

TDA newsletter February/March 2006

Dear dive shops,

First of all we want to make a short statement.

TDA is growing fast and many dive schools in Thailand expressed their trust by becoming a member. We are conscious of our responsibilities and will attend to our member's interests intensively.

Many activities have been carried out and TDA has already successfully constituted numerous affairs for the dive and tourism industry, also because of its excellent contacts with public government offices.

Of course TDA want to keep you informed and up to date about these subjects and therefore we'll send you a regular newsletter about all TDA activities.

We are also grateful for inspirations and ideas in return and in hope that this information gateway creates a close and successful collaboration between all dive schools to preserve the attractive diving resorts for the future in cooperation with official authorities and keep Thailand as interesting as it is for diving tourism.

Shark fishing

After receiving several reports about prohibited shark fishing in protected territory, TDA wrote a public letter to TAT, the press, the TDA scientific committee, Shark - Project and the Marina to indicate the shortcoming.

Official authorities and Shark- Project promised their support and we hope now, that this crime on our environment will soon come to an end.

Special Committee of tax department

As you could read several times, the tax revenue department established a committee to officially examine dive schools, especially in Phuket about their tax payments.

TDA, as representative for the dive industry in Thailand was asked to become a committee member and therefore, Khun Ronachai Chindapol, TDA President, will act on behalf of the dive industry in the committee and he'll surely be able to do a lot of educational work.

Mono Fin National Team

The recognition of the TDA/CMAS membership in IOC (International Olympic Committee), Khun Pornchai Juthamas support as well as the sponsoring of Aquamaster and Mr Loel Guinness made it possible for us, to establish a Thai Monofin National Team. In the Asia-Championship in Akita/Japan in October 2005 our team was very promising and ranged on excellent positions.

In press reports and TV reportages on Channel 5 and ITV, on several occasion's one could get a detailed idea of the national team. Therefore, telephones didn't stand still in our sports committee because of the newly awakened interest on this fantastic sport.



Surely we will hear much more about this young, dynamic team. In coherence with this, we also succeeded to sign Thailand as organizer for the Asian Monofin Championships 2007 up.

Cooperation with TAT

After a very successful collaboration at the German Boat Exhibition 2006, TDA will work together more intensely with TAT in Thailand as well as internationally in the future.

A reviewed project for The Boat Exhibition 2007 is in the planning stage and TAT will represent the world's biggest Water Sports exhibition together with the TDA in a completely new light.

Several applicants have already registered and interested groups and people who also want to partake in the exhibition should get in touch with the TDA office.

Since exhibition stand space is limited, we have to go by "first come, first serve" principle.

The new TDA-Education – Promotion Poster including both (TDA – TAT) logos can also be ordered.

We proudly present: Mobideep

No it's not a new Hollywood film, the classic about whale catching, but a floating dive station for lakes and murky waters.

After planning carefully, the pool company Desjoyaux (Phuket) Co.Ltd in cooperation with TDA, developed a dive pool with a platform to make dive training in murky waters possible and safe in the future.

The prototype of the dive pool has a diameter of 6 meters and a depth of 7 meters and will be placed in the lake of Phuket Town. A special filter system cleans and purifies the surrounding water from dirt particles to provide the ideal view. That we don't use any chemicals goes without saying.

Especially during the rainy season it is very difficult to feasibly do dives at the beach in Phuket and therefore, the dive platform offers the ideal alternative for training to all TDA members.

Furthermore it will be made available gratuitous to schools and local government offices to get them interested in diving. Further information about this project is available directly in the TDA office or at Desjoyaux Phuket.

New Examiners and Representatives

We would like to welcome one of the first Thai diving teachers Khun Mong Somporn as the first Thai Examiner in our team of instructors.

At the same time he is the TDA representative for Koh Sameth.

Holger Schwab, MD of Sea Bees Diving and already long-standing examiner for CMAS germany will also work as examiner for TDA in the future.

Furthermore he was appointed from the TDA board of directors as the TDA representative for Khao Lak.

In the future, Course Director Mr. Michael Lancon will act as representative and take care of the TDA interests on Koh Chang.

Thai Navy Seals come to visit TDA

A delegation of 20 Thai Navy Seals will come to Pattaya for the Examiner meeting to make a cross over to TDA/CMAS and therefore to introduce the TDA/CMAS training to the Thai Navy, like it is practiced in other countries for many years in connection with the CMAS.

TDA welcomes the 'tough boys' cordially and look forward to an astir exchange of information.

New members

All together 42 dive schools joined the TDA as Academy. New members in February 2006 are:

***Eco Divers, Ko Chang; Sea Bees Diving, Phuket; Sea Bees Diving, Khao Lak;
Paradise Diving Asia; Gapdive, Phuket;
Welcome!***

Clean up in Koh Lanta

Under the guidance of the TDA representative for Koh Lanta, Christian Mietz, MD of Koh Lanta Diving Center, a TDA Beach & Reef Clean Up was carried out in cooperation with the local school.

The operation was a great success and the beach, as well as the offshore reefs shine in new splendor again.

„Thank you“ to all participants in that event.

We hope with this newsletter we could make you want more and would welcome any inspiring propositions.

Kind regards and “always good air”.

Yours TDA/CMAS Thailand

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