

My Shot(s)

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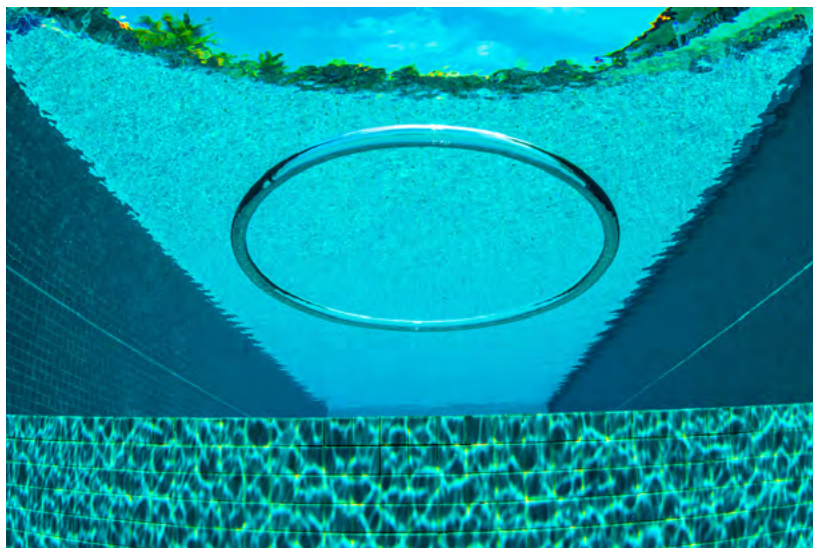
Phuket has many beautiful pools. One of my favourites is the 5m pool at Club Freedom in Rawai.

The recalcitrant owner closed it over the pandemic and seems reluctant to open, even now. Many of his clients were Japanese.

It's 22m long with a 5m section perfect for dive training, or blowing bubble rings.

Blowing these toroidal bubbles takes practice. I lie on the bottom, puff my cheeks out, stick out my tongue a with a round section rather than flat, then pull my tongue back enough for air to be forced out of my buccal cavity by the elasticity of my cheeks. I'm not blowing from my lungs.

Technical divers, mermaids, freedivers and other divers used the pool for training. The water clarity is excellent, and being open to the sky the temperature rarely drops below 28 C. There is accommodation next to the



A bubble ring rises above the edge of the 5m deep section. Nikon D800, Nauticam housing. Sigma 15mm fisheye, 9" glass dome, 1/500th, f11, ISO 320.



Sabre expert Madeleine Becker. Nikon D800, Nauticam housing. Sigma 15mm fisheye, 9" glass dome, 1/200th, f13, ISO 200



The Club Freedom pool in Naiharn, Phuket. Nikon D800, Nauticam housing. Sigma 15mm fisheye, 9" glass dome, 1/200th, f14, ISO 400.

pool, currently unused.

I shot there many times, but alone in the morning was perfect. I love clear water with nothing in it as it's a blank canvas for creativity. You can see more pools I have shot here in Phuket at www.facebook.com/phuketpools



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