



PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF RACE

For the Samui Regatta, 23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Regattas Asia, under the auspices of the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, Sports Authority of Thailand and the Province of Surat Thani.

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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 2019, Parts A, B and C except that:

- I. Under special agreement with the IRC Rating Authority, the expiry date for current IRC 2018 Certificates carried by regatta competitors is extended for the duration of the regatta. There is no requirement for an amended certificate to be issued to reflect this change.
- II. 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*).
- III. The use of a second mainsail is allowed so long as it is carried onboard at all times while racing.
- IV. 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. This changes IRC Rule 8.6.

The OMR Rule v8 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

Experimental Appendix WP (rules for rounding virtual waypoints will apply for long distance races)

No National prescriptions shall apply.

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).

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

Items marked [NP] shall not be subject to protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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 [NP]

- i. Boats shall comply with **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, SPECIAL REGULATIONS for Inshore racing** shall apply in daylight hours except that:
- ii. All boats shall carry :
  - a. An operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
  - b. Visual means for attracting attention when in distress.
  - c. Equipment suitable for accepting a tow.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring.
- v. 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 15th May 2020.
- vi. The requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull and Beach Catamaran classes.
- vii. 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

Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the World Sailing advertising code unless their class rules further restrict the advertising that may be carried.

Boats intending to carry advertising must indicate this on their entry form, together with the names of companies and/ or products to be advertised.

Boats shall be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Boats may not carry or display advertising other than official event sponsor decals on the forward 20% of their hulls.

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 or 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 24th May 2020.

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.

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

#### Premier (Modern Cruising with Large Displacement)

Boats racing in the Premier Class shall have:

- i. a valid IRC 2019 rating certificate.
- ii. be a Modern cruising boats of overall length (LH) >15 meters and IRC Boat Weight of greater than 11,000kg and TCC of 1.055 or greater.
- iii. Yachts should be fully fitted out for comfortable cruising and should normally contain a full complement of private cabins, fully fitted out galley, heads and onboard refrigeration.

#### 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 2020.

#### Cruising Class

This class is designed for shorthanded sailors and for cruisers with a hull length between 6m and 18m that do not normally race and therefore may not have a valid handicap certificate.

The Race Committee reserves the sole right to refuse entry to any boat that it considers to be a boat that has been "Stripped out" for racing, and to accept entries outside the size limits.

This class will be scored using the principals of the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) performance handicap system.

Subject to minimum entry numbers, a **Two-Handed Division** will be available in the Cruising Class. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and Cruising class trophies. Within the Two-Handed Class there may also be prizes for mixed crews (a male and a female). Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted (changes RRS 52). Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.

#### 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, 2020.

## 5. RATING

The IRC 2019 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 26th May 2018. 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (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

For all Monohull classes IRC 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew weight.

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.

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) commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

The boat entry fee includes participation of skipper. An additional Crew fee is payable for each additional crew member and supporter participating in official functions and parties of the regatta.

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 2020.**

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 22nd May 2020 must be made in person at Registration.

<b>Table 1: Entry Fees</b>		
<b>Entry Fees are as follows:</b>	<b>"Early Bird" discounted Entry Fee:</b> For entries and fees received before 17:00 on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	<b>"Standard" Entry Fee:</b> For entries and fees received before 17:00 on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020.
	<b>22,500 Baht per Boat</b> (Includes Skippers Fee)	<b>25,000 Baht per Boat</b> (Includes Skippers Fee)
	<b>SPECIAL RATE FOR TWO HANDED ENTRIES</b> (Includes Skippers + Crew Fee) <b>17,500 Baht per Boat</b>	
<b>Registered Crew/Supporter Fee - 1 Week (Per Crew Member) – 7,000 Baht</b> Includes: regatta merchandise, complementary boat transfers during racing, entry to all social events including closing dinner, complementary transport to social events.		

**Social Function Entry Fee** - (Per day for non-registered Crew and supporters) - 1,500 Baht - Does not include closing dinner

**A late entry fee of 5,000 THAI BAHT PER BOAT AND 500 BAHT PER CREW may be charged for all entries/payments received after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

Fees shown above are for online entry or 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.

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 15th May, 2020. The whole fee less a 6,000 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 Final Dinner. Tickets for the Final Dinner will be 2,500 Thai Baht, subject to very limited availability.

## 8. SCHEDULE

Provisional Programme		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Early IRC Sail Measurement (By appointment only)	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020	Early Registration (Synergy Samui Resort)	15:00 – 17:00
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Registration (Synergy Samui Resort) Practice Race Skippers Briefing Official Opening Party	10:00 – 16:00 13:00 17:30 18.00
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	5-Days Class Racing + Reserve Day (28 <sup>th</sup> May)  Daily Prize Giving and Social Event. For venues see <a href="http://www.samuiregatta.com">www.samuiregatta.com</a>	Time of first warning signal 10.00  18.00 – 20.00
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Closing Awards Dinner at Chaweng Lake.	19:00 till late.

Max Number of Races: 10

Daily Social Events will be held at 18.00 – 20.00 daily full details of venues will be published 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 2020 as a downloadable pdf file. A laminated set, will be given to all entrants at registration, which is held at Race Headquarters, Synergy Samui Resort, Chaweng Beach from 15:00 on Saturday 23rd May 2020.

Additional copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Briefing, which will be held at 17:30 on Sunday 23rd May 2020.

## 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 honors 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. 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.

