



The Bay Regatta 30th January - 3rd February 2013

Notice of Race - Issued 1st January 2013

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by the organising committee under the auspices of the Ao Chalong Yacht Club in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, Sports Authority of Thailand, the Province of Phuket, the Province of Phang Nga and Province of Krabi.

The Regatta will be held in and around the waters of Phang Nga Bay, Thailand.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 20013-2016 (RRS);
and by:

The IRC 2012 Handicap Rules Parts 1, 2 & 3

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

The OMR rule for Multihulls

The Thaicap rating rules

The Firefly 850 Sport Class Rules.

This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

References herein to a Rule or Appendix are to the RRS or its Appendices unless otherwise stated

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

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising on a boat or by its crew is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code. (formerly Category C) - Boats with advertising material incorporated should include details with their Entry Form. ***The Race Committee reserves the right to forbid items of advertising which may conflict with the regattas sponsors, or in any way offend Thai laws or customs by their nature.***

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The Regatta will have the following classes, which may be subdivided into divisions once all entries have been received.

Racing Class under IRC handicap (current 2012 certificate required)

Cruising A under IRC handicap (current 2012 certificate required)

Bareboat Charter Class under IRC handicap (current 2012 certificate required)

Each boat must be confirmed to be part of a bona fide bareboat charter fleet and their design based on standard production models with shoal keel configuration designed for charter/cruising and including mainsheet controls terminating on the coach roof. Boats will be sailed in charter trim, with standard mainsail, furling headsail and one cruising chute/asymmetric spinnaker with or without pole.

Application forms and measurement details for IRC are available at: www.irc-thailand.com

Cruising B under TBR handicap. *If a boat does not possess a current valid IRC certificate, a rating will be allocated by the Race Committee based on the principles of the current ThaiCap/IRC Rating System. Where full yacht data is not provided, rating will be issued under a worse case scenario. **This rating will not be subject to protest.***

Multihulls under OMR handicap.

Entrants should have a current OMR Rating and supply a validated declared crew weight at registration. 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.

In the Multihull class, the race committee must be notified of the declared crew weight at time of registration. No owner requested alteration to the boats' TCC will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest, to correct rating office errors or for the addition of an official media representative appointed by the organising committee.

- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to allocate a boat or boats to a class or division according to the entries received: this allocation will not be subject to protest or request for redress (This changes Rules 60.1(b) and 62.1) *Boats with a valid IRC may be moved from Cruising B to Cruising A.*

4. ENTRIES

Online entry is available from: <http://www.acyc-phuket.com/bayregatta/>

Entry fees:

Boat including skipper	8,000 Baht
Additional Crew Fee	4,000 Baht per person
One Night Party Tickets	1,000 Baht per person

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES, SOCIAL EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday 30th January, Registration and Opening Party

12.00 – 17.30	Registration
17.30	Skippers Briefing
18.30	Opening Party

Venue: Ao Po Marina

Thursday 31st January, Race Day 1

09.00	First Warning Signal
18.30	Party & Presentations

Party Venue : The Paradise Resort and Spa, Koh Yao Noi

Friday 1st February, Race Day 2

08.30	First Warning Signal
18.30	Party & Presentations

Party Venue : Villaunga, Koh Yao Noi (www.villaguna-residence.com)

Saturday 2nd February, Race Day 3

08.30	First Warning Signal
18.30	Free Night in Krabi

Party Venue : Krabi Area – Free Night

Sunday 3rd February, Race Day 4

08.00	First Warning Signal (Start Line off Krabi)
19.00	Final Party and Presentations

Party Venue : Ao Chalong

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, which is held at Ao Po Marina from 12.00hrs on Wednesday 30th January, 2013. They may be posted on the web site in advance.

Additional copies will be available at the Skippers Briefing, which will be held at 17.30hrs on 30th January, 2013.

7. HANDICAP SYSTEMS AND RULES

- 7.1 The IRC 2012 Handicap Rules Parts 1, 2 & 3 will be used for the Racing and Cruising "A". IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one design, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.
- 7.2 The Bay Regatta Handicap System will be used for Cruising Class "B". The TCF may be adjusted during the course of the regatta. Calculation or adjustment of TCFs is not grounds for redress or protest.
- 7.3 The OMR handicap system will be used for the Multihull Classes.

Boats in the Cruising Multihull class, or, if the Multihull Class is not split, non certified boats in the Multihull class, will be allocated a TCF by the Race Committee based on the current OMR principals. The TCF may be adjusted during the course of the regatta. Calculation and adjustment of TCFs is not grounds for redress or protest.

- 7.4 A Dayboat entering either Racing or Cruising "A" Class may apply to the race committee to use optional equipment as permitted in their class rules. *If this application is accepted, then a correction rating may be issued to apply a discretionary penalty to their TCC for the duration of the regatta only. This modifies IRC Rule 9.2 This penalty will be equivalent to that imposed for adding such equipment under the SBR Handicap Rules.*

IRC, and OMR Certificates: *Competitors wishing to enter a class which requires a current valid IRC, OMR or TBR rating, shall provide a copy of their certificate or rating application with the entry form. Those competitors entering via the website, shall forward a copy of their certificate to the Regatta Organisers prior to 29th January 2013. Competitors are responsible for obtaining copies of certificates from the relevant issuing authority. All charges and fees incurred by a boat in obtaining or modifying Rating Certificates shall be borne by the boat owner.*

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The ISAF RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring System will be used. The Regatta is designated as a Series under Rule A2.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
 - (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. CREW LIMITATIONS AND CREW LIST

- 9.1 Emergency contact and crew lists
- (a) Before the first race is sailed, all entrants are required to supply in writing the name and contact details of a person who can be contacted in an emergency and who will not be sailing on the boat .
 - (b) This person shall have and maintain full details of all crew members racing on board the boat each day.
 - (c) Additionally, all boats shall provide a crew-list of all the people expected to race on the boat together with their email addresses that shall, so far as possible, be up to date and complete at the start of the regatta.
- 9.2 Except as detailed below, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers or changes of crew who are registered on the official crew-list during the regatta.
- (a) Boats in a one-design class or using a one-design rating certificate shall comply with their class crew limitations.
 - (b) 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

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Each boat shall carry at least one suitable anchor and sufficient suitable cable to hold the boat in the depth of water and likely weather conditions in and near the racing area.
- 10.2 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bows.
- 10.3 All boats will be liable for inspection in accordance with applicable safety and measurement requirements.
- 10.4 All boats shall carry a working VHF Radio, which must be switched on during racing and able to receive instructions from the race committee throughout the regatta.
- 10.5 The Race Officer may, during a race, announce changes of course, repositioning of marks, colour of marks, shortening the course, or abandoning a race, over the radio. This may compliment or replace the traditional methods as provided for in the RRS. This changes RRS 33. These announcements will not be subject to protest and cannot be used as evidence in any subsequent redress hearing. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1 Boats should to be adequately covered by appropriate third party liability insurance to at least the minimum amount of 500,000 US\$ or Thai Baht equivalent. Also it is recommended that all crews and other on board be adequately insured including against medical costs.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The following principal prizes for the Bay Regatta will be awarded in each class.

1st Place	1st Prize trophy
2nd Place	2nd Prize trophy
3rd Place	3rd Prize trophy
- 12.2 Prizes may be awarded by Sponsors for individual races.
- 12.3 Other prizes may be awarded for class and division results.

13. 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 Bay 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 to **The Bay Regatta** organisers.

14. DISCLAIMER

Prior to the boat's first race, the person in charge of each boat and/or his authorised representative shall sign a disclaimer of liability and declaration that they will comply with the RRS. If the person in charge will be under 18 years old on 30th January 2013, then the disclaimer shall be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it; and that the boat and all aboard are adequately covered by appropriate insurance.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it might have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, the race officers, race management personnel and boats, beachmasters and sponsors, and their respective employees and representatives.