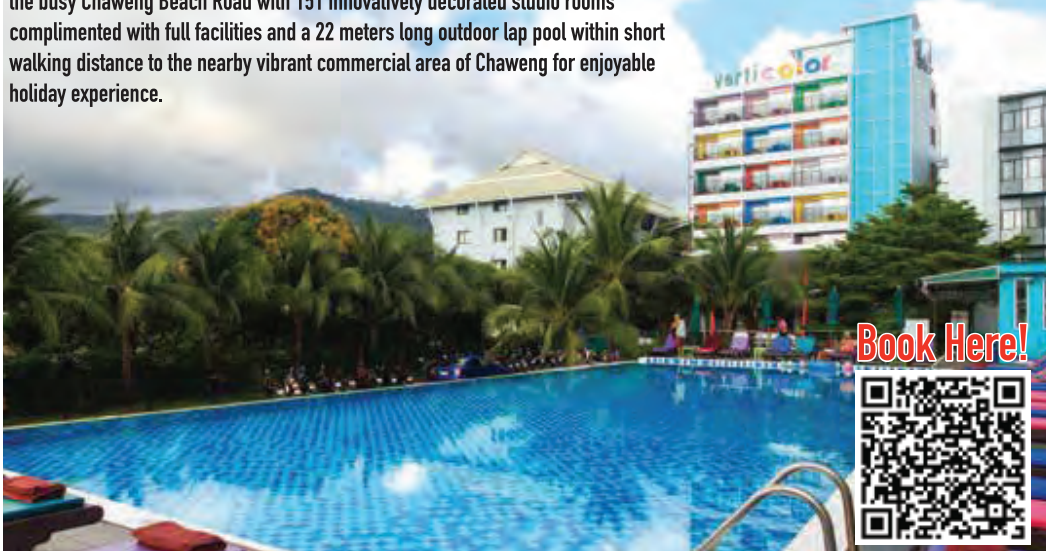
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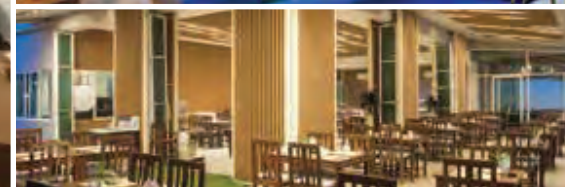
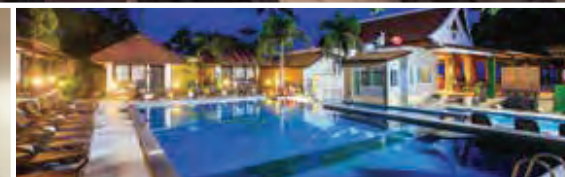
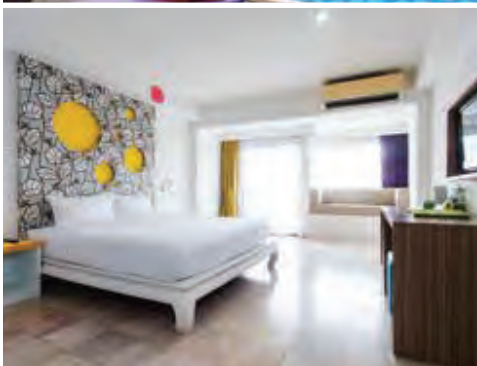


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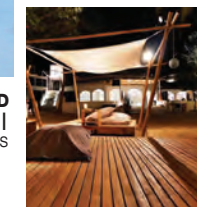
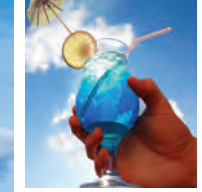
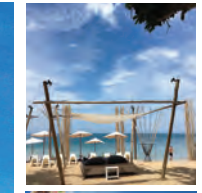
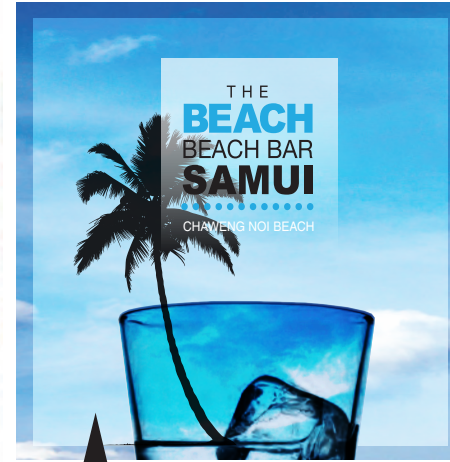
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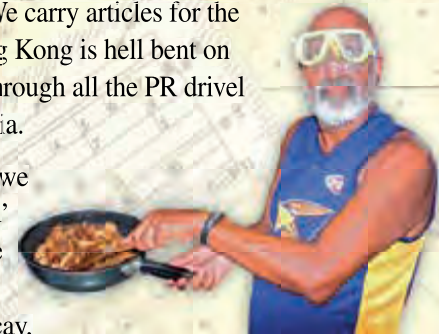
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