

**Chef Somboon Laosuwan appointed Executive Chef at
Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta
at the Royal Phuket Marina**



Somboon Laosuwan (38) has been appointed Executive Chef at **Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta**, the new restaurant venture of Mom Tri's Boathouse owner M.L. Tri Devakul, Harvard-educated architect, entrepreneur and accomplished artist, better known as Mom Tri.

Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta opened in December 2008 at the Royal Phuket Marina, along the boardwalk overlooking the grand yachts moored at the marina. Chef Somboon will be working closely with Maître-Cuisinier de France Jean-Noël Lumineau, French Master Chef overseeing all Mom Tri's restaurants; Mom Tri's Boathouse, Mom Tri's Kitchen, Mom Tri's Oasis and Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta.

Chef Somboon, hailing from Songkla, learned to cook in his family's restaurant while growing up. After completing high school, he initially pursued studies in music in Haad Yai and Phuket and became an accomplished musician. While operating a beach bar on Koh Lanta popular with tourists, Somboon could indulge in his passion for both music and food, on occasion cooking special Thai dishes for his guests.

He developed his Thai culinary skills further in restaurants on Koh Lanta and Krabi before travelling to Europe in 2000. Though initially working there as a musician, he quickly realized he could make a much better living as a Thai Chef and decided to change his career. Many hours were spent studying Thai and French cooking in libraries in Lyon and learning professional cooking in practice from established chefs in Lyon. In time he started to work at the Hilton Hotel in Lyon where eventually he became Chef de Partie in *The Blue Elephant* and *Le Brasserie*.

Chef Somboon has been executive sous-Chef at The Boathouse Wine & Grill since May 2006 and honed his extensive cooking skills under tutelage of Boathouse Chef Tummanoon Punchun.

Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta combines the excellent cuisine of Mom Tri's Boathouse, the hand of Maître-Cuisinier de France Jean-Noël Lumineau and Chef Somboon's enthusiasm, passion and love of cooking to create a new benchmark for gourmet dining in the northern part of Phuket.

Mom Tri's Boathouse, Phuket Thailand, is a creation of famous Thai Architect and artist Mom Luang Tridhosyuth Devakul known as Mom Tri. Built in 1989, it quickly became a favourite with discriminating visitors and appears on numerous lists of the world's best small hotels. The Boathouse has been distinguished for three consecutive years with the first and only Wine Spectator "Best of Award of Excellence" in the Kingdom of Thailand since 2006.

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