

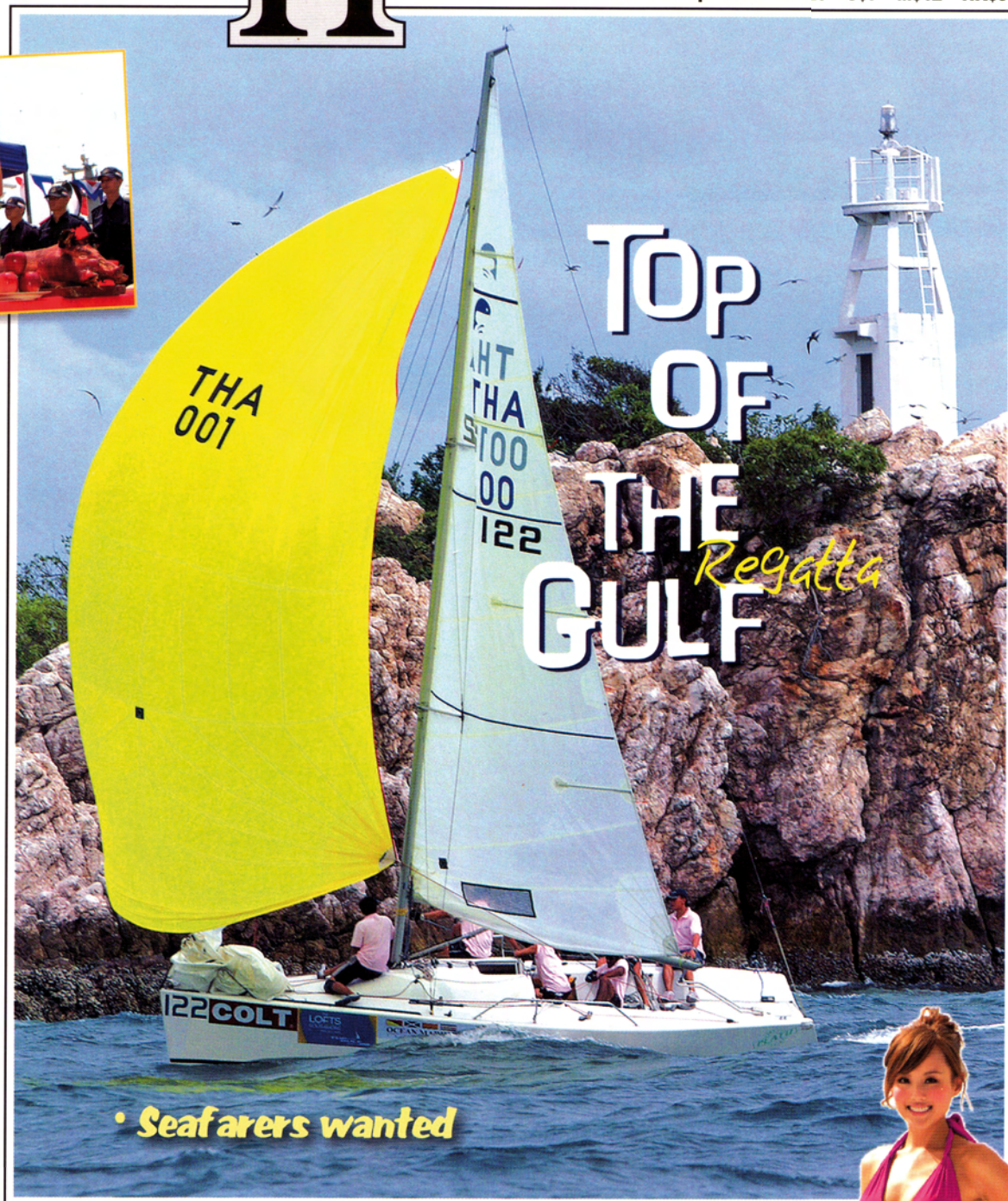
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Gold Coast show



TOP OF THE GULF
Regatta

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Andy Whillbourne in Gulf Charters (pin end) wins a Platu start

Continued from previous page — Watersports, after a good start, progress was made through the fleet to the first mark. Clearing the mark and attempting to raise the kite a halyard jammed at the top of the mast. A crew was sent aloft but considerable time was lost and all previous gains eroded. Having fixed the halyard, an attempt was made to carry the kite to the next islands but, bearing 10 degrees shy, *El Coyote* reverted to the No. 1. What remained of the race was relatively uneventful, a pleasurable experience with a fun team.

Day 4

MONDAY, 5TH MAY 2008

Going into the final day conditions had eased considerably. *SEA Property*, with four bullets and one DNF which was discarded, looked to have sown up the Multihulls but was in for a surprise when it and *Blade Runner* received individual recalls. Although dipping back, it appears *SEA Property* failed to clear the line and was penalised 12 points with an OCS. A 2nd place in the last race was insufficient to catch *Sonic 43* which, with consistent top three finishes, crowned the day with a bullet, taking the Multihulls overall. Khun Chaiek's *Zenith* finished 2nd and *SEA Property* 3rd.

In the Platu Class, with two bullets apiece, *The Ferret* 'The Lofts' held a narrow lead over *Naiad*. While both added further bullets in Races 6 and 7, a 5th place in Race 6 for *Naiad* and a 4th place for *The Ferret* in Race 7 meant Duncanson and crew lifted the Coronation Cup. Andy Whitbourne's *Platu 125 Gulf Charters* took 3rd place.

With four races under their belts in Cruising Class, *Amanda* with three bullets was in a commanding position. Just one point separated *Team Gulf Charter Contenza* from *Melissa* for 2nd place. 3rd and 5th places for *Contenza* matched *Melissa*'s two 4th places giving *Contenza* the silverware. A 1st and 2nd left *Amanda* with gold.

Kipsen Beck's bright red *Pornstar*, having missed the first two races, finished with five bullets over Ian Day's First 7.5 *Team Simpson Marine* but by the end the margins were definitely diminishing.

After three 1st places by David Bell's *Magic Roundabout* against two by Pascal Leray's *Breakaway (Why do I do it?)*, Bell held a one point advantage but with a 3rd place in Race 6 to Leray's 2nd, despite being called over and having to start again, made it all square for the final showdown

The nightly exertions of the *Magic Roundabout* crew — continued on page 84



Pattaya-based trimaran... local knowledge

Continued from page 22 — appeared to take their toll, which finished 2nd. Breakaway took overall with a one minute 14 seconds margin in Race 7.

With a win in the final race Wildon Goh and his SMU team on *Hi Jinks* took 3rd.

Good race management and organization, competitive fleets, a marina for berthing, excellent parties courtesy of Ocean Marina and Raimon Land, good winds and 222 craft (2007: 160) of all shapes and sizes were the key to the success of the Top of the Gulf Regatta 2008. A place where the youngest of sailors aged eight may enjoy the limelight with the oldest of salts.

*** Super Motts — designed and originally sailed by Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej**

**** The Lofts — a new Pattaya condominium under development by Raimon Land**

***** Chris Kays — Bali bombing victim**

MULTI CLASS DINGHIES AND OPTIMISTS NATIONAL CUP

With racing held over three days, Saturday to Monday (3-5.May.08), competition in the dinghy classes was equally fierce. Somewhat surprisingly in the Super Mott Class, which was well supported in 2007, only four of this year's 11 entries took to the water.

Graham Southwick from Fiji joined the Hobie 16 races and finished in 2nd place. Meanwhile he was keen to promote the Fiji Big Hobie Challenge (22.Aug-6.Sep.08) a new event, modelled on the annual Philippine Hobie Challenge.

In the Optimists National Cup 125 (2007:100), competitors aged eight to 12 ventured out — 38 were girls and 78 under age 12. Split into four groups they completed eight races with one discard.

Two young girls were the stars of the show taking the top two slots. Nuppakao Poonpat (*THA112*) and Jittiwa Thanawitwilat (*THA111R*) both aged 12 took 1st and 2nd places respectively. Commenting on their performance, technical director

for the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, Anirut Posakrisna, said, "They are already in training for the Asian Games in Guangzhou, China in 2010."

Sittisart Ponpun, also from the Junior Sail Training Squadron of Thailand, took 3rd place for the boys. Commendably, Yann Cudenec one of a contingent of six from the Hebe Haven Yacht Club

OVERALL CLASS WINNERS DINGHIES

Optimists National Cup	Nuppakao Poonpat
Laser	Nik Ashrhf Qhedi
Laser Radial	Khairul Nizam
420	Thanakarn Karkerd
Laser 4.7	Keerati Bualang
Hobie 16	Damrongsak Vongtim
Hobie Tiger	Aroon Ruengcharungporn
Super Mott	Supawat Homchuen

Windsurfing

Mod Male	Nakarat Wuntana
Mod Female	Sunaree Seamros
Junior Start Board Male	Pisit Purahong

took 4th place, presumably aided by his lucky sail number HKG888.