



Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek 2020

15th – 19th July, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

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.

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 2020 Parts A, B and C.,
- 1.2. The OMR Rule v8 for Multihulls amended by the Thailand Multihull Association prescriptions.
- 1.3. The Firefly 850 Sport One Design Rules.
- 1.4. Class Rules for one-design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating, including crew limits
- 1.5. The RYA National Handicap for Cruisers
- 1.6. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply for yachts racing in the Multihull, Classic and Cruising Classes. The use of Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted in the Cruising Classes and the use of stored power for the hoisting, reefing or furling of **sails** need not be declared.
- 1.7. Multihull Boats using stored power for the adjustment or operation of running rigging shall declare this to the OMR Rating Authority.
- 1.8. In all rules governing this event, the notations [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.9. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.10. This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions
- 1.11. In the case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. (this changes Rule 63.7)
- 1.12. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 2.1. Boats shall comply with **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B SPECIAL REGULATIONS for Inshore racing** shall apply in daylight hours except that:
- 2.2. All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until 30 mins after finishing.
- 2.3. Boats racing on a one-design certificate shall comply with their class safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from World Sailing Special Regulations.
- 2.4. Each yacht shall carry at least one suitable anchor and sufficient suitable cable to hold the yacht in the depth of water and likely weather conditions in and near the racing area.
- 2.5. Each yacht shall carry Visual means for attracting attention when in distress.
- 2.6. Each yacht shall carry equipment suitable for accepting a tow.
- 2.7. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.
- 2.8. All yachts shall be liable for inspection in accordance with applicable safety and measurement requirements.
- 2.9. Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the organizing committee for written dispensation against specific requirements. Dispensation will not normally be considered unless applied for by 1700 on Friday 10th July 2020.

3. ADVERTISING [NP]

- 3.1. Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the World Sailing advertising code unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried
- 3.2. Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 3.3. No more than 2 boats in a class or division listed in section 4, may carry advertising for the same organisation, person, product, service, brand or idea without the written permission of Media Business Services Co Ltd. Media Business Services Co Ltd reserves the right to refuse entry to any class of boat that contravenes this rule.
- 3.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to forbid items of advertising which may conflict with the regatta sponsors, or in any way offend Thai laws or customs by their nature.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Regatta will have the following classes, which may be subdivided into divisions

- 4.1. **IRC Racing Classes** - Monohull keelboats, including Sportsboats, with a current valid IRC 2020 certificate.

- 4.1.1. Subject to sufficient entries, the Race Committee may divide IRC classes based on design and performance. Class divisions will be 17.00 on 15th July prior to the Skippers Briefing. Draft class splits may be posted on the official website approximately one week earlier in order to allow comment from competitors.

- 4.2. **Cruising Monohull Class.** Keelboats, participating with the owner on-board, or production charter boats available for bareboat charterers, which are acceptable to the Race Committee. This class is designed both for cruisers and charter boats preferring a less competitive fleet and potentially shorter courses than normally provided for the IRC racing classes.

- 4.3. **Multihulls. Trimarans and Catamarans** of a size and condition acceptable to the Race Committee

- 4.3.1. Subject to the number of entries, the Race Committee may split the Multihull Class into the following divisions:

Racing Multihulls

Cruising Multihulls.

Boats racing in the **Cruising** Multihull division shall be **Cruising Multihulls**, who do not race on a regular basis or do not hold a current OMR Rating.

Boats shall be allocated a base handicap by the race committee based using the best information available. A boat's rating may be adjusted during the regatta, based on her performance against her base rating in the series to date.

- 4.4. **Firefly 850 Sports One Design class.**

- 4.5. **One-Design Class Racing**

One-design classes with paid entries of 5 or more boats, may apply to the Race Committee for their own class or division status. Applications should be made to the Race Committee by the Class Association and must be submitted no later than 1st June 2020.

A minimum of 5 boats are required to constitute a class or division. Classes may be amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 4.6. The Race Committee reserves the right to adjust the eligibility criteria and / or allocation of boats in the interests of fair competition. The determination of eligibility criteria and the allocation of boats to particular classes or divisions shall not be grounds for protest or redress. (This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1).

The Race Committee recognizes that there may be boats that, by virtue of design, may qualify under these criteria in the racing class, but consider themselves to be cruising orientated either by accommodations, rig, sails or other reasons. The Committee will consider written applications for inclusion of such yachts in another class giving details of the yacht and the reasons for consideration, if received no later than 1st July 2020.

A valid IRC or OMR rating certificate, sail plan, accommodation layout including details of installed equipment, keel details and crew list MUST accompany the application. Applications based on crew criteria alone will not be entertained. The Race Committee's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

5. FEES

Entry will be confirmed on receipt of completed entry form and the entry fee as indicated in Table 1.

A **reduced early entry fee** is applicable to entries **received and paid for by 1st March 2020**. For more information go to [\[https://phuketraceweek.com/registration.php\]](https://phuketraceweek.com/registration.php)

1. Table 1: Entry Fees	2.	3.	4.
Entry Fees are as follows:	"Early Early Bird" discounted Entry Fee: For entries and fees received before 17:00 on 31 st March 2020	"Early Bird" discounted Entry Fee: For entries and fees received before 17:00 on 1 st June 2020	"Standard" Entry Fee: For entries and fees received after 17.00 on 1 st June 2020.
	14,000 Baht per Boat (Includes Skippers Fee)	15,000 Baht per Boat (Includes Skippers Fee)	16,000 Baht per Boat (Includes Skippers Fee)
Crew Tickets are as follows:	"Early Bird" Crew Ticket: For Payment before 17:00 on 31 st March 2020	"Early Bird" Crew Ticket: For Payment before 17:00 on 1 st June 2020	"Standard" Entry Fee: For entries and fees received after 17.00 on 1 st June 2020.
	4,800 Baht per Crew Member	5,000 Baht per Crew Member	6,000 Baht per Crew Member

Entries must be received by Wednesday 15th July 2020.

The entry fee includes participation of skipper. An additional crew ticket fee is payable at or before registration for each additional crew member racing in the regatta and/or attending social functions.

6. SCHEDULE

Registration for the 2020 Regatta and the functions listed below will take place at the Cape Panwa Hotel.

Racing for all classes will be held in the waters around southern Phuket.

Wednesday 15/07/20

10.00-16.00 Registration (late registration by prior arrangement only)

17.30 Skippers briefing

19.00 Opening Ceremony & Party

Thursday 16/07/20

Racing from 10.00 hrs.

Daily prize giving & party

Friday 17/07/20

Racing from 10.00 hrs.

Free Night.

Saturday 18/07/20

Racing from 10.00 hrs.

Daily prize giving & party.

Sunday 19/07/20

Racing from 10.00 hrs.

18.30 Overall Regatta Prizes Ceremony and full buffet Closing Party.

7. HANDICAP SYSTEM [NP]

- 7.1. The IRC 2020 Rating System shall be used for all Monohull Racing Classes. **Owner initiated changes to IRC certificates will only be accepted after 10th July 2020 with the agreement of the regatta IRC rating officer/measurer.** For Platu 25's racing under IRC, any un-weighted boats will be given an allocated weight as specified by the Thailand Class Rules.
- 7.2. Boats racing in the IRC classes that do not wish to use a spinnaker or cruising chute at any time during the regatta may use their non- spinnaker TCC. This choice must be made no later than 1700 on Wednesday 15 July 2020. This alters IRC Rule 8.6.
- 7.3. For the Cruising Monohull Class. Base ratings shall be provided by the organisers using the best information available. Boats not providing sufficient boat data will be allocated a handicap based on standard hull data and/or a known sistership. This will not be subject to protest or redress.[NP]
- 7.4. A Cruising Boat's boats handicap may be realigned during the course of the regatta, based on her performance compared to the initial base rating allocated. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.
- 7.5. The OMR handicap system shall be used for the Multihulls. Un-weighted boats without a valid OMR handicap, will be allocated a TCC by the Racing Committee using the best information available.
- 7.6. This TCC for un-weighted Multihulls may be realigned during the regatta. Calculation and adjustment of the TCC will not be subject to protest or redress.
- 7.7. Firefly 850 Sports Class will race under their one-design class rules.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. For all classes, a minimum of 2 completed races is required to constitute a series.
- 8.2. For the **IRC, Firefly 850, Multihull** and any **One Design** classes, there will be a maximum of 8 races scheduled. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 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.
- 8.3. For the **Cruising** Classes there will be a maximum of 5 races scheduled. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration on Wednesday 15th July 2020. Any sailing instructions issued prior to this date are provisional.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be coastal, windward/leeward or geometric courses.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. For any breach not involving RRS Part 2, the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee, which may be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.1.

12. CREW LIMITATIONS [NP]

- 12.1. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number/weight or crew changes except as required for boats rated as one designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.
- 12.2. **Boats** rated as one-designs, as noted on the **boat's** certificate, shall conform with their one-design class rules in respect of **crew** number/weight limitations unless freed from this requirement by this Notice of Race.
- 12.3. In the Multihull class the race committee must be notified of the declared crew weight at time of registration. No alteration to the boat's TCC will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating errors.
- 12.4. Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular 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 RRS 47.2.
- 12.5. Owners/skippers should seek clarification from the race committee if in doubt.

13. BOAT IDENTIFICATION [NP]

- 13.1. All boats shall carry sail numbers in accordance with RRS Rule 77 and Appendix G, except that Appendix G is changed as follows:
 - a) RRS Appendix G1.1(a) and (b): Class Insignia and National letters are not required.
 - b) As provided in RRS Appendix G3, A boat chartered or loaned may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her national letters or class rules. Providing her rating certificate reflects the change.
 - c) The Race Committee may relieve a boat of her obligations under this Clause, but only if a request is made to the Race Committee no later than 24 hours prior to the warning signal of the first race in which relief is sought.
- 13.2. Sail numbers should be in suitable contrast to the sail as to be visible to the race committee.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1. All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF transceiver and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
- 14.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance to a minimum cover of Twenty Million Thai Baht per incident or the equivalent.

16. SECURITY

- 16.1. Whilst the regatta organisers will do their best to arrange a safe environment for competing boats and crews, all entrants are cautioned to secure valuables at all times during the Regatta. Skippers are required to sign a Declaration upon registration, absolving the event organisers of liability in the event of loss. Access to official social functions will be restricted to those who have paid the crew fee or social fee and are identified by a security tag issued by the Regatta organisers.

17. PRIZES FOR THE CAPE PANWA HOTEL PHUKET RACEWEEK SERIES

- 17.1. A Trophy will be awarded to the winning yacht in each class or division.
- 17.1 Second and third place prizes will also be awarded in each class.
- 17.2 Other prizes including prizes for individual races and divisional results and line honours may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

18 DECLARATION

- 18.1 By entering for a race or races in the regatta, the person in charge of each boat confirms that they will comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 18.2 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 Office, and downloadable from the website, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian. This should be returned to the Regatta Office no later than 17:00 on Wednesday 15 July 2020.

19 RISK STATEMENT

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.

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

Inspections: The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

20 CORRESPONDANCE

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