

Java Yachting grows from strength to strength



Java Yachting Academy (JYA) is a TAT and Thai-registered well-established company with offices in Krabi and Phuket.

The company is an internationally recognized IYT facility specializing in training on dinghies, all types of sailing vessels, both catamaran and mono-hulls, RIBS and power boats.

JYA has a substantial client base in China, Europe and Asia and is owned and operated by John Coffin, a Master Mariner with over 50 years' experience in the marine industry. In addition to sailing as a Master on commercial vessels of all types John also spent over 20 years in China and Vietnam building merchant vessels and opened his own boatyard near Shanghai. Not satisfied in sitting still he became one of the founding members of the Shanghai Boat and Yacht Club (SBYC) later becoming the Shanghai Meifan Yacht Club. John held the rank of Commodore for eight years and under his guidance developed the club into one of the leading sailing venues in China.

John is supported in Krabi by Jess, an

experienced Chinese sailor, who has also completed extensive training with Clipper Ventures in UK, and Paul – a well-known Phuket based sailor. Thai support staff and dinghy instructors consist of Thai nationals.

From its bases in Krabi and Phuket Java offers recreational courses to suit all comers. Courses are tailored to a client's requirements and all skipper and competent crew training include at least five days liveaboard along with sessions involving docking and undocking in marinas. Weekend training programs (theory and practical) are also run out of the Krabi marina with accommodation available on site. These programs include practical boat handling skills, advanced navigation and pilotage techniques along with solar and celestial navigation and position fixing.

JYA has established programs with schools and universities in Thailand and China and is involved in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. A repeat customer base with US Navy (Approved Contractor), Cathay Pacific Pilots Association, the Shanghai Meifan Yacht club, together with a number of locally based hotels,





makes for an interesting and vibrant business.

Boats currently used for training include:

- Monohulls: *Isabella*, a Bavaria 46, *Jade Princess*, a Hans Christian 43, *Mas Alegre*, a Standfast 40 and the very lively *Judy*, a Mumm 30
- Catamarans: *Java*, a Stealth 11.8, and *Compass Rose*, a Seawind 1160
- Trimarans: four Corsair Pulse 600
- Various smaller day boats and dinghies are also available for training, team building and regattas out of Krabi and Phuket.

All boats are available for charter with special rates given to clients who have previously trained and received accreditation from the helpful staff at Java Yachting Academy.

"Covid 19 has obviously had a serious impact for our business especially as a number of our customers for training and chartering come from outside of Thailand," John Coffin says, "To partially overcome this we have further developed our base in Krabi to cater to weekend and short-term visitors from within Thailand and can offer attractive accom-

modation and day sailing in and around the mangroves close to the Krabi River system."

This can also involve skippered and bare boat day sailing to the local islands returning to the Krabi Marina for dinner and overnight accommodation. Krabi airport and Picasai Golf club are only 20 minutes away from the marina so sailing and golf becomes an interesting and attractive option. A swimming pool and gym are located at the marina for families along with restaurant and bar.

In addition to the development in Krabi, Java has placed three Corsair Pulse 600 trimarans on moorings outside of the Phuket Yacht Club in Ao Chalong. These boats will be made available for day charters, club regattas and training and should prove an exciting addition to the local sailing scene. Day sailing to adjacent islands proves an easy option for a break on the weekend along with exciting sailing when the winds are up.

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