



## ADVANCE NOTICE OF RACE

For the Samui Regatta, 20<sup>th</sup> May to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Regattas Asia in conjunction with the Samui Yacht Club Regatta, under the auspices of the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand and the Sports Authority of Thailand.

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## 1. RULES

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

For boats racing under IRC, The IRC Rules 2016, Parts A, B and C except that:

- I. For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d), this is a regatta run on consecutive days (*so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout, including the spare mainsail if possibly being used*).
- II. The use of a second mainsail is allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
- III. Boats may choose to use either their spinnaker or non- spinnaker TCC for the duration of the regatta, subject to declaration prior to the start of racing.

The OMR Rule for Multihulls amended by the Thailand Multihull Association prescriptions.

The RYA National Handicap for Cruisers

The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by the National Class Association of Thailand.

Class Rules for one-design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating, including crew limits

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.'

No National prescriptions shall apply.

RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply for yachts racing in the Multihull Classes.

The use of stored power for the hoisting of **mainsails**, or the reefing or furling of **sails** need not be declared.

This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

In the case of conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail. (This changes Rule 63.7)

If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

## 2. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4 with Special Regulations for Inshore Racing in daylight hours except that:
2. Sport Boats and Beach Catamaran Classes, which shall comply with World Sailing Offshore (OSR) Special Regulations for Inshore Racing in daylight hours.
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.
4. Boats will not be required to carry a storm trysail nor need to be able to reef to 40% of their luff length.
5. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.
6. 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 12th May 2017.
7. The requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull and Beach Catamaran classes.
8. All boats may be subjected to inspection at any point during the regatta and their entry may be refused or withdrawn in the interests of safety.



### 3. ADVERTISING

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.
2. Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, together with the names of companies and/ or products to be advertised.
3. Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
4. Boats may not carry or display advertising other than official event sponsor decals on the forward 20% of their hulls.
5. 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

The Regatta is open to boats and classes listed below:

The Race Committee reserve the right to:

Combine the start of one class with another

Subdivide any class

Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than five.

#### Monohull Classes

Classes will be based on actual entries and divided based on Design, IRC Hull Factor (HF), IRC Displacement Length Ratio (DLR), IRC Length of Hull (LH), IRC Series Date and the boats Time Correction Factor (TCC).

Classes may be amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee. Specifically, all boats of a particular design shall race in the same class at the direction of the race committee. The Race Committee reserves the right to adjust the eligibility criteria and / or reallocation 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.

#### IRC Classes

IRC class splits will be made according to entries received and will be announced by 1700 on Sunday 21st May 2017.

Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up, may request permission to move up to the class above and race using the bottom rating of that class. The decision of the Race Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

Boats over 15m LH (LOA) with canting keels or boats over 22m LOA may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. Such boats should contact the Race Committee to discuss eligibility prior to attempting to enter the regatta. If sufficient large canting keeled boats wish to enter then they may be given separate divisions within IRC.

A minimum of 5 boats are required to constitute a class or division.

#### Bareboat Charter

Racing under the IRC Handicap system. Each boat must be confirmed to be part of a bona fide bareboat charter fleet and their design based on standard production models designed for charter/cruising. Boats will be sailed in charter trim with standard mainsail, jib and one cruising



chute/asymmetric/symmetric spinnaker with or without pole. Boats that are chartered with full sail inventories or not carrying a full charter inventory are not eligible.

Boats must carry all the equipment normally carried on a bareboat charter in its normal position except for the dinghy and its motor, oars and fuel tank. Biminis and sail covers may be removed and stowed below, but must remain on board. Any boats found to be stripped or lightened shall be subject to a penalty. Boats must comply with all safety requirements including, no part of an anchor shall overhang the bow while racing.

For charter boats which are of custom design, boats with racing configuration and/or deep keel configuration, the Committee will consider written applications for inclusion of such boats in the Bareboat Class. Applications giving details of the boat and the reasons for consideration should be received no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

### Cruising Class

This class is designed for shorthanded sailors and for cruisers that do not normally race and therefore may not have a valid handicap certificate. This class will be scored using the principals of the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) performance handicap system.

### Multihull Classes

Multihull (catamaran and trimaran) boats of a size and condition acceptable to the Race Committee. Entrants should have a current valid OMR certificate. If a boat does not possess a current valid OMR certificate, a rating will be allocated by the Race Committee based on the principles of the current OMR rule.

Subject to entry numbers, the Race Committee may split this class into:

- Racing Multihull (Multihulls with a current valid OMR certificate)
- Open/Cruising Multihulls (Based on the NHC Performance Handicap System)
- Performance Multihull
- Beach Multihulls - Beach launched Multihulls of a size and condition acceptable to the Race Committee.

### One-Design Class Racing

One-design classes of more than 5 boats, may apply to the Race Committee for their own class status. Applications should be made to the Race Committee by the Class Association and must be submitted no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016.

## 5. RATING

The IRC 2015 Rule Parts A, B and C will apply to IRC Classes.

The current QCYC OMR Rule will apply to Multihulls.

**Multihull Boats** using stored power for the adjustment or operation of **running rigging** shall declare this to the OMR Rating Authority.

Boats in the Cruising class/es will be allocated a handicap by the Race Committee based on the RYA National Handicap for Cruisers, which is a performance handicap scheme. This handicap may be adjusted daily during the regatta. Calculation and adjustment of handicaps for these classes is not grounds for redress or protest.

Boats in the Cruising Multihull division, or, if the Multihull class is not split as provided in Clause 2, non certified boats in the Multihull class, will be allocated a TCF by the Race Committee. The TCF may be adjusted during the course of the regatta. Calculation and adjustment of TCFs is not grounds for redress or protest.



IRC, OMR Ratings: Competitors wishing to enter a class which, requires a current valid IRC or OMR rating, shall provide a copy of their certificate with the entry form. Those competitors entering via the website, shall forward a copy of their certificate to the Regatta Office prior to 21st May 2016. Competitors are responsible for obtaining copies of certificates from the relevant issuing authority.

The original or a certified true copy of any required Rating Certificate shall be presented for inspection at the Regatta office no later than 24 hours prior to the Warning Signal of the first race.

An official IRC measurer may be present during the event to check new sails and modifications and may, at his discretion, require any boat in any class/division to be inspected. Any boat requiring measurement shall notify the Regatta office by 12 noon on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 (Saturday). All charges and fees incurred by a boat in obtaining or modifying Rating Certificates shall be borne by the boat owner.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Except as detailed below, the crew shall remain the same and be on board for all races. Crew may be substituted with the permission of the Race Committee.

IRC crew number limitations shall not apply.

A boat sailing as a one-design shall comply with her class crew limitations, as modified by the class association for Samui Regatta, if appropriate.

In the Multihull class, the Race Committee must be notified of the declared crew weight (WCD) at time of registration. No alteration to the boats' TCC will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

## 7. ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entrants should enter online at the Official Website. [www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com)

Exceptionally, entries may be made in person or by telephone at the Regatta Centre where a member of staff will complete the entry on your behalf.

*Note that some basic information about the entry will be viewable on the Official Website and can be edited by the entrant.*

**Entries shall be received with full payment prior to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.**

**All payments received after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 will be subject to a 7% Government Sales Tax.**

Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on the day prior to a race so long as they are accompanied by the full entry fee. Entries after 1700 on Friday 19th May 2017 must be made in person at Registration.

Boat Entry Fee (inclusive of Skipper's Fee): 22,500 Thai Baht

Additional Crew Member Entry Fee: 5,500 Thai Baht

**A late entry fee of 2,500 THAI BAHT PER BOAT AND 500 BAHT PER CREW will be charged for all entries/payments received after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.**

Fees shown above are for payment by cash or bank transfer. Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) will incur a 4% surcharge, this being what our card services provider charges us for these transactions. **All payments received after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 will be subject to a 7% Government Sales Tax.**

The boat entry fee includes participation of skipper. An additional Crew fee of 5,500 THAI BAHT is payable for each additional crew member and supporter participating in official functions and parties of the regatta. Crew fees include complementary boat transfers during racing, transport to offsite social events, all the official social events and the issue of complimentary regatta souvenirs.

In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.



If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta office before 1700 on Friday 12th May, 2017. The whole fee less a 3,000 THAI BAHT administration charge will be refunded. After this deadline refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances.

Non-sailing participants may enjoy the social events upon payment of 1,000 Thai Baht per person per night, apart from the Gala Dinner. Tickets for the Gala Dinner will be 2,500 Thai Baht, subject to very limited availability.

## 8. SCHEDULE

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Registration 15.00 – 17.00 (Centara Grand Beach Resort, Chaweng Beach)

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Registration 10.00 – 16.00 (Centara Grand Beach Resort, Chaweng Beach)

Practise Race 13.00

Skippers Briefing 17.30

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

5 Days Racing + 1 Reserve Day

Max Number of Races: 10

The first warning signal will be at 10:00 hrs on each racing day.

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Gala Dinner 19.00 (Centara Grand Beach Resort, Chaweng Beach)

Daily Social Events to Be Announced on [www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com)

## 9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be based on Coastal, Trapezoid, Windward/Leeward, or Triangle formats and will be decided depending on weather conditions.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Website from early May 2016 as a downloadable pdf file. A laminated set, will be given to all entrants at registration, which is held at Race Headquarters, Centara Grand Beach Resort, Chaweng Beach from 15:00 on Saturday 20th May 2017.

Additional copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Briefing, which will be held at 17:30 on Sunday 21st May 2017.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5

## 12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed for the Regatta.



## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 For all classes, 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 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.

## 14. PRIZES

### CLASS TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Regatta and its sponsors will award prizes, in each class and division, for:

First, Second and Third overall;

First, Second and Third each day

Other prizes including prizes for individual races and divisional results and line honours may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## 15. INSURANCE

Boats are required to be adequately covered by appropriate third party liability insurance to at least the minimum amount of 1,000,000 US\$ or THB equivalent, and entrants shall declare that such cover is and will be maintained in full force throughout the Samui Regatta. Also it is recommended that all crew and others on board are adequately insured, including against medical costs.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS INSURANCE COVER SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO THE REGATTA. ADDITIONAL COVERAGE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

## 16. IDENTIFICATION

All competing boats will be issued with a pair of hull stickers incorporating the Samui Regatta and sponsor logos and an identification number. The decals are to be secured to each side of the fore part of the hull for the duration of the Regatta.

All boats shall carry sail numbers in accordance with RRS Rule 77 and Appendix G. 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.

## 17. SECURITY

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 Samui Regatta 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 Samui Regatta organisers.

## 18. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Samui Regatta relies heavily on the support of event partners and supporters. The regatta website will list the hotels who are supporting us this year, and those who have supported us in the past – [www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com).

## 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

