

ASIA-PACIFIC BOATING

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ASIA'S TOP



SUPERYACHTS



Hong Kong, China HK\$55
Singapore S\$8 (inc GST)
Malaysia M\$15
Thailand B200
China RMB60

India RS750
Indonesia RP30,000 (inc tax)
Australia A\$8
New Zealand NZ\$8
Japan ¥700
S Korea ₩12,000
Taiwan, China NT\$200



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► MANY BOATERS MAY RECALL THE EXPLOITS OF JACQUES COUSTEAU, WHOSE EXPLORATORY JOURNEYS ON HIS SHIP *CALYPSO* WERE BROADCAST TO TV AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE DURING THE 1970S AND 80S. Now, *Calypso's* sister ship, *Calisto*, has been refitted and made available for charter in the Andaman Sea.

Originally built to be a minesweeper for the US Navy in 1944, *Calisto* later served the Royal Navy of Great Britain for ten years after World War II. She was later purchased by Thomas Guinness, an Irish tycoon who also owned Cousteau's *Calypso*. Guinness transformed *Calisto* into a luxury yacht, and she would later be one of the first cruising yachts of

the Mediterranean, with guest celebrities, businessmen and politicians on board. After a restoration now in Singapore, *Calisto* is ready for new adventures out of Phuket.

Still bearing the classic look of *Calypso*, guests can relive the feeling and wonder of those famed adventures by the French marine scientist and explorer. Among the cruising destinations that *Calypso* opens up are the famous karst islands of Phang Nga Bay, the miraculous Phi Phi Islands, the Krabi coastline and the jaw-dropping Similan Islands, which remain largely untouched to this day.

Calisto offers charter guests a range of experiences, from sporting and active, to lazing the days away. A full complement of kayaks, waterskis and a Seadoo are available for off-boat excursions. A full set of dinghies are ready for underwater exploration. On board, a flat screen TV and DVD system, satellite links and a telecom system keep everyone as close or as far from the world as needed. There are even Thai massage therapists onhand to look after aching muscles, or to just help guests unwind.

Calisto has seven fully-furnished staterooms that can accommodate up to 12 guests in classic comfort. **F&B**

In Asia: www.calisto-cruise.com
Worldwide: www.fraseryachts.com



NEW ENTRY
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Bagpiper: 142ft (43.3m)

BUILT: 1984
BUILDER: BRISTOL BOATS, KOCHI, INDIA
DESIGNER: GRAND BANKS
HULL: GRP
POWER: 2 X 150HP PERKINS DIESEL ENGINES

Named after the owner's best-selling brand of whisky, Bagpiper was the first yacht acquired by Vijay Mallya in India and is used for cruising Mumbai's waters and coastal trips to Goa and Kochi. Mallya is said to visit all the sea forts along the western coast of India and pull into small, uninhabited bays with lovely beaches for swimming and barbeques.



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Mama Mia 139ft (42m)

BUILT: 1988
BUILDER: MARINTEKNIK, SWEDEN
DESIGNER: KAVLI/FIENNE
HULL: ALUMINIUM
POWER: 2 X 1200KW DEUTZ-MWM

Mama Mia is berthed by her Hong Kong owner at Hong Kong Marina in Sai Kung. She regularly sails local waters, but also makes occasional trips to Thailand and the Philippines. Her profile at high speeds is instantly recognisable. The power from her twin Deutz engines gives her an impressive top speed of 30 knots.



Maverick II 138ft (42.1m)

BUILT: 1988
BUILDER: NIISHI SHIPYARDS, JAPAN
DESIGNER: STERLING YACHTS / PULEO INC.
HULL: GRP
ENGINE: 2 X 890 MTU DIESEL

Based in Phuket, Thailand, *Maverick II* has recently been refitted both internally and externally to an 'as new' appearance. Recreational equipment, such as tenders, scuba gear, sailing dinghies, windsurfers and kayaks have all been updated. Her range of up to 4,000 nautical miles puts most of Southeast Asia's waters within cruising distance and allows long periods of autonomous cruising.

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NEW ENTRY



Calisto 135ft (41m)

BUILT: 1944
BUILDER: ASTORIA SHIPBUILDING, OREGON
DESIGNER: ASTORIA
HULL: WOOD
POWER: 2 X 560HP CATERPILLAR 3412

Originally a US Navy minesweeper, *Calisto* was later converted to a yacht in 1954. The owner also owned the *Calisto's* sister yacht, *Calyspsa*, which he leased to famed sea explorer Jacques Cousteau. After a refit last year, she is based in Phuket. She has all new communications and entertainment systems, plus a long list of watertoys. She's available for charter from the owner (www.calisto-cruises.com)

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Moon Sand 135ft (41m)

BUILT: 2003
BUILDER: SOVEREIGN YACHTS, NEW ZEALAND
DESIGNER: WARD SETZER
HULL: FIBREGLASS
POWER: 2 X MTU 2750HP

Moon Sand's Hong Kong-based owners motored her to Subic Bay from Hong Kong in October. Where she is headed next is unclear, though rumour has it that she may be bound for Australia or North America. This yacht was once the flagship of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron during the America's Cup.