



NOTICE OF RACE – Keelboats and Multihulls

23rd – 30th May 2026.

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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The Organising Authority is Regattas Asia (RA).

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by:
- 1.2. For boats racing under IRC, The IRC Rules 2025, Parts A, B and C except that:
 - 1.2.1. Rule 21.1.5(d) & (e) are deleted. Different sails may be used on different days.
 - 1.2.2. 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.
- 1.3. The current OMRv9 Rule for Multihulls amended by the Thailand Multihull Association prescriptions.
- 1.4. The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by the National Class Association of Thailand.
- 1.5. Class Rules for one-design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating, including crew limits.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints). Appendix WP will apply when specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T may be offered for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2.
- 1.8. RRS 52, Manual Power, is deleted.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. RRS 77, Identification on Sails, is deleted
- 1.11. Changes to the RRS and Rating Rules are as detailed in the NoR or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.12. The NoR may be changed by amendment or by the SIs. In the event of a conflict, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c)(2)
- 1.13. No National prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.14. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall prevail.

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 2.1. Boats shall comply with **World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B, SPECIAL REGULATIONS for Inshore racing in daylight hours** except that:

All boats shall carry:

 - 2.1.1. An operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
 - 2.1.2. Visual means for attracting attention when in distress.
 - 2.1.3. A suitable tow rope and secure means of attachment to enable a tow.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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 2026.
- 2.4. The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to the Multihull and Beach Catamaran classes.
- 2.5. 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

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

- 4.1. By entering for a race, the person in charge of each boat confirms that they agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern this race. In particular, they confirm they have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that their boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event.
- 4.2. Entry shall be open to boats entered or sailed by persons from any nation. However, boats and competitors shall not display any symbols, flags or slogan representing Russia or Belarus on any boat, place or clothing associated with the event. The penalty for a breach of this rule will be exclusion from further participation in the event and the removal of the boat from the results.
- 4.3. The Organisers reserves the right to:
- Combine the start of one class with another.
 - Subdivide any class.
 - IRC, Multihull, Performance Cruiser and Club Cruiser fleets will be split during May into classes based on rating, boat characteristics or exceptionally for other reasons, depending on the number of entries received. Classes may be amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee. [NP]

4.4. A minimum of 4 boats are required to constitute a class or division.

4.5. Monohull Classes

4.5.1. IRC

IRC class splits will be made according to entries received. The race committee intends to publish a provisional class lists on the event website by 17th May 2026.

Final splits will be announced at the Skippers briefing at 17:30 on Sunday 24th May 2026.

IRC Zero

LH greater than 14m and less than 23.5m

IRC Series Date: 1995 and later

IRC Hull Factor: 10.4 and higher

IRC DLR: 145 and lower

IRC TCC: Greater than 1.250

IRC Divisions: Yachts rating 0.850 and greater.

The IRC Classes will be divided to have "like" boats sailing together, this will be based on Hull Factor (HF), Displacement Length Ratio (DLR), Length of Hull (LH), IRC Series Date and the boats Time Correction Factor (TCC).

4.5.2. The Race Committee may grant dispensation to boats outside these limits at its sole discretion.

4.5.3. 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.

4.6. 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. [NP]

4.7. Performance Cruiser (Modern Cruising with Large Displacement)

4.7.1. Boats racing in the Performance Cruiser Class shall have:

A valid IRC 2025 rating certificate.

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.

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.

4.8. Cruising Monohulls

This class is designed for charter yachts, shorthanded sailors and for cruisers/teams who do not race on a regular basis and therefore may not have a valid handicap certificate.

Boats in Cruising Division without official ratings will be allocated a trial rating by the Race Committee using the best information available at time of entry.

4.8.1. Boats shall not be stripped out or lightened. Boats considered to be "stripped out" may be subject to a substantial handicap penalty. [NP]



- 4.8.2. Boats not providing sufficient boat data will be allocated a trial handicap based on standard hull data and/or a known sistership. This will not be subject to protest or redress; this changes RRS 6. [NP]
- 4.8.3. A trial rating may be realigned during the regatta should additional performance information become available to provide more competitive racing. [NP]
- 4.8.4. Subject to minimum entries, divisions may be established to have like boats sailing together.

4.9. Multihull Classes

Racing Multihull (catamaran and trimaran) boats of a size and condition acceptable to the Race Committee.

- 4.9.1. Entrants should have a current valid OMR certificate.
- 4.9.2. A crew weigh-in is required for all Racing Multihulls at registration.
If a crew member cannot attend at this time, the Race Committee must be notified prior to the scheduled weigh-in and an alternative time may be arranged at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Cruising Multihulls - Cruising Multihulls, of a size and condition acceptable to the Race Committee. If a Cruising Multihull does not possess a current valid OMR certificate, a "trial" rating will be allocated by the Race Committee based on the principles of the current OMR rule.

- 4.9.3. Boats will be fitted out to cruising standards and boats shall not be stripped or lightened and may be subject to a substantial handicap penalty unless the race committee grants dispensation.
- 4.9.4. Boats in the Multihull Cruising Class will sail passage races with islands and Buoys as course marks.

4.10. One-Design Racing

One-design or "Groups" of more than 4 boats (e.g. Beneteau yachts), may apply to the Race Committee for their own class/division daily results listing and overall points series (But normally not Samui Regatta prizes) at the discretion of the OA. Applications should be made to the Race Committee by the Class Association or Group and must be submitted no later than 10th May, 2026.

5. RATING

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 22nd May 2026 (Friday). All charges and fees incurred by a boat in obtaining or modifying Rating Certificates shall be borne by the boat owner.

- 5.1. The IRC 2025 Rule Parts A, B and C shall apply to IRC Classes.
- 5.2. The race committee will use a boat's IRC certificate information downloaded from the irc-racing.org website no later than 17.00 on 24th May, unless a rating amendment has been received by the IRC Rule authority prior to this time.
- 5.3. The current QCYC OMRv9 Rule will apply to Racing Multihulls.
- 5.4. Boats in Cruising Classes (without official ratings) will be allocated a trial rating by the Race Committee using the best information available at time of entry.
 - 5.4.1. Boats not providing sufficient boat data will be allocated a trial handicap based on standard hull data and/or a known sistership. This will not be subject to protest or redress; this changes RRS 61 [NP].
 - 5.4.2. A trial rating may be realigned during the regatta should additional performance information become available to provide more competitive racing. [NP]
- 5.5. Competitors are responsible for obtaining copies of certificates from the relevant issuing authority.

6. CREW NUMBERS

- 6.1. For all Monohull classes IRC 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitation on crew weight or crew numbers except that:
 - 6.1.1. The crew number remain constant on any race day.
 - 6.1.2. 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.
- 6.2. In the Racing Multihull Class, the Race Committee must be notified of the declared crew weight (WCD) at time of registration.
- 6.3. Prior to the start of the regatta, every boat shall provide the OA with an accurate completed Crew List using the online entry system on the Official Website.
- 6.4. Prior to racing, each entrant is required to supply The OA with details of a "Shorewatch" person who shall keep an accurate record of the crew members sailing on the boat on each day and inform the organisers of any changes prior to the start of racing. Subject to that, there will be no further restrictions on crew numbers or crew changes during the regatta.



7. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 7.1. All entrants should enter online at the Official Website. www.samuiregatta.com commencing 5th March 2025.
- 7.2. The boat entry fee includes participation of skipper.
- 7.3. A Crew fee is payable for each registered crew member.
Crew fee Includes: crew race fee, regatta merchandise, entry to all social events including closing dinner.
- 7.4. Entries shall be received with full payment prior to 17th May 2025.
- 7.5. 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 23rd May 2025 must be made in person at Registration.

Entry Fees are as follows:	“Early Bird” discounted Entry Fee: For entries and fees received before 17:00 on 10 th May 2026	“Standard” Entry Fee: For entries and fees received between 11 th & 22 nd May 2026.
	45,000 Baht per Boat (Includes Skippers Fee)	55,000 Baht per Boat (Includes Skippers Fee)
Special Rates may be available for boats officially registered in Samui. For details please contact: Kae@regattas.asia		
Registered Crew/Supporter Fee - 1 Week (Per Crew Member) – 9,500 Baht Includes: regatta merchandise, entry to all social events including closing dinner.		

- 7.6. Fees shown above are for payment by cash or bank transfer.
On-line Payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) will incur a 5% surcharge.
- 7.7. **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 22nd May 2026.**
- 7.8. In the event of an individual race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 7.9. If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta office before 1700 on Friday 15th May, 2026. 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.
- 7.10. Non-sailing participants may enjoy the social events upon payment of 2,000 Thai Baht per person per night, apart from the Final Dinner. Tickets for the Final Dinner will be 4,500 Thai Baht, subject to very limited availability.

8. SCHEDULE

Updated Programme		
<i>Sunday 24th May 2026</i>	<i>Registration @ Nora Beach Resort & Spa Practice Session off Chaweng Beach Skippers Briefing Official Opening Party @ Nora Beach Resort & Spa</i>	<i>11:00 – 16:00 13:00-14:00 17:30 18.00 – 22:00</i>
<i>Monday 25th – Saturday 30th May 2026</i>	<i>5-Days Class Racing + Reserve Day (Thursday) Daily Prize Giving and Social Event. At Samui Beach Stage @ Nora Beach Resort & Spa</i>	<i>Time of first warning signal 11.00 18.00 – 20.00</i>
<i>Saturday 30th May 2026</i>	<i>Closing Awards at The Fair House Beach Resort, Chaweng Noi..</i>	<i>19:00 – 23.00</i>

- 8.1. Max Number of Races: 8
- 8.2. Daily Social Events will be held at 18.00 – 20.00 daily full details of venues will be published on www.samuiregatta.com

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will consist of a combination of windward – leeward, buoy and passage races as determined by the Race Committee and will be decided depending on weather conditions.

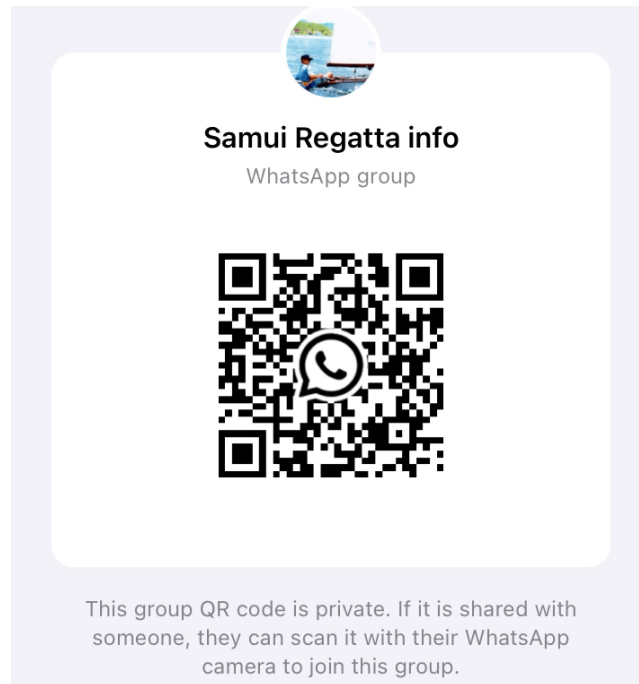
10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration as a downloadable pdf file. Laminated courses will be available at registration, which is held at Nora Beach Resort & Spa, from 10:00 on Sunday 24th May 2026.
- 10.2. Additional copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Briefing, which will be held at the Beach Stage, Nora Beach Resort & Spa at 17:30 on Sunday 24th May 2026.

11. MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS & UPDATES

- 11.1. In addition to the official noticeboard, the OA will make courtesy broadcasts of events updates to registered mobile devices via a WhatsApp Group communication.





Scan the QR Code to register with the Samui Regatta Information Group
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bj2LKM8vAQN8SEmrMxMd3i>

- 11.2. If a registered WhatsApp account becomes unusable, a new number can be registered, up to 20:00 on the day before the new number is to be used.
- 11.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio and via WhatsApp. The VHF channel and a link to the appropriate WhatsApp group will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM (NP)

- 12.1. Alternative penalties (in the form of a scoring penalty) will apply to infringements of RRS 31 and Part 2 for all classes. Details will be in the SIs. A yellow flag will be required.
- 12.2. Arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix T may be offered for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.5. The penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Parts 1 & 2 of the RRS may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

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

14.1. CLASS TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Regatta and its sponsors will award prizes, in each class and division, for First, Second and Third overall;

- 14.2. Other prizes including prizes for individual races and divisional results and line honors may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance for the duration of the event.
- 15.2. 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

- 16.1. It is the responsibility of each boat to provide its distinguishing Sail numerals or letters.
- 16.2. The letters and numbers identifying the boat shall be clearly legible when the sail is set.
- 16.3. All competing boats may 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.

17. SECURITY

- 17.1. Whilst the OA 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. Media Rights

- 18.1. The Regattas Asia and, as authorised by Regattas Asia, its agents, sponsors, licensees and other partners may use event-related still images and footage taken at any time, which may include images of competitors, their boats, support vessels, crew and sponsors, provided that RA shall not use such images to create a direct endorsement by or from a competitor or any person, sponsor, product or service associated with a competitor, without the prior consent of the competitor. RA reserves the right to make alterations to images and footage to include the addition of "virtual" official sponsor branding.

19. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- 19.1. 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.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race.

Rule 3 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:

- a. 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;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g. 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 briefings held for the event.
- h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face all weather conditions that might be experienced during the event, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

