

2013 World Championship Pattaya Thailand

Useful information

SHIPPING THE BOATS

- Ship containers to: **Laem Chabang Port, Thailand**
- **Importation:** use ATA Carnet can be contacted at: 1164@customs.go.th and +662-667-6655. They do speak some English.
- **Contact** for the ATA Carnet is: Buay Udomwesh, Accounts department, RVYC
- **Shipping agent:** Mr. Rut Subniran has very kindly offered to be the named person on the import papers. His address is: 51 Soi Aree Samphan 3, Paholyotin Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand
- We understand that the containers will be delivered by lorry to the Yacht Club and the Club will organise a crane for their offload. The Club has offered to find room and keep the containers at the Club for the duration of the regatta.

SAILORS ARRIVING IN THAILAND

- Please put the Yacht Club address on your immigration card when you arrive at the airport, alternatively for those staying in a hotel your hotel address
- **Transport** from the airport to Royal Varuna Yacht Club: if there are a large number of you arriving together, please contact the Yacht Club as they will arrange a fleet of taxis to collect you.
- If you are using a taxi from the airport, please ask the taxi driver to go to the Cosy Beach Hotel as they will not know where the Royal Varuna Yacht Club is.
- There is a shuttle bus that runs from the airport to Pattaya. It runs every hour and costs 150 Baht. It drops you off ½ mile from the Yacht Club.
- <http://www.myoffice4travel.com> have helped visitors to Royal Varuna Yacht Club in the past both for transport from airport to Pattaya, tours etc.

CURRENCY

- Thai Baht is the currency
- Please do not expect to use your creditcard, nobody uses credit cards in Thailand. Cash is king!
- Traveller cheques are easily exchanged at the local bank.

ACCOMMODATION

- There are many smaller establishments, apart from those mentioned on the OK website, which offer some great accommodation -- often these places do not have direct on-line booking. It is well worth e-mailing some of these places -- they are usually very helpful and offer great value for money. A couple of good ones to start with are Tara Court (see <http://www.taracourt.net/>) from around 2,400 to 3,200 BHT per day. Also Grosvenor House (almost opposite Tara Court -- see <http://www.primelocationthailand.com/>) from around 1,500 BHT per night). Both know the club so it is worth mentioning when asking for prices but they do get full.
- Dynasty Resort has been renamed Marsi, web address <http://www.marsipattaya.com/>. Prices on the website are 1,800 to 2,400. We think the 'classic' rooms are the ones across the road and are slightly bigger, whereas their 'modern' rooms are in the refurbished main block.
- Cheaper rooms are such as Victoria Hotel (<http://www.hotel-pattaya.info/>) from around 600-700 BHT per night. All these previous 3 are within walking distance (although a fair walk!). Other possibilities are:
Royal View Palace (http://www.royalviewplace.net/index_eng.php?t=eng&R=home_eng.php),
Emerald Palace (<http://www.emerald-palace.com/>),
Wishing Well (<http://www.wishingwellpattaya.com/default.asp?Folder=4553>).
Hillside Resort (<http://www.hillsideresortpattaya.com/>).
These are all actually nearer the club (only slightly in terms of the Victoria Hotel and Hillside Resort!) and do tend to get booked by longer term guest in Pattaya!
- For the budget conscious, there are several guest houses fairly near the club for around 600 - 800 BHT per night. Personally it is worth taking a look at these in person. They can be very good (eg. Joy Residence - good rooms but the fittings are a little B&Q; also favoured by Russians) but they do vary in terms of maintenance and upkeep.

- Another website to check is <http://www.soidb.com/pattaya/hotel/list.html?gd%5B%5D=&mi=&ma=&st%5B%5D=&ar%5B%5D=05&nl=> which maybe is worth a look. It lists Royal Varuna Yacht Club which is kind of interesting as we don't advertise to non sailors!
- Final notes -- the Island View hotel near the club looks now to be closed although it is mentioned on several web sites. Also there is a lot of building work on new condos near the club -- no big problem but it is worth checking to see that you are not next door to a building site!

ROYAL VARUNA YACHT CLUB

- This Club is managed by a large number of staff who will be delighted to help you in every way they can.
- The Club prides itself on being very family friendly, so children will be very welcome.

BOAT BUSINESS

- There is a local North Sails agent
- There is a local chandlery, but as most of the equipment is shipped in from overseas, it tends to be more expensive than at home. You are advised to bring spares.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- There is a swimming pool at the Club
- World class restaurants
- Many local golf courses
- Tropical theme park
- Elephant park
- Shopping markets
- If there are enough families interested, the Club will be able to offer some Optimist training for the children.

HEALTH

- Cuts and grazes can easily become infected. Please take good waterproof plasters / second skin spray.
- Mosquitoes will be around. It is not a malarial area, but bites can become infected; there is a very small risk of Dengue fever. Please use mosquito spray with 50% DEET (though this is not advisable on children).
- Factor 50 sunscreen and mosquito spray can be bought more cheaply than in Europe from the 711 shops in Pattaya.
- Always drink bottled water.