



Raya Divers Newsletter

Fireworks have blazed high in the sky and New Year's resolutions have been made in hopes for a fantastic year 2010 for every member of the Raya Divers tribe. Once again, the opportunity has risen for you to read through our latest news and enjoy our latest videos at www.rayadivers.com!

DEEP SOUTH EXPEDITION IN APRIL 2010

Raya Divers did their first expedition to the south in the spring of 2009. The trip was a huge success and due to many requests, it will happen again 19.-23.4.2010.

The five day expedition is an amazing opportunity to experience some of the most desirable dive sites around Thailand, as you fill your logbook with notes from **Koh Lipe** and **8 mile Rock**. The sites are yet to be explored by most divers, which makes the experience even more sought after! This unique liveboard will only accommodate the first 16 divers to sign up – you better be quick! The first step is to surf your way to the Raya Divers homepage, www.rayadivers.com, and read more about the journey. Then send your application to: booking@rayadivers.com.



KIRSI KNOWS KRABI LIKE HER OWN BACKYARD



This time the insider's tips from Thailand are being exposed to the world by our **Krabi** dive center manager Kirsi, who has lived in **Ao Nang** for several years. If you wish to include something more than just frolicking on the beach in your holiday plans, Kirsi recommends the following: rent a scooter – remember your helmet! - and drive to the end of the **Tubkaek-beach**. There you will find the beginning point of a 3,7 kilometer long nature trail which meanders through the jungle, ending up at a viewpoint standing 500 glorious meters above sea level. The view is straight from a postcard – in one glance you can admire the entire **Ao Phranang** area and all the beaches of **Ao Nang**. Definitely worth the visit; enjoy and take it all in, and whatever you do, don't forget your camera!

MOVEMENT IN THE FISH BOWL

As is the norm in Thailand, during the ongoing season our dive trips have come across all kinds of creatures of the sea. Kirsi's dayboat in **Krabi** reported whale shark sightings, which offered high-class entertainment for the witnesses of this fantastic event for several minutes. Sami from **Koh Lanta** has often come across situations that remind you of the worst rush hour – the underwater world full of divers trying to maneuver their way through schools of ghost pipe fish, leopard sharks, and manta rays – but we're not complaining! **Khao Lak** is also in the same boat. According to Miska, the manta rays have moved back to **Koh Bon** as more than welcome guests. The host of **Raya Yai** – island, Lauri, and the manager of **Phuket**, Jukka, describe the season as having been full of Excitement and Adventure – yes, both with capital letters: Manta Rays, frog fish and turtles are no longer the exception in log books, they're pretty much a rule nowadays. And that's not all; the island's waterbuffalo family has experienced the happy event of welcoming three new lovefruits to their family – Lexa, Pena and Mirkku!

RAYA DIVERS INSIDER INFORMATION THANKS YOU!

We recently asked our readers for suggestions on topics they would like to read about in the future. We received a lot of interesting suggestions and will cover these subjects in the future. A great big Thank You to all who sent us feedback! Lady – Fortuna chose to hand out our super-cool T-Shirts this time to Jani Lehbäck, Hanna-Marja Ojala, Jari Koski, Petri Tanhuanpää and Jufo Peltomaa. A big round of applause to all the lucky winners!

This is how we're rolling this time - Rock, peace and love to all!
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