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Quote of the Month... 😊

"Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not." - James Taylor

Girls on top: women's team wins Volvo Ocean Race leg



11 June 2015 by Risa Merl... Boat International-- Team SCA, the all-female sailing team competing in the Volvo Ocean Race, has finally taken a win, silencing critics who have said they weren't stacking up to their male rivals.

In 41 years, only four female crews have competed in the grueling round-the-world Volvo Ocean Race. Led by British skipper Sam Davies, Team SCA is the first all-women's crew to compete in the Volvo Ocean Race in 12 years.

They are the first to win a leg of the race in 25 years since team Maiden, led by Tracy Edwards, won two legs in 1989-90. Leg 8, the penultimate of the race, took the teams from Lisbon, Portugal, to Lorient, France, a distance of 647 nautical miles. Team SCA pulled off the win with a time of 13 hours, 11 minutes and 11 seconds, grabbing a spot on the podium. It is considered a win both for Team SCA and the sport of women's offshore sailing.

"It's a reward for all the hard work we have done," said Sam Davies. "It's a great confidence booster. It's going to be huge for us. We've had a mountain to climb to get here. The conditions might have been man breaking but they were not women breaking."

Phuket Raceweek coming in July



Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek 2015

International sailors will be flocking to Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek. The region's exciting regatta returns to Cape Panwa and the Thai island of Phuket is preparing for an influx of visitors in July as more than 500 sailors and spectators from around the world head to the island to compete in the prestigious Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek 2015 to take place the 15-19 July off Phuket's southeast coast.

Now in its 12th year its reputation overseas continues to grow as an increasing number of participants from all over the world fly in to take part and enjoy the beauty of Phuket's Green Season.

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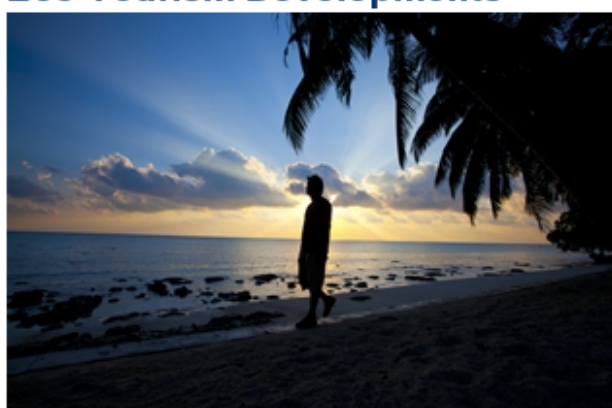
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Andaman Sea Yacht Charter: New Eco-Tourism Developments



Andaman Islands – Havelock beach at sunset

There's some great news for an increasingly popular yachting destination with the announcement of the opening of eco-tourism activities in six Andaman Islands. "There's growing interest in the Andaman Islands, especially now with the recent news of eco-tourism activities opening in six Andaman Islands. This is another positive move", reports R. Rathnam of Asia Pacific Superyachts Andaman Islands.

The Government of India, in regards to the development of ecotourism in new areas, reports the department of Environment & Forests identified six islands for taking up eco-tourism/ tourism activities. These include Inglis Island, Sir Hugh Rose, North Button Island, Middle Button Island, Tarmugli Island, as well as Aves Island. The islands are part of a group of 572 Islands, islets and rocks nestled in the South East of India in the Bay of Bengal and lie along an arc approximately north-south covering a distance of almost 800 kilometers. International yachties have enjoyed the fantastic islands for some years and like the short cruising distance from Phuket to Port Blair, India

Port Blair open for Charter flights



India's extraordinary attractions

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India has permitted foreign charter flights to land at Port Blair subject to the fulfillment of the guidelines issued by Director General, Civil Aviation, Govt. of India. Andaman Islands are a world class eco-tourism destination.

The following are the facilities available at Port Blair airport: runway having length of 6000 ft. (being extended to 11,000 ft.); new terminal building that can handle 400 passengers at a time; flight operations carried out at the airport before noon. The official web site of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration www.andaman.nic.in gives more details about the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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