

# festivals & events

## Andaman Sea festival

Nov. 15-17  
Krabi

THE Andaman Sea Festival takes place in November and celebrates the opening of the tourist season in Krabi, the jump-off point for many traveling on to the beautiful islands throughout the region.

Water sport competitions, cultural shows and plenty of good-natured fun are on the schedule for anyone who's in the area.

## International soccer 7s

Nov. 26-27  
Karon Stadium, Phuket

THE Phuket International Soccer 7s is a football tournament held in Phuket annually. The philosophy behind the event is to combine sport and leisure for peoples from various countries and of all races and religions through friendship seven-a-side tournaments.

A total of 24 teams from 12 countries and more than 30 nationalities participated in last year's 2nd Phuket International Soccer 7s tournament.

## Laguna Phuket Triathlon

Dec. 4

THE upscale Laguna Phuket resort hosts this internationally recognized annual triathlon, the winners of which have a guaranteed qualifying spot for next year's Ironman Australia and Japan competitions.

Located on one of Phuket's most beautiful beaches, the resort is a stunning venue for the grueling 1800-meter swim, 55-kilometer bike race and 12-kilometer run. The race attracts top international athletes as well as enthusiasts.

## Phuket King's Cup Regatta

Dec. 4-11



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## The Andaman Sea Rally

Jan. 4-20

THE Andaman Sea Rally is an annual boating event that is open to both power and sail, held in the beautiful waters around Phuket and the untouched cruising grounds of the Andaman Islands.

First held in 2003, in 2005 the rally was a casualty of the tsunami, but hopefully in 2006 it will return with its original intent, to be a fun event with the emphasis on sailing as a social experience, but with some serious offshore racing for those with a more competitive streak.

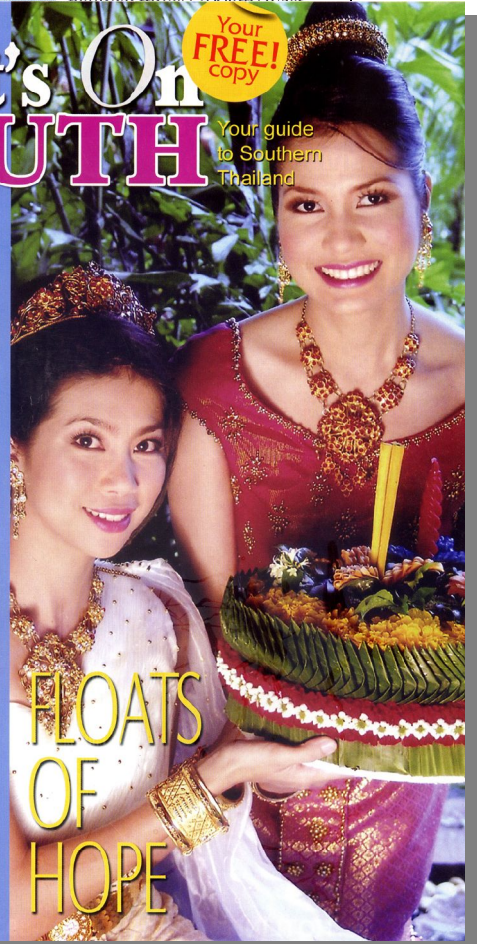
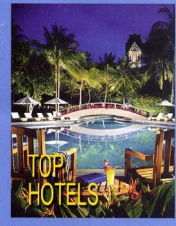
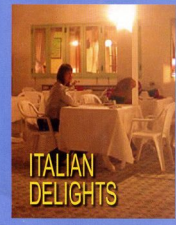
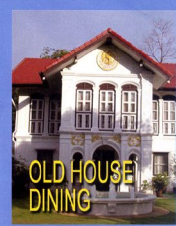
Starting in Phuket, boats race to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands, India, which is approximately 430 nautical miles (200 km) west

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