



The new 7.5 m offshore RIB "Galileo Rescue" which fills the role of Fast Rescue Boat and Tender Training vessel.

Anthony Gould with Captain David Wright, who starts as Galileo's Training Manager in the New Year, on the Galileo stand at the Thailand Yacht Show.



A front elevation plan view of Galileo's new main academy building which is located in the centre of the Yacht Haven complex and is planned for completion by end of 2017.

Since our recent announcement that Yacht Haven Marina has become a major new investor in Galileo Maritime Academy, we have moved ahead with breath-taking speed to open our new student residence on the waterfront just 200 meters from our new office and training centre at Yacht Haven commercial complex and also established a new base for our marine fire-fighting school also at the marina located opposite to the yacht management and service companies in Soi 1.

Early in the new year we will open our new School of Engineering located in the "white barn" building right on the waterfront where the marina service road meets the sea. This building has the slipway right in front and will be the location for our fixed davits and swing arm davits for launch and recovery of survival craft and rescue boats, fast rescue boats and davit launched life-rafts.

We have just taken delivery of our new

Fast Rescue Boat, a 7.5-metre RIB built by Cholamark to military grade standard and powered by a 250 HP Suzuki outboard engine. The December course students were the first to practice seamanship and safety skills on this boat. This FRB is designed for offshore rescue missions and will give students a very real taste of life at sea in emergency conditions.

Another new course development is the introduction of a Personal Watercraft Safe Operation and Competence course that involves students in launching and operating safely various kinds of personal watercraft including two types of jet ski, small RIBs, kayaks and a Williams turbo tender. Students learn to launch, operate, recover and to train others to use these water craft safely and responsibly, and then to maintain and care for the craft. Galileo has purchased its' own inventory of these watercraft which are stored in the School of Engineering so that trainee engineers can gain practical experience in working on them.



By Anthony Gould, Director –
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**Big things are
happening at**

Galileo

Galileo office & training centre, located in Yacht Haven Marina's commercial complex.

Also early in 2017 we plan to open several new MCA courses including: Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (PSC & RB); Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB); Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF); Proficiency in Medical Care at Sea (PMC) and MCA Approved Engine Course (AEC).

To help us develop these new courses and in particular our planned expansion into professional training for commercial seafarers and crew of offshore oil & gas facilities we will be joined by Captain David Wright as our Training Manager. David will start with Galileo in the new year and bring to us his 17 years of experience as a Master Mariner and captain of commercial vessels. David is a senior Canadian and USA certified maritime instructor and author of books and courses on ship stability.

Most exciting for me is the realization of a dream to build our own purpose designed maritime academy headquarters building. Here the Phataraprasit family, the owners of Yacht

Haven Marina and other marine projects in Thailand, have shared my vision of a university style campus of maritime training facilities based in and around Yacht Haven Marina, and we will together build a superb facility, probably unique in the world of maritime education, that will provide fully residential accommodation and training facilities for 24 students at a time, with deep training pool, lecture theatres and recreation rooms.

The new Academy building has been designed by a leading French architect, Florent Nedelec, and fits quite harmoniously into the wonderful site we have acquired opposite the main commercial offices at Yacht Haven overlooking the sea and marina.

Here is a view of the front elevation. The building is expected to be completed by the end of 2017 and comprises a built-up area of more than 1,000sqm. 📍

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