



Dear TDA Members, dear Diving Industry.

TDA want to inform you over the passed and upcoming TDA Events and TDA News, as well about the official court verdict according to the postponed “new diving regulations”

Attached to this newsletter is the copy of the original verdict.

The Administrative Court in Nakhon Sri Thammarat has ruled the **new regulations affecting Phuket dive operators suspended indefinitely**, pending the results of a court case challenging their legality.

The case was lodged against the province, which brought the new regulations into effect October 1, by members of the Thai Diving Association (TDA).

TDA representatives told the court on October 19 that the strict new rules infringe on their privacy rights and are very difficult to comply with, and requested that the court temporarily suspend the regulations until the court rules in the case.

The suspension was granted by court order on October 30. The court cited in its decision concerns that former **Phuket Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura may have overstepped his authority** by authorizing the regulations.

The court accepted that some procedures required under **the regulations**, including the submission of business information, **appear incompatible with the stated aim of the regulations, environmental protection.**

Although the judge understood why Phuket province issued the regulations, he said they might give too much power to the Governor. **The judge said** that we have many laws to use to protect the environment, so **we should use existing laws rather than make new ones.**

For detailed questions according to this regulations and the court verdict, don't hesitate to contact the TDA Lawyer Khun Phongsawan Sathatham.

Language of the Sharks

From Monday, the 20th of November, the Shark Movie, Language of the Sharks, from sharkproject.org is ready to hand over to the schools, universities and other educational facilities.

Many thanks to shark project.

Next Technical Committee meeting together with TDA Representatives

The meeting of the Technical Committee with all TDA Representatives, Examiners, Course Directors and 3 Star Instructors will be on Phuket on Wednesday, the 12th of December 2006 at 10.00 AM, 6 hours before the general Assembly registration at Phukets Nai Thon Beach Resort

TDA General Assembly 2006

On Wednesday, the 12th of December 2006 at 7.00 PM all TDA members, academies and supporting members are invited to the TDA General Assembly at the Phuket Royal City Hotel.

Every year our organization requires a general meeting according to the law in Thailand. Since the last general meeting, many things have happened in Phuket and the surrounding areas of Thailand. We are extremely proud of the actions of many TDA members.





The TDA wishes to follow this same example, by upgrading our standards, increasing the number of members and supporters, and most importantly helping out our members as much as possible in any way we can. For these reasons we request your attendance at the important general meeting on December 12th.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Registration of members and guests - 18 h 00
2. Opening by the President Khun Ronachai Chindapol - 19 h 00
3. Introduction of our distinguished VIP guests and Sponsors
4. Treasurer – Annual report
5. General Secretary – Yearly review 2006
6. CEO – Yearly review 2006
7. Election of a Marketing President
8. Speeches and Introduction from the Sponsors
 - a) Mobideep-Mobipool
 - b) Pierre Louis Desjoyaux (or representative)
 - c) Immersion Watches
 - d) Fabrizio Mazzi or Maurizio Pantarini (or representative)
 - e) Aqua Master Mr. Claude De Crissey (or representative)
9. Committee Reports
 - Sport Committee (Turin2006-Asian Championship 2007)
 - Scientific Committee (Clean Ups at Sameesan, Kao Lak, Phuket)
 - Medical Committee (New Badalveda Presentaion)
 - Technical Diving Committee (New EU Standards, Instructor Training)
 - Supporting Membership
10. Question and Answers
11. Coffee break – 15 minutes
12. Marketing, environmental and sports projects for 2007
 - Participation at TDEX 2007
 - Participation at BOOT 2007
 - Free Educational program
 - Organization of the 2007 Mono Fin ASEAN Games in Bangkok
 - Thailand Clean up Day – November 2006/7
 - Kao Lak Clean Up 2006/7
13. President closes the general assembly of TDA
14. Dinner and Photographs - 21 h 30

The participation of our members is essential for the development of our still young association.

Reservation: Name

Club member name

Number of guests.....

350 baht dinner cost x number of people =.....baht

Please RSVP before December 5, if you have any comments to add to the agenda please don't hesitate to contact TDA.

It is the duty of TDA to support ALL the diving industry across the Kingdom of Thailand according to international rules and regulations and want to thank all the diving industry for supporting TDA.

Best regards yours truly

TDA Diving Association (Thailand)

