



**The Phuket Boat Show (PIMEX)** enjoyed another successful year with all records being broken for attendance and sales. It's a massive undertaking to get it all coordinated each year and Grenville and Andy from Image Asia should be commended for the efforts they have put in.

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**Well high season** is definitely with us again. Already figures are up a whopping 80 percent on this time last year so it should make many businesses here quite happy. With the amount of new money that has flowed recently into Phuket, it shows that there is a great deal of confidence in the island. The biggest problem here that many have mentioned is the ability to attract staff. The recent minimum wage rise to 186 baht per day (approx 5,500 per month) makes Phuket one of the most if not the most expensive place to employ staff. And yet it is still difficult to find people to work....



Kevan (2nd from right) celebrated his birthday at the Mellow Bar in Kata recently. The catering was handled by Bill

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**La Petite Ruche**

The wine, being made from the Syrah grape is deep purple in colour. The vineyards are on high terraces above the Rhone and the soil is made from rocks and pebbles deposited during the last ice age. The nose brings to mind raspberries and blackcurrant and this follows through to the taste. A versatile wine, La Petite Ruche can be served with just about all meats and poultry, cooked pork, and all cheeses.

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