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Superyacht Spectacular

THE GLAMOUR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERYACHT GLITTERATI WAS ON RADIANT DISPLAY BOTH ON AND OFFSHORE AT KATA ROCKS SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS

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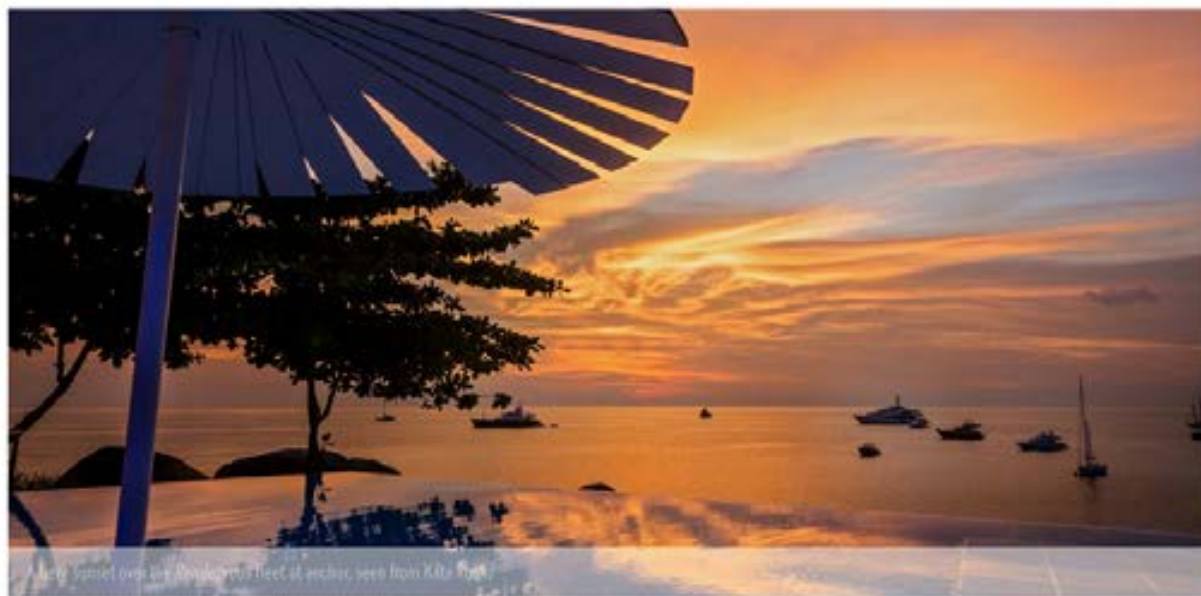
Phuket's growing renown as Asia's top international superyacht venue was dramatically underlined by the success of this sparkling event, staged for the second successive year at luxurious Kata Rocks on the island's stunning west coast.

As an opulent launch of the *Asian Charter Season* in early December, it brought together an eclectic VIP mix from international superyacht high society and leading global yachting businesses, including 30 superyacht owners, celebrities and captains of industry.

Gathering for the three-day extravaganza were some of yachting's most prestigious names, including Feadship and Royal Huisman - brands that normally only showcase together in Monaco and Fort Lauderdale.

More than 20 magnificent yachts assembled offshore Kata Rocks for this *Rendezvous*, exceeding the previous year's attendance.

Top yachts vying for attention



A late sunset over the Andaman Sea at anchor, seen from Kata Rocks



MY Princess Sauvage on a graceful and powerful dash in the waters off Phuket



Contrasting styles of luxury yachts, MY Mega Fortis and MY Jolie



Line-up of seabone calendar (left to right): the majestic Feadship MY Lady Christine, MY Lady Katherine and MY Darling



MC celebrating the success of the Rendezvous. From left to right: Michael Robinson, CEO of EADSHIP, CEO of Infinite Luxury, CEO of Kata Rocks, and CEO of the event, James Mackay



Champagne toast at Kata Rocks' last day Three of the Rendezvous style

included Feadship's 70-metre *MY Lady Christine* that showcased a radically different exterior design from De Voogt Naval Architects; the 52-metre Phinisi Schooner *SY Zen*, Burgess' 51-metre *MY Northern Sun*, 32-metre *MY Princess Sauvage*, two Monte Carlo 86 yachts and *MY Grace*, the 2017 Sunseeker Manhattan 66.

The packed social programme encompassed everything from celebratory parties to private dinners, caviar and vodka tastings, and superyacht brunch cruises. Included was a beach barbeque further north up the coast at The Surin Phuket, cocktail sessions on *MY Northern Sun* and the *MY Princess Sauvage*, and a sunset cruise onboard the sleek *Zeelander*.

Benetti and VistaJet partnered to host a private dinner, with stylish gifts for their VIPs designed by Bangkok-based artisan Alexander Lamont.

During the event programme guests were able to sail from Kata Rocks to step aboard participating superyachts during the *Yacht Hop*; and experience SeaDoo's latest in marine sports toys in a *Big Boys' Toys* session.

Royal Huisman joined the *Rendezvous* and hosted an exclusive brunch to celebrate the Asia launch of its new *Pura* concept - a radical custom sailing yacht solution that shortens delivery time to owners - while Contest Yachts, a worldwide leader in custom-built sail yachts, celebrated its Asia launch with a special cocktail party.

This year's *Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous* is scheduled for 7 to 9 December, with organisers committed to making it even bigger and better as the region's *Must-Attend* premier yachting event.

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