



Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek 2016

20th – 24th July, 2016

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Media Business Services Co., Ltd. under the auspices of the Phuket Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand and is staged under the authority of the Sports Authority of Thailand.

The Regatta will be held in and around the waters of southern Phuket.

The Regatta venue will be The Cape Panwa Hotel.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by

- 1.1. The IRC Rules 2016 Parts A, B and C., the OMR Rule for Multihulls and Corsairs, the “Absolute” Platu One-design Class Rules, the Firefly 850 Sport one-design class rules, the NHC National Handicap for cruisers and the rules applicable to the rating system for the Bareboat Charter Class, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In the case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes rule 63.7).
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. All participating boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore (OSR) Special Regulations for Inshore Racing in daylight hours, with the following exceptions:
 - 1.5.1. Sports Boats, Day Boats and Beach launched Multihulls shall comply with their Class Safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from **World Sailing Offshore (OSR) Special Regulations for Inshore Racing**.
 - 1.5.2. The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull, Corsair and Firefly 850 Sports classes.
 - 1.5.3. All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
- 1.6. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.'

2. IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. All boats shall carry an identifying sail number of at least 2 digits on the mainsail. It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that they are in place when racing. If so required by the Race Committee, additional identifying numbers shall be attached to both sides of the mainsail.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official Notice Board located in the Regatta Village. - *Notices may also be posted on the official website.*

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0730 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2. Changes may also be posted to the official website.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast carrying the Regatta flag located near to the Regatta Bar.

5.2. When the Flag AP is displayed ashore, the “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing will take place on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th July 2016.

6.2. All start signals and classes will be displayed on the start boat.

6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1000 hours.

6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

6.5. If conditions permit, up to three races may be started on days One, Two or Three.

6.6. On the last day of the regatta the warning signal for the first race will not be made after 14.00 hrs.

7. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

7.1. The class/division flags will be: **Updated Saturday 9th July 2016**

IRC I		Pink/Black Stripe
IRC II		White
IRC III		Green/Black Stripe
Cruising/Charter		Light Blue
Firefly 850 Sport		Yellow
Multihull		Blue/Red
Corsair		Purple
Platu One Design		Green/White

7.2. Class flags will only be used as the warning signal and need not be carried by competitor’s boats.

8. RACING AREAS

8.1. The racing areas and courses are illustrated on the diagrams in the attachment. If there is any discrepancy between a course diagram and the written description, then the written description shall prevail.

9. COURSES

9.1. A laminated course book will be issued at registration together with the Sailing Instructions. This book will contain a number of inshore, coastal and inter-island courses.

- (a) It is purely diagrammatic and should not be used for navigation.
- (b) While every effort is made to ensure that buoys are depicted in their proper places, no responsibility is taken for any errors thereon. This changes RRS 62.1

The course(s) to be sailed on each Race Day will be notified on the course board on the starting committee boat.

Course boards.

The course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed no later than the warning signal. The class for which the course is being displayed will be indicated by the display of a course board representing the class flag together with the course.

9.2. The course(s) will be chosen to take into account the prevailing, or forecast weather conditions on the day of the race.

9.3. **Windward/Leeward and Olympic (Courses 1 – 10)**

9.3.1. There will be two Windward marks. Mark 1 will be located up to 2 Nm from Start. Mark 3 will be located up to 1.5 Nm from Start and Mark 2 will be located approx. 100 meters from the start. Mark 5 will be positioned to provide an approximate 45° - 90° - 45° Triangle. When required, Mark 4 will be downwind of the start. All rounding marks shall be left to port.

9.4. **Slalom Courses (Courses 11 – 14)**

9.4.1. Mark 1 will be located up to 2 Nm from Start. Mark 4 will be downwind of the start. The anticipated interior angle between Mark 1 and Mark 6 will be approximately 60°. The direction of mark rounding shall be as described in the Course Book.

9.5. **Coastal Courses**

9.5.1. Coastal courses will be numbered as shown in the diagrams, and include areas off the east coast of Phuket, and around the islands of Koh Maithon, Koh Lon, Koh Hae, Koh Bon, Koh Aeo etc.

9.6. The Race Committee will indicate the course choice to be sailed by each class by the display of a course board with each warning signal. Announcements by VHF prior to the first warning signal may also be made.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks of the course will be inflatable buoys, navigation buoys or islands as identified in the course diagrams and the text within. The text will take precedence.

10.2. Courses 1 – 14, will use black rectangular buoys for Marks 1 and 2 and 4 and a red triangular buoys for Mark 3 and 5. Marks 6, 7 and 8 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

10.3. For Coastal courses, Mark No.5 will be a Red/White navigation buoy (Safe Water Mark).

10.4. Laid marks will be black, red or yellow inflatable buoys.

10.5. The Race committee may have committee boats at some marks or nominated islands of the course. The committee boats will be positioned on the outside of the course and on the approach side.

10.6. All marks may display sponsors' and/or organiser's logos.

10.7. When a race committee boat is in position it will form gate between itself and the mark/island. Boats shall pass between the committee boat and the mark/island from the direction of the previous mark.

10.8. For all classes, the start marks for courses will be a vessel displaying an orange flag and an inflatable buoy or a boat carrying a red flag at the pin end. An **Inner Distance Mark** may be laid off the Committee Boat and yachts shall not pass between the Committee Boat and the IDM when starting.

10.9. A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2

10.10. **Adding a windward mark**

10.10.1. If Flag W is displayed with the course number board, A **NEW** first mark will be added to the course.

10.10.2. This will be a mark to windward of the starting line. The direction of rounding is indicated by the Flag or coloured board displayed below the W.

10.10.3. If a **RED** flag or board is displayed below flag W, then the mark is rounded to PORT.

10.10.4. If a **GREEN** flag or board is displayed below flag W, then the mark is rounded to STARBOARD.

10.10.5. The second mark of the course will now be the first mark in the course description.

10.10.6. If a W flag is NOT flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course description.

10.10.7. This section does not apply to windward/leeward courses. Those courses will be sailed as described in the course descriptions.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. When an inner distance mark is laid, boats shall not pass between the mark and the starting vessel during the start sequence or when starting.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5. When a subsequent race or series of races are started on the same day the warning signal of the first class or classes to start will be preceded by the display of a postponement signal for at least 4 minutes.
- 11.6. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment.
- 11.7. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.8. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12. CHANGE OF COURSE**
- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.
- 13. CHANGE THE COURSE TO FINISH**
- 13.1. **Return to Finish** If a committee boat at a mark, gate or island displays **Code Flag "R"**. Boats shall complete the rounding or passing of that mark and then race directly back to the finish. This changes rule 28, 33 and Race Signals.
- 14. THE FINISH**
- 14.1. The finish line for all classes for all courses except 28, 29 and 33, will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 14.2. The finish for courses 28, 29 and 33 will be between a committee boat displaying an orange flag and the safe-water mark off Cape Panwa. The Race Committee may shorten course in accordance with rule 32 and/or as changed by these Instructions.
- 14.3. If the course is shortened at an island or point of land, the Race Committee may lay a finishing mark just offshore to indicate the finishing line. Boats shall finish between the mark and the Committee Vessel. Where there is no mark, the finish line shall be between the Committee boat and the nearest point of land. This changes RRS 32.2
- 14.4. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.5. If less than 20% of a class reach the finish line or the Mark at which a course is shortened, then positions for those yacht not completing the course may be allocated using positions taken from the previous mark. This changes rules 32.1 and 35.
- 15. CREW LIMITATION, REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 15.1. For IRC 1, IRC 2 and IRC Cruising and Bareboat Charter, IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1
- 15.2. In the Multihull class, the Race committee must be notified of the declared crew weight (WCD) at time of registration. No alteration to the boat's WCD or TCC will be permitted during the regatta except for the addition of accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen for an individual race, a result/rating protest or to correct rating errors.
- 15.3. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 15.4. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15.5. VIP Guests, accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not registered crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes rule 47.2
- 16. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 16.1. For all class(es) rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2. Commercial shipping and fishing vessels
- 16.2.1. In order to avoid the risk of collision with commercial vessels that are underway, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. Such use shall be reported to the Protest Committee at the Regatta Centre, who shall decide what, if any, penalty to award.
- 17. TIME LIMIT**
- 17.1. The absolute time limit for each racing day will be 17.00. This changes rule 35 and Appendix A 4.1. This overrides the provisions in SI 17.2 and 17.3.
- 17.2. The time limit for the first boat in each class for all coastal courses will be 6 hours. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the second boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

- 17.3. Time limit for the first boat in each class for the Windward/Leeward, Olympic and Slalom courses will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 17.4. The Race committee, may, at its absolute discretion, award finishing points (FPA) to the last few stragglers in a class. Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately return to the start area, if there is an additional race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.
- 18. PROTESTS and REQUESTS for REDRESS**
- 18.1. Protest forms are available from the Regatta office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.4. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order of receipt, in the protest room at the times posted.
- 18.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 18.6. Breaches of instructions 11.8, 21.2, 22, 23, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 18.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 18.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 18.9. Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, the protest committee in accordance with RRS 64 may award a scoring penalty as an alternative to DSQ. The penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 19. SCORING**
- 19.1. Number of races**
- 19.1.1. For **IRC 1, IRC 2, IRC Cruising, Corsair, Firefly, Platu and Multihull Classes** there will be **up to eight races**, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.1.1.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.1.1.2. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.1.2. For the **Charter Class** there will be **up to five races**, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.1.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.1.2.2. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20. MARK BOATS & COMMITTEE BOATS**
- 20.1. The Regatta flag is a blue Phuket Race Week flag. This flag may be flown from all committee and mark boats.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee during racing will be carried out on **VHF Channel 72 (15.625 MHz)**. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on this channel at all times.
- 21.2. The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals. This changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41.
- (a) Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
 - (b) Postponements and abandonments.
 - (c) Identification of boats during start sequence. (SI 11.8)
 - (d) Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
 - (e) Changing courses or marks and identify marks
 - (f) Shortening the Course
 - (g) Time limits
 - (h) Safety
- 21.3. In the event of changes of course, repositioning of marks, changes in description of marks, shortening the course, or abandoning a race, the Race Committee may make an official announcement over the radio on Channel 72. This may substitute or be made in conjunction with traditional methods as provided for in the RRS. This changes rules 32.1, 32.2, 33.
- 21.4. Failure to make or receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress.
- 21.5. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 21.6. A yacht retiring from a race must at the earliest opportunity notify the Race Committee of this by hail, message, VHF on Channel 72 (15.625 MHz) or cellular phone on the number provided by the committee
- 21.7. Prior to and during each start sequence announcements may be made indicating which classes are in a starting procedure.

22. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 22.1. Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.'
- 23.2. Trash should be kept onboard or taken ashore to the designated disposal points.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Twenty Million Baht per incident or the equivalent.
- 25.2. Entrants shall declare when entering that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 26.2. It is a condition of entry that, prior to the boat's first race, the person in charge of each boat and/or his authorised representative shall, at registration, sign a disclaimer of liability and declaration that they will comply with the RRS. If the person in charge will be under 18 years old on the first day of the Regatta then a special disclaimer, available from the Regatta Centre, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- 26.3. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Regatta or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 26.4. The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it.
- 26.5. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing
- 26.6. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, on-water volunteers, patrol boats, beach masters and sponsors. The provision of patrol craft does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.