



26th – 29th August, 2021

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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 2021 Parts A, B and C.,
- 1.2. The OMR Rule v8 for Multihulls amended by the Thailand Multihull Association prescriptions.
- 1.3. In the case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.4. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6. All participating boats shall comply with the **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B (inshore racing)**, with the following exceptions:
 - 1.6.1. 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 Special Regulations Appendix B (inshore racing)**
 - 1.6.2. The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official Website: www.phuketraceweek.com. - *Notices may also be distributed through the regatta's WhatsApp group.*
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of competitors to obtain the latest amendments. *It is recommended that the text of all amendments is written into all copies of the Sailing Instructions being used by the boat.*

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 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.
- 3.2. To alert boats on the water that late changes to the sailing instructions have been made, Flag 'L' may be displayed on the starting vessel and information passed by radio.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE





- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast carrying the Regatta flag located near the Phuket Cruising Yacht Club and on the regatta's WhatsApp group.
- 4.2. When the Flag AP is displayed/posted ashore, the "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Racing will take place on 27th, 28th and 29th August 2021.
- 5.2. All start signals and class starting orders will be displayed on the start vessel
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class on each day will be 11.00 hours on 27th /28th and 12.00 hours on 29th.
- 5.4. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting flag shall be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5. If conditions permit, up to three races may be started per day.
- 5.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15.30 hrs.

6. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1. The class/division flags will be:

Multihulls	
Monohulls	
One Design (If Required)	
Kiteboard & Wingfoil	

- 6.2. Class flags will only be used as the warning signal and need not be carried by competitor's boats.

7. RACING AREAS

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

8. COURSES

- 8.1. 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
 - (c) *The GPS details included in the course descriptions are provided using the **WGS84** datum.
These details are approximate and no request for redress will be considered for a minor deviation of position. This changes RRS 62.1.*

Course boards.

The course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed shortly after 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. This changes RRS 27.1

The courses may also be broadcast on the starting VHF frequency as specified in SI.19 prior to the start.

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

Windward/Leeward and Olympic (Courses 1 – 10)

- 8.2.1. There may be two Windward marks. Mark 1 will be located up to 1.5 Nm from Start. Mark 3 will be located up to 1.2 Nm from Start and Mark 2 will be located approx. 150 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.

Coastal Courses

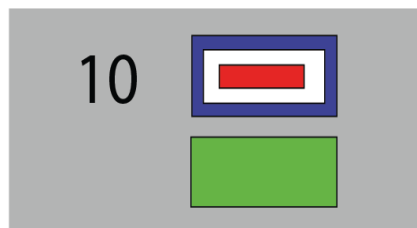
- 8.2.2. Coastal courses will be numbered as shown in the diagrams, and include Chalong Bay, areas off the east coast of Phuket and around the islands of Koh Lon, Koh Hae, Koh Bon, Koh Aeo etc.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks of the course will be inflatable buoys, Government navigation marks or islands as identified in the course diagrams and the text within. The text will take precedence.
- 9.2. Laid courses will use rectangular buoys for Marks 1 and 2 and 4 and triangular buoys for Mark 3 and 5. Mark 6 will be yellow inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. The race committee may have committee vessels at some marks or nominated islands of the course. The committee vessels will be positioned on the outside of the course and on the approach side.
- 9.4. Marks may display sponsors' and/or organiser's logos.
- 9.5. When a race committee vessel is in position it will form gate between itself and the mark/island. Boats shall pass between the committee vessel and the mark/island from the direction of the previous mark.
- 9.6. The port-end starting mark will be an Orange/White buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel.
- 9.7. The port-end finishing mark will be a "Checked" inflatable buoy.
- 9.8. An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near a start line committee vessel. Any IDM that is laid shall rank as a starting mark.
- 9.9. A race committee vessel signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.4
- 9.10. **Adding a windward mark**

- 9.10.1. If Flag W is displayed with the course number board, the course description shall be changed and A NEW first mark will be added to the course.

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.



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

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

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

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

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

10. THE START

- 10.1. All races shall be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal, except as modified in Appendix A of these Instructions for Pursuit Race Courses P1, P2 and P3.
- 10.2. 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. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.4. When an Inner Distance Mark is laid:
- 10.4.1. Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM and the adjacent committee boat at any time.
- 10.4.2. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the nearby committee boat before starting.
- 10.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4. **[NP]**

- 10.6. 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 by VHF on the starting channel. 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). **[NP]**
- 10.7. Boats racing or whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races, except when passing through a gate or finishing. **[NP]**
- 11. SHORTENING OR CHANGING COURSE**
- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. The race committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 and/or as changed by these Instructions.
- 11.3. A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.
- 11.4. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 11.5. 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 vessel and the nearest point of land. This changes RRS 32.2
- 12. CHANGE THE COURSE TO FINISH**
- 12.1. **Return to Finish** If a committee vessel 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 RRS 28, 33 and Race Signals.
- 13. THE FINISH**
- 13.1. The finish line for all courses will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2. A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. If less than 50% 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 a previous mark. This changes RRS 32.1 and 35.
- 14. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15. TIME LIMIT**
- 15.1. The absolute time limit for each racing day will be 16.30. This overrides the provisions in SI 15.2 and 15.3 This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2. 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 first boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3. Time limit for the first boat in each class for the Windward/Leeward and Triangle courses will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4. 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1. An arbitration procedure (Appendix T) shall apply for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2.
- 16.2. Due to Covid restrictions on meetings, any protests must be registered immediately after finishing by VHF to the finishing vessel.
- 16.3. Boats involved in protest are requested to remain in the finishing area, where instructions for any Arbitration meetings or hearing will be issued after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day in the protesting boats class or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.4. Announcements to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be made on the official website and the official WhatsApp group.
- 16.4.1. If both parties to a protest are present and ready to proceed, the arbitrator may be willing to hear a protest at the Finishing Vessel.
- 16.4.2. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order of receipt, at the times and venues as posted.
- 16.5. Notices of protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 16.6. 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 or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.7. 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 RRS 62.2.
- 16.8. Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, the protest committee 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. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 17. SCORING**
- 17.1. **Scoring** for all races will be calculated on a **Time-on-Time** basis:
Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x TCC
- 17.2. **For Pursuit Race Starts**
- 17.2.1. Separate Prizes will be awarded based on finishing positions.
- 17.2.2. Series points will be calculated using time-on-time, based on actual start and finish times.
- 17.3. **Number of races**
- 17.3.1. For All Classes, there will be a maximum of 7 races scheduled. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.
- If a race is cancelled or abandoned by the Race Committee, the above minimum may be adjusted accordingly.
- 18. MARK & COMMITTEE VESSELS [NP]**
- 18.1. The Regatta flag is a blue Phuket Race Week flag. This flag may be flown from all committee and mark vessels.
- 19. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]**
- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. 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.
- Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
 - Postponements and abandonments.
 - Identification of boats during start sequence.
 - Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
 - Changing courses or marks and identify marks
 - Shortening the Course
 - Time limits
 - Safety
- 19.3. 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 RRS 32.1, 32.2, 33.
- 19.4. In addition to the requirements of RRS 29.1 an announcement of boats observed by the Race Officer to be OCS may be broadcasted on the starting frequency as specified in SI 19.1 as soon as possible. This changes RRS 29.1
- 19.5. Failure to make or receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress.
- 19.6. 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.
- 19.7. 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
- 19.8. Prior to and during each start sequence announcements may be made indicating which classes are in a starting procedure.
- 20. EVENT ADVERTISING [NP]**
- 20.1. Boats shall display any event advertising supplied by the organising authority.
- 21. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**
- 21.1. Trash should be kept onboard or taken ashore to the designated disposal points.

22. SUPPORT BOATS [NP]

22.1. 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.

23. INSURANCE [NP]

23.1. 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.

23.2. Entrants shall declare when entering that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

24. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Appendix A – Pursuit Race Start Sequence.

It is the intention to start racing on Saturday 28th August in a "Pursuit Race" Sequence.

This appendix modifies RRS 26, so that it is a 5-minute sequence with additional start times for each individual boat using "Time on Distance" calculations, based on a boats registered TCC. With start times rounded to the nearest ½ minute.

Start time tables for the anticipated race distances will be published on the regatta website prior to 20:00 hours on Friday, August 27th.

Additionally, the race committee may announce the course, race duration and starting VHF frequency and WhatsApp Group, wherever possible.

* The use of flags shall be at the Race Committee's discretion and announced prior to racing.

TIME	Flag/Signal
Min 10 Min	Orange Flag
5 Min	PURSUIT FLAG
4 Min	"P" Flag UP
1 MIN	"P" Flag DOWN
START	"Pursuit" Flag DOWN "START" Flag UP
START 1	SOUND SIGNAL ONLY (See Table on website)
START 2	SOUND SIGNAL ONLY (See Table on website)
START 3	SOUND SIGNAL ONLY (See Table on website)

Additional Starts as necessary