

## Quote of the Month....

"It is not that life ashore is distasteful to me.  
But life at sea is better"- Sir Francis Drake, Sea Captain

## Asia Superyacht Rendezvous Ramps Up!

With a high influx of Superyachts in the region this year's prestigious motor & sail festive global event promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

Some of the beautifully crafted Superyachts already confirmed range between the 34 metre sailing yacht, Shamoun - an example of absolute luxury, and the outstanding craftsmanship of the 36 metre sailing yacht Yanneke Too. Participating again this year is the recently refurbished 42 metre Maverick, brought back to life with its delightful Susan Pilao art-deco influenced interior. And - there's still time to register for the 13th annual event, which promises to be yet another Superyacht spectacle to be held Dec. 16-18 on Phuket Island, Thailand.



'Superyacht Dress Parade' Asia Superyacht Rendezvous

Attracting the largest gathering of Superyachts in Asia, Phuket is being hailed as Asia's premier Superyacht destination - making it an ideal location for this fantastic event. Superyachts will be streaming in from all over the world to drop anchor in the tranquil blue waters of the Andaman Sea to enjoy the event and the hospitable Thai culture during the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous.

It's the perfect time of year to indulge in the festive Rendezvous events, including the spectacular Gala Dinner - exclusively reserved for owners and VIP's and held at the award winning Kata Rocks. This year a memorable 'Crew Party' will be held at the luxurious and trendy RE KA TA Beach Club, sponsored by Sevenstar Yacht Transport - offering transportation from the Mediterranean and U.S. regions to all Superyachts planning to attend the event.

Apart from these final evening parties, the Rendezvous boasts various fun activities starting with an opening night cocktail party aboard the glorious 50 metre Dunia Daru luxury charter Phinisi sailing yacht, followed by 2 days of sail racing events, the infamous FEADSHIP Challenge Model Boat Building Cocktail Party and the famed family favorite, 'The Rendezvous Booty' pirate treasure hunt! To view more information and for Superyachts 30 metres interested in attending, visit [www.asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com](http://www.asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com)

## Australia awarded grant to grow links with Asia

SuperyachtNews.com 18 Oct. 2013...By Ellie Brade (excerpted) --The Australian government has awarded Superyacht Australia a grant from their Asian Century Business Engagement Grant plan. Asia has long been a key focus for Australia, holding as it does a huge potential client base and growing numbers of UHNWIs. Knowing this, the Australian government has firm strategies in place to ensure that all industry sectors - marine included - are well placed to benefit from the current and expected growth in this region. The four-year grant program has been established by the government to assist member-based business organisations in harnessing commercial opportunities in Asia for small to medium sized Australian businesses.

The grant will be put to good use on several initiatives including an upcoming exploratory mission to Asia, to research the opportunities for joint ventures, the sharing of facilities and to promote what Australia has to offer. A select team will visit four regions in Asia where they believe there is significant opportunity, with key markets of focus being Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore



### AYSS - Upcoming Events:

31st - 4th Nov - Fort Lauderdale Int'l Boat Show

19 - 21st Nov - METS

6 - 12th Dec - Antigua Charter Yacht Show

9th Dec - Caribbean Net breakfast

14th Feb - The Wobbly Club Race

For Full Calendar visit [www.ayss.org](http://www.ayss.org).

## Amazing Asia Anchorages & Marinas

"Unlike Europe, marinas in Asia are more about safe berthing for your vessel as opposed to a destination in its own right" reports Captain Nick Coombes of Asia Pacific Superyachts Malaysia.



RLYC Marina in Malaysia

"Very few marinas are located in popular tourist areas - thus the idea of sitting on your yacht and watching the world watch you, is not an option. As a result, most Superyacht visitors and charters here never see a marina, but instead spend their entire journey cruising from beautiful anchorage to beautiful anchorage."

Captain Nick says it's a lot more about exploring the natural splendor of South East Asia, than cruising from town to town, "However, reflecting the rising affluence of Asia there are now world-class marinas and accommodation in nearly every sailing region... such as Phuket, with hundreds of berths for everything from Superyachts to small cruisers. Myanmar has some fantastic hidden anchorages and to the south - Malaysia's Langkawi is a popular winter destination as are the chain of facilities that run down the Malacca Straits to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and into the vast Gulf of Thailand."



Marina in Malaysia

Reports from Asia Pacific Superyachts agents on their marina and gorgeous anchorage options for Superyacht journeys in Asia will be featured in upcoming APS Newsletters - the articles will cover the regions of: Andaman Islands; Borneo; Cambodia; Hong Kong; Indonesia; Koh Samui, Thailand; Malaysia; Maldives; Myanmar; New Zealand; Phuket, Thailand; Seychelles; Singapore; and Sri Lanka.

## Luxury Yachts find Asian Buyers as ranks of wealthy swells

Bloomberg Oct 1, 2013 - by Tara Patel & Caroline Connan (excerpted)... "Singapore businessman Adrian Lee Chye Cheng, 33, is the super-yacht industry's dream come true. Young, wealthy and passionate about boats, he embodies an emerging market that shipyards and brokers see looming large on the horizon. "The new market is in Asia," Lee said in an interview on one of the panoramic decks of the Ocean Paradise, a 55-meter luxury yacht he and his brother Lionel acquired two months ago. Wealth among Asia-Pacific millionaires may top North America's as soon as next year, according to a report published last month by Cap Gemini SA and Royal Bank of Canada. Asians with at least \$1 million in investable assets are set to see their riches climb to \$15.9 trillion by 2015 from \$12 trillion last year, the 2013 Asia-Pacific Wealth Report says. North American high net-worth individuals held \$12.7 trillion in 2012."

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



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## Have News?

Shared comments of sea journeys, destinations and news from Owners & Captains & Crew are welcomed!

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