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Island High

As Phuket becomes a prominent yachting destination, luxury resorts such as Kata Rocks are hosting exclusive social events that connect the elite yachting community. **Chong Seow Wei** checks out the buzz at Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous

RACE ACTION
Day one of the event kicked off on a high with the exciting Phuket King's Cup Regatta 2017



IMAGES: KATA ROCKS SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS



READY TO DAZZLE The largest yacht present at the event was Lady Christine, an elegant 68m boat by Feadship



MEAL WITH A VIEW Alongside the high-energy evening events, a sumptuous beach BBQ also took place at The Surin Phuket, a boat ride away from Kata Rocks

GANNES, MYKONOS, Monaco, the Canary Islands... you know these beautiful yachting destinations like the back of your hand. But now, you are looking for something different—just as scenic and luxurious, but where there is a new community of yachting enthusiasts to meet, and Michelin-starred restaurants and private parties to explore as you berth for the holidays. According to Richard Pope, CEO of Infinite Luxury, the property investment company behind luxury resort, Kata Rocks, your next destination should be Phuket.

While the Thai island, which lies in the Andaman Sea, is already a popular holiday spot, it was not until recently that it appeared on the radar of the international yachting community as the place to berth in Asia, thanks to its idyllic landscape, rousing island nightlife, five-star resorts and world-class marinas. The island is also located within a charming sailing area that is about five times the size of traditional yachting hotspots in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean; and the surrounding sea is peppered with other stunning islands such as Phi Phi and Lanta.

Since 2016, Pope and his team have been working hard to give the Mediterranean and the Caribbean a run for their money with a well-curated, by invitation-only annual yachting event, Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous. Last December, we were invited to attend its second edition, which took place around the luxurious villa-only Kata Rocks Resort.

Over the span of three days, we immersed ourselves in the yachting lifestyle. Day or night, the resort brimmed with energy as the revelry never stopped. There were ultra-private penthouse dinners hosted by yacht brands such as Feadship, Benetti and VistaJet; Cannes-styled poolside parties; champagne-fuelled beachside BBQ brunches; and an adrenaline-pumping regatta, all topped off with an eye-catching backdrop of luxury yachts that you could hop on for a tour with a flute of bubbly in hand.

However, the cherry on the cake were the conversations had and the people met, from yacht owners and manufacturers, to artists and designers, to low-key private investors and full-time globetrotters. Ultimately, it is the good company that would draw people back for another round of merriment. 🍷



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Tenders shuttled guests to and from the various yachts that were open for tours