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Phuket Raceweek: Foxy Lady stretches her legs with four straight wins



Racing continues off Phuket's east coast tomorrow. After two days of near perfect racing conditions, the breeze is expected to ease even more tomorrow. Photo: Chris Husted

Bill Bremner's *Foxy Lady VI*, out of Singapore, scored two more firsts in the Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek Regatta today to card four straight wins in the IRC 1 Racing class.

Winds eased to 10 to 12 knots off the east coast of Phuket, where the fleet of 35 yachts competed in the second day of racing in slightly larger, but smoother swell.

The conditions produced a flatter race course, yet the crew on Peter Ahern's TP52 *Oi!* set their sights on "no mistakes sailing" today, after a spinnaker error cost them a strong lead in the first race yesterday.

The strategy delivered a solid performance, with *Oi!* scoring a second and a third place on handicapped



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corrected times in the two races today. The results were enough to pull them up into third place overall in the IRC 1 Racing class, but not enough to overtake *Island Fling*, who also sailed well to move into second place overall.

Mick Tilden's *Fujin* fell off the pace today and slipped into fourth place overall, with *Blue Note*, despite nipping at the keels of the big guns all around the course today, closed the day in fifth place overall.

Roland Dane's *Jessandra II* also extended their lead with two wins today to lead the IRC 2 Racing class

with four straight wins.

Greg Reynold's *Foreign Affair* scored two second place finishes to secure second place overall in the class, but now trails *Jessandra II* by 11 points to four with four races to go.

John Vause's Phuket yacht *Ruby Tuesday* moved into third place overall with 13 points; close enough to steal a higher podium finish by regatta's end.

John Newnham's *Twin Sharks* edged closer to defending the title of champion in the Firefly 850 class by blazing another two wins, while Neil Ayre's Advanced Racing *Mamba* scored a win and a second place in the two races today to stay in contention for the title.

In bow-to-stern racing around the course, Hans Rahmann's *Voodoo* held onto third place overall, ahead of Roger Kingdon's *Moto Inzi*.

The battle of the "Stealth Cats" continued in the Multihull Racing Class with Alan Carwardine and his crew on board *Asia Catamarans Hurricane* scoring a win and a second place to hold onto top honors in class.

John Coffin's *Java* won the first race of the day, but placed second in the closing race to remain in second place overall.



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Phuket favorites Grenville Fordham and Bob Mott on the well-known *Nina* finished fifth in both of today's races to close the day on 16 points. They now need to fend off challenges from Zam Bevan's *Corsair* trimaran *Bullet* and Mark Horwood's *Adrenaline*, who are also on 16 points.

Although the slightly lighter winds today produced some shifts, Principal Race Officer Simon James took the opportunity send the faster boats around the smaller islands off the east coast while sending the Classic yachts inshore.

The result was a treat for visiting yachtsmen to enjoy a racing view of the outlying islands while spectators on shore were bestowed a majestic sight the classic yachts, including the triple-masted *Aventure*, cruising the length of Chalong Bay.

Racing continues off Phuket's east coast tomorrow. After two days of near perfect racing conditions, the breeze is expected to ease even more tomorrow and is likely to produce more inshore racing.

For the full race results of the Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek Regatta, click [here](#).

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