



Clean ups around Thailand for ICC September 2008

Discarded rubbish is finding its way in huge quantities into our oceans and creating huge trouble for underwater environments and causing irreparable harm to much sea life which sometimes leads to death. In 2007, a total of 358,617 recorded volunteers worldwide helped clean 34,560 miles of shoreline and remove seven million pounds of rubbish. Many of our Green Fins Dive Operator members are helping to clean up our seas by organising events for International Coastal Clean-up Day this September. Please support them and attend as many of the fun activities as you can.



13th – 14th September 2008 - Koh Lanta Green Fins 2nd International Coastal Clean Up

Help out with our Green Fins Event and join our members, Scuba Fish, Blue Planet and Palm Beach Divers to rid Lanta's Beaches of litter. Please see the news item dedicated to this fantastic activity and its side events on our website to find out how you can get involved.

September 20th – Phuket Dive Asia, Sea Fun and Scandinavian Scuba Doo

Splash for trash on International Cleanup Day. Volunteer to help make clean waters a reality and join the biggest underwater cleanup of its kind at Koh Racha Yai and Koh Tae Nok. Green Fins Thailand (United Nations Environmental Program), Dive Asia, Sea Fun & Scandinavian Scuba Doo are calling on all divers to help clean our oceans.

Only certified divers may join and all must be registered with the organisers. Only 100 places available.

Contact Juergen Schenker, Tel: 076-330598. E-mail: juergen.schenker@gmail.com website: www.greenfins-thailand.org.



September 20 – 21st Phuket. Scuba Cat Diving International Cleanup Weekend 2008

Scuba Cat Diving based at Patong Beach welcomes all divers and snorkelers to join us for a fun-packed, environmentally friendly weekend (2 days/1 night) to help clean up the underwater world at Racha Yai Island.

3,000 baht per person, including accommodation, and meals for 2 days and 1 night, diving equipment, a Scuba Cat T-shirt and celebratory BBQ for all on board.

For bookings contact Kath or Sarah. Tel: 076-293120. E-mail: info@scubacat.com. Website: www.scubacat.com.

19-21st September on Koh Phi Phi with Blue View Divers

Come and enjoy the splendid sites on this beautiful paradise island while doing your bit for the environment. Join this 3 day event and help improve the health of these delicate reefs.

Contact Kim McMenemy at Blue View Divers E-mail: kimmy_diamond@yahoo.com



18th September and 4th October Ao Nang, Krabi Projects Abroad (Ao Nang Scuba Center), Ao Nang Divers and Kon Tiki

A number of different dive centers have put together a program to raise awareness amongst school children and to help clean up our oceans. Please help out with as many of the beach cleanups as possible.

- 11th September 2008 Marine Debris Presentation by DNP, DEQP, and Projects Abroad to school teachers and 10 ambassador students from 6 schools.
- 18th September Presentation to 6 schools
- 4th October 2008 Clean up Activity at:
 - Ao Nang School, Ao Nang Beach – Coordinator Kon Tiki
 - Klong Haeng School, Had Nopparat Beach – Coordinator Kon Tiki
 - Klong Muang School, Klong Muang Beach – Coordinator Projects Abroad
 - Nong Thalaе School, Tup Kaek Beach – Coordinator Projects Abroad
 - Ao Nammao School, Ao Nammao Beach
 - Lam Pho School, Lam Pho Beach



Each School and event is supported and coordinated with resorts, along with an educational team and representative from each government department.

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14th September Ko Samui Under Water Clean Up with Samui Easy Divers

This event offers the great deal to pay for one dive and you get a free clean up dive. There's also an opportunity to win prizes of a free dive trip.

Contact Marita Fassbender at Samui Easy Divers Tel: 077-413373 E-mail: info@easydivers-thailand.com

20th September Pattaya Underwater Clean Up with Mermaid and Paradise Scuba Diver

Come and Splash for Trash on the 20th September 2008 and help rid those reefs of rubbish.

Contact Sheena Walls Tel: 086-1435547 E-mail: scuba@mermaiddive.com

September 11th Koh Tao with Black Tip Diving 8th Anniversary

- * Underwater Cleanup – Shark Island
- * King Grass Planting
- * Check Dam Construction

The schedule is as follows:

1. Underwater cleanup – There is currently a huge fishing net more than 100 metres long lying at Shark Island. Black Tip Divers along with a group of volunteers are planning to remove it from the reef. You are more than welcome to join in, either meet at Shark Island by 09:00 on 11th September or see the contact information below.

2. King Grass Planting – Following success of the last plantation, Black Tip Divers are planning to plant more around the water reservoir on the island. This event will also be conducted on the 11th September at 10:00. If you are interested please meet at the reservoir and remember to bring gardening tools.

3. Check Dam Construction – King Grass plantation is great in slowing down water runoff, but it will be greatly improved with the dam checks. This event will be organised together with the king grass planting. If you would like to participate please send an e-mail so refreshments can be organised for you.

There will also be a part to celebrate on the same night, where we will have a live concert from the famous 'Job to Do'. You definitely don't want to miss this event.

Contact Kwan Tel: 077-456488, 077-456204 E-mail: blacktipdiving@yahoo.com

