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TOMMY HO, VOYAGER: BOAT INSURANCE TRENDS





## PRINCESS YACHTS AND BENTLEY HOLD SHOW

Princess Yachts Boat Show, Club Marina Cove, Sai Kung, Hong Kong November 30-December 2, 2018

PRINCESS YACHTS AND BENTLEY MOTORS, two British brands under the luxury sector of Hong Kong-founded Dah Chong Hong (DCH) Group, came together to hold a joint show at the exclusive Club Marina Cove in scenic Sai Kung over a sunny weekend. Cocktails to pair with the view of their beautiful new boats and cars available to the market were served each day at sunset.

Princess Yachts Hong Kong brought along the Princess F49, one of their best selling models under 50ft (15.2m) and the perfect boat for owners who want to drive themselves, requiring only a Hong Kong Grade 2 license and being easy to manoeuvre even at maximum speed of 35 knots, thanks to the Volvo Penta IPS pod drives. The Princess F62 is a larger flybridge with a generous layout and full-length side windows. The largest of the three on display was the Princess Y75, a spacious, customisable vessel suitable for business or family outings. The addition

of the sleek and contemporary Princess V40 proved popular with families looking for a smaller weekend boat.

On land, Bentley Hong Kong presented the Flying Spur W12 S, a sporty, dramatic black flagship of the range whose speed tops out at over 202mph (325kph), making it the first four-door Bentley to exceed the 200mph barrier. The increased torque also allows the W12 S to accelerate to 100kph within 4.5 seconds. Other new models included the Continental GT and the Bentayga SUV.

VIPs from PricewaterhouseCoopers were invited on Saturday for a private breakfast, test drives, and boat viewings; and 30 car-lovers from The Classic Car Club of Hong Kong also joined the show for a private breakfast event, arriving with 20 of their handsome vehicles.

[www.princessyachts.com](http://www.princessyachts.com)

[www.bentleymotors.com](http://www.bentleymotors.com)

## THEY CAME, THEY SAILED, THEY ROCKED

3rd Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous, Kata Beach, Phuket, Thailand; December 6-9, 2018

REFERRED TO BY SOME in the industry as the definitive superyacht event in Asia, Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous (KRSR) 2018 was hailed as a great success both in terms of prominent yachting brands on display and its relaxed and productive business setting.

Over 350 invited guests including local and international VIPs, major trend-setters in yachting and luxury partners attended the KRSR 2018 that celebrated the superyacht lifestyle with lavish events, private gourmet dinners and luxury guest experiences.

"I'm very proud of our team who created the best KRSR yet," said Richard Pope, Kata Rocks & Infinite Luxury CEO. "It is really gratifying to create a relaxed fun environment where this industry's leaders in Asia can genuinely get down to business."

Royal Huisman and Berret-Racoupeau Design made waves with its KRSR launch in Asia. They teamed up to produce custom-built multihull superyachts, both power and sail, that redefine luxury catamaran design from the waterline upwards. New initiatives focused on sustainability were also prominent. SeaKeepers Society was on hand to raise local awareness of the current situation of the world's oceans to protect, conserve, and restore where possible. Torqeedo also promoted a green ethos at the Rendezvous with its water-based electro-mobility,



sustainability, and clean energy with its all-electric and solar powered ribs and tenders.

At the opening party, singer Eka Liu performed a lively set on a stage set up in the middle of Kata Rocks signature 35-metre infinity pool. It provided an ideal showcase for SeaJet's high-performance state-of-the-art jet watercraft as it circled the pool during her masterful performance.

The KRSR smartphone app made its debut and helped participants enjoy fuller and richer experiences at this year's Rendezvous.

[www.katarockssuperyachtrendezvous.com](http://www.katarockssuperyachtrendezvous.com)



Janisara Sasha Romanyk and Chusitt Punjamala, both strong in the Laser classes.

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## PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR PHUKET KING'S CUP FINAL

32nd Phuket King's Cup Regatta final December 8, 2018

WITH GOOD WINDS of about 15 knots returning for the final day, some exciting racing was held off the south-western tip of the resort island of Phuket in Thailand, as one of Asia's biggest sailing events came to a close.

With almost 90 keelboats and multihulls as well as 107 dinghy sailors, the waters of the Andaman Sea had been awash with sails throughout a week of racing.

Despite winning one race each on the final Saturday, Australian Ray Roberts and his TP 52-design boat *Team Hollywood* took the overall honors in the IRC Zero Class after a close tussle all week with defending champions Kevin and Tom Whitcraft on their Thai-registered boat *THA72*. Both boats were of the same stripped-down design, built for racing, but Roberts' boat was a little newer and lighter and won more races during the week. It was Roberts' sixth win in the top-flight class at the King's Cup in 23 years of contesting this highly respected sailing event.

Sarab Singh finished third overall in the IRC Zero Class on his boat *Wind Sikher*, the oldest of the three P 52s racing.

In the IRC 1 Class, Australian Craig Nicholls finished first overall on *Aquarii*, with Hong Kong's Nick Burns and Fred Kinmonth second on *Mandrake III*, followed by the Thai-registered *East Marine Emagine* of Scott Bradley third.

A Chinese entry took first place in the IRC 2 Class, with *Highlead Encouragers* finishing first overall after seven races. Local sailor Morton Jacobsen's sports boat *Over Here* finished second and Great Britain's John Grendon's *Di Hard* third. The three Chinese entries in the IRC 2 Class all finished in the top six in a field of 10.

The Premier Class honors went to Singapore's Andy Cocks aboard *Firstlight*, with Hong Kong-registered boat *Antipodes* second. Third overall was Thailand's Inthinai Yingsiri on *Pine-Pacific*.

The fast locally-built Firefly 850 catamarans managed nine races during the regatta with Great Britain's John Newnham on *Twin Sharks*

taking the overall honors.

One of the most photographed boats in this year's fleet was the imposing 60-foot trimaran *SHK Scallywag Fuku Bid* from Hong Kong, but despite its speed on the water it had to settle for second place behind the smaller but also very fast Australian trimaran *Fugazi* with Dan Fidock at the helm in the Racing Multihull Class.

One of the features of this year's Phuket King's Cup Regatta, and the place where the future stars of the sport are nurtured for the years ahead, was the International Dinghy Classes, which featured 107 young sailors from around the country.

"These young sailors will one day be aboard the big keelboats and multihulls and racing in the Phuket King's Cup Regatta," said Commander Peera Sagultem of the Royal Thai Navy, who was also the Dinghy Race Officer.

With 12 wins from 12 races, 13-year-old Thai champion Panwa Boonak kept a clean sheet to take the honors in the Optimist Class. Another consistently good young Thai sailor with a promising future in the sport is ML Weka Bhanubandh, who finished second in the Optimist Class.

Chusitt Punjamala won every race except three in the 12 contested in the Laser Standard Class to finish as the overall winner. In the Laser Radial Class, Janisara Sasha Romanyk finished as the overall winner. The Laser 4.7 Class was won by Patcharee Sringham.

The 420s was the only team event for the junior sailors, with two aboard each boat. Taking the top prize in the 420 Class was Intira Parnpiboon and Paliga Poonpat.

At the end of the week, Kevin Whitcraft, President of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee, said: "From the keelboat fleet to the large dingy fleet in the King's Cup striving for glory on the north end of Kata Beach, it has been a great tribute to our King, our host country and all who revel in the freedom of the seas."

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