



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS For Keelboats and Multihulls

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### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Regattas Asia under the auspices of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, the Province of Surat Thani, the Surat Thani Provincial Office of Tourism and Sports, the Municipal of Koh Samui, The Tourism Association of Koh Samui and the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand.

### 1. RULES

The Regatta is governed by the rules as described in Notice of Race 1. In addition, the following rules apply:

#### 1.1. RRS APPENDIX T (Arbitration)

Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply except that, Appendix T1 and T2 are amended so that arbitration may be applied for breaches of other rules.

- Appendix T1(b) is changed to: The post-race penalty for each infringement shall be determined by the arbitrator, however RRS 44.1(a) applies.

#### 1.2. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the official WhatsApp group and on Regatta Notice Board situated at the beach stage at Nora Beach Resort and Spa.



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bj2LKm8vAQN8SEmrMxMd3i>

- 2.2. In addition, notices and amendments may be promulgated via the following ways:
  - a. As hard copy from the Regatta Beach Area.
  - b. Posted on the official website. [www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com)

Discrepancy or omissions between information at these locations and the Official Notice Board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

## 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Daily Racing Areas and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08.30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the races requiring an earlier start will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes on the water may be made by displaying Flag L on the Starting Vessel and announcing the changes on VHF prior to the warning signal. Failure to receive this information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made on-line using the official WhatsApp group, ashore they will be displayed on a flag mast located at the beach, in-front of the Regatta Presentation Area.
- 4.2. When Flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.
- 4.3. When a signal is displayed over a class flag(s), it applies to that class(es) only.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Racing will consist of 5 days racing and one reserve day.
- 5.2. For all classes, there will be up to 8 races scheduled.
- 5.3. The first warning signal will be at 10:00 hrs on each racing day,
- 5.4. When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.5. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin

soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 5.6. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 14.00.
- 5.7. The reserve day, Thursday 30th May, may be used if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags for all boats will be a Blue Flag with a Black Stripe.
- 6.2. The flag will be used as the class warning signal.
- 6.3. The PURSUIT race flag as used in SI. 10.3 will be a Code flag "V". This changes Race Signals.

## 7. RACING AREAS [NP]

- 7.1. The racing areas and courses are illustrated in Appendix 2 (The illustrations are not to scale.)
- 7.2. If there is any discrepancy between a course diagram and the written description, then the written description shall prevail.

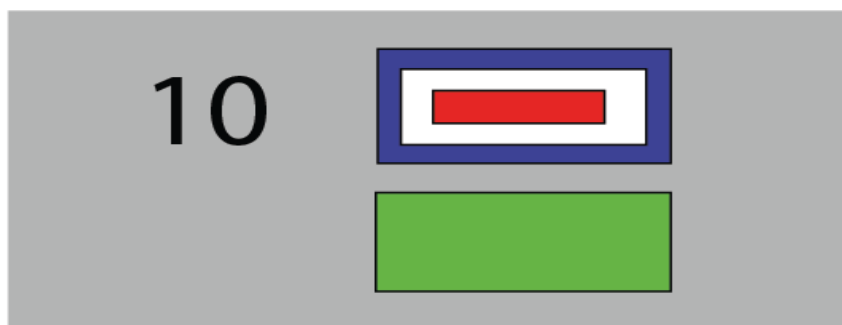
## 8. COURSES [NP]

- 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.

The Course book is purely diagrammatic and should not be used for navigation. While every effort is made to ensure that buoys are depicted in their proper places, no responsibility is taken for any errors thereon.

### Course boards.

- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. The race committee will also announce the course choice on VHF Channel 71.
- 8.4. WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSES. The weather mark, Mark 1, will be moored in a range from 1 nautical miles (nm) up to 3 nm from Mark 2.  
All rounding marks shall be rounded as indicated in the course descriptions.
- 8.5. COASTAL COURSES - Coastal courses will be as shown in the diagrams, and include areas off the east, southeast and north coasts of Koh Samui.
- 8.6. 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 an out of position mark or gate. This changes RRS 62.1
- 8.7. The start and finish are shown diagrammatically as being off Chawaeng Bay. In the event of poor wind conditions off the east coast of Koh Samui the start may be moved further north or further south to find more favourable wind.
- 8.8. In the event of a start line being placed further north or further south, the finish line will be in the same relative position.
- 8.9. SPARE
- 8.10. **Adding a windward mark as a new 1<sup>st</sup> mark on courses.**  
If Flag W is displayed with the course number board, A new "FIRST" mark will be added to the course. This will be a mark to Windward of the start line.



The Rounding direction will be indicated by the Coloured Board displayed below the W.

If a RED flag is displayed below flag W, then the new "first" mark of the course shall be rounded to PORT

If a GREEN flag is displayed below flag W, then the new "first" mark of the course shall be rounded to STARBOARD

- 8.11. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark, unless otherwise specified in the course diagrams provided in Course descriptions, and pass or round either gate mark as described. This changes the definition of "Sail the Course [c]"

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks of the course will be inflatable buoys, navigation marks or islands as identified in the course diagrams.
- 9.2. The inflatable buoys will be orange, yellow, red, purple or black buoys, and may display sponsor branding.
- 9.3. The port-end starting mark will be chequered cylindrical buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel.
- 9.4. The port end finishing mark will be a chequered cylindrical buoy.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The first warning signal will be at 10:00 hrs on each racing day.
- 10.2. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.3. If a Pursuit Race sequence is announced, RRS 26 is modified, 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.

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

- 10.4. Start time tables for the anticipated race distances will be published on the day before it will take effect.
- 10.5. Additionally, the race committee may announce the course, race duration and starting VHF frequency and WhatsApp Group, wherever possible. A link is included

- in SI 2.1.
- 10.6. If any part of a boat's hull, 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 77. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 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 finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. **Return to the Finish.**  
If a committee vessel at a mark or gate is displaying Code Flag "R" (Yellow cross on Red Background). 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.
- 11.3. The Race Committee may shorten course in accordance with RRS 32 and/or as changed by these Instructions.
- 11.4. 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 information may be announced on VHF Ch. 77. This changes RRS 32.2
- 11.5. For Coastal Courses, the shortened course may be signalled after the first boat has crossed the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying the blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 12.2. A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.
- 12.3. 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. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2. Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, the Arbitrator/Protest Committee may apply any penalty, including no penalty, for a breach of a rule. This changes RRS 64.2

## 14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for each racing day Monday 26th May – Friday 31st May will be 17.30 hrs. The absolute time limit for racing day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be 16.00 hrs. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.
- 14.2. The time limit for the windward/leeward shall be 2.5 hours or 60 minutes after the second boat of the class finishes, whichever is the longer. Boats finishing outside these limits will be scored "DNF". This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A 4.1
- 14.3. The race committee may, at its absolute discretion award finishing points (FPA) to the last few boats in a class. Boats may be given a notional finishing position and points one or more than the last placed boat to finish within the time limit. This changes RRS A10
- 14.4. The abbreviation FPA will appear in the results when this has been done. If more than one boat in a class receives a position in this way, points shall be awarded as if the boats had equal corrected times. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 14.5. Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately return to the start area, if there is a second race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day.

- 14.6. When zero or less than 50% of a class finish within the required time limit, the Race Committee may use their discretion under SI 14.3 (FPA) and award scores to some or all of the remainder of the class. The race committee may use the relative finishing positions at a previous mark. A boat scored FPA will not be scored better than a boat which finishes.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the protest station situated at the Regatta Office at Nora Beach Resort & Spa. . Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. All protests must be submitted in the English Language.
- 15.3. RRS 63 is modified to permit hearings to be held at any location and by any method of communication considered appropriate by the protest committee before, during and after the race. The protest committee may be one person if that person is a National or International Judge.
- 15.4. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day, the race committee signals no more racing today or from the time of the abandonment of the last race of the day for that class, whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.5. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.  
(a) If both parties to a protest are present and ready to proceed, the protest committee may be willing to hear a protest before the time limit expires.  
(b) Hearings will be heard in the approximate order of receipt, in the announced location, at the times posted.
- 15.6. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.7. 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. SCORING

- 16.1. For all classes there will be up to eight races, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. Scoring for standard starts will be calculated on a Time-on-Time basis:  
**Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x TCC**
- 16.5. Scoring for Pursuit Race Starts:  
Separate Prizes will be awarded based on finishing positions.  
Series points will be calculated using time-on-time, based on actual start and finish times.
- 16.6. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Beach Office and submit to the Scoring Officer.

## 17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP]

- 17.1. During the regatta, the crew should remain the same and be on board for all races. Crew may be substituted with the permission of the race committee.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew and are registered as official media may only join an individual boat for no more than one racing day.



## 18. OFFICIAL VESSELS [NP]

- 18.1. All Official Vessels will display a White Rectangular Regatta Flag indicating their designation as "Media" or "Race Committee". Failure to display this flag will not be grounds for Redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

## 19. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]

- 19.1. Radio communications between boats and the race committee during racing will be carried out on VHF Channel 77 (15.675 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.
- a. Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
  - b. Postponements and abandonments.
  - c. Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
  - d. Changing courses or marks and identify marks
  - e. Shortening the Course
  - f. Time limits
  - g. Safety
  - h. Advise the approximate time of the start signals for a pursuit sequence or warning signal for an additional race.
- 19.3. Failure to make or receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress.
- 19.4. A boat retiring from a race must at the earliest opportunity notify the race committee of this by hail, message, VHF on Channel 77 (15.675 MHz) or cellular phone on the number provided by the race committee.

## 20. PRIZES

Samui 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.

## 21. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]

- 21.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water or leave at the beachside.  
21.2. Garbage should be taken ashore, separated and delivered to the appropriate disposal points at your resort

## 22. 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.**

Inspections - The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.