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3 divers, 3 snorkellers, 1 student

1 Instructor, 1 divemaster, 1 divemaster trainee and 4 crew who did an extremely good job

Maybe you are wondering why there is no blog from the 3 day Surintrip last week....it is quite simple: the blog writer didn't join the trip, she was on vacation in Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai. But what the others told her is basically said in one word: current!!!!

This time I was again on board and was more than looking forward to spend 3 days on the boat and do some diving together with Melanie, Andreas and Henning. Mischa was supposed to teach Kati the diving but ended up with teaching Tine. Congratulations to be an Open Water Diver. Kati and Mischa's parents enjoyed the trip with snorkelling, eating and sleeping.

But what about the diving? Current? Bad Vis? Anything to see? NO - NO AND YEEEEEEEEES! We started out in Surin where we had relaxed diving around Koh Chi, Yellow Rock and Hin Kong. The second day, everybody in big expectations of the Mantas, we did 2 dives on Koh Bon, the first dive with a lot of fish but no Manta and the second dive again, with a lot of fish and a Manta. Luckily all the groups, even Tine as still not certified diver, saw the impressive animal and came up with a big smile.

Then we moved north to Koh Tachai where - at least Henning with his guide - had one of the best dives in his careers ever. Even the guide said so. The pinnacle was surrounded with fish, big tunas, barracudas, jacks...all hunting for the thousands of small fish, a turtle sleeping in a small cave, lobsters, amazing seafans and corals.....and then while they were on the plateau on 12 meters suddenly 10 huge black mackerels approached, escorting the feeding biiiiig Manta! Henning took his regulator out of his mouth and kept on smiling. Hanging on the rope during the safety stop, they were in hundreds of blue fusiliers and yellow striped snappers.

The last day - once again - Richelieu Rock. Some were jumping early, others skipped the first dive and enjoyed only two until one o'clock. But everybody was more than happy, great vis, almost no current and so much fish, sometimes you had trouble to see the rock.

Beside the diving we learned how the bubbles in a Leo beer are built, some of us couldn't believe how beautiful life can be once you are out on the sea, others were eating all the time, some were sick and had to sleep a lot and others recovered from being sick and had a great trip!

Thanks to everybody it was an awesome time! Hope to see you again, travel safe and have fun!
Carmen and Mischa