



MULTIHULL SOLUTIONS REGATTA

PHUKET 2015

an Ao Chalong Yacht Club event

JULY 9th to 12th 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

The Regatta is organised by the Ao Chalong Yacht Club (ACYC) under the auspices of the Yacht Racing Authority of Thailand

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and by:
- 1.2. The OMR Rule for Racing Multihulls and the NHC Performance Handicap Rule for Open Multihull. OMR measurer, Alan Carwardine - alancarwardine@gmail.com
- 1.3. The Firefly 850 Sports One Design Class Rules, Firefly Class rep. Mark Pescott marksummersalt@gmail.com
- 1.4. This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions
- 1.5. In case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes RRS Rule 63.7).
- 1.6. ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 shall apply to all boats except that: the requirement to be self-righting will not apply; and lifelines will not be required
- 1.7. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.8. Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The Regatta is open to all multihulls (catamarans and trimarans) with a length overall of greater than 6 meters that are acceptable to the Race Committee.
- 2.2. The Regatta will have the following classes (subject to entries received):
 - Class 1 Racing Multihulls with valid OMR ratings.
 - Class 2 Firefly 850 Sports One Design
 - Class 3 Open Multihulls. Using the NHC Regatta Performance System.Boats will be allocated a base handicap by the race committee based on the principals of the OMR Rating System. A boat's rating will be adjusted after each race, based on her performance in that race, her base rating and the series to date.

- 2.3. The Race Committee may change the above eligibility factors and number of classes based on its analysis of entries received. The Race Committee reserves the right to allocate a boat to a class or division according to the entries received. This allocation will not be subject to protest or request for redress. (This changes RRS Rules 60.1(b) and 62.1).
- 2.4. Application for entry shall be made on the official Entry Form, which is available at ACYC and online from this site. Entries should be submitted to ACYC secretary@acyc.asia. Entries may be made up until close of registration at 20.00 on Thursday, July 9 2015
- 2.5. Early Bird discounted entry until 15th June 3,500 THB boat entry and including skipper and 1,800 THB per crew. Full price after June 1st 4,500 THB boat entry and including skipper and 2,000 THB each participating crew member. There will also be a fee payable by supporters participating in any of the official functions of the Regatta.

3.0 Schedule of Events

The following is the proposed schedule for the 2014 Regatta events and racing:

Thursday 9 July 2015 Registration Day

1600 - 2000 Registration at ACYC

Friday 10 July 2015 Race Day One - 2 Races scheduled

0900 Briefing at ACYC

1030 First Warning Signal

1700 Prize giving at ACYC

Saturday 11 July 2015 Race Day Two - 2 Races scheduled

1030 First Warning Signal

1700 Prize giving at ACYC

Sunday 12 July 2015 Race Day Three - 2 Races scheduled

1030 First Warning Signal

1800 Prize giving Ceremony

The Organisers reserve the right to amend this schedule.

4. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration

5. Courses

5.1. Racing will take place in or in the environs of Ao Chalong.

5.2. Courses will be chosen to take into account prevailing or forecast conditions for each race.

5.3. Windward/leeward courses will be located in Ao Chalong.

5.4. Coastal courses will take place around islands, fixed navigation marks and inflatable buoys in and around the environs of Ao Chalong.

5.5. Course diagrams will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

6. Penalty System

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

6.2. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

7. SCORING

7.1. For all classes, a maximum 6 races are scheduled.

7.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 7.3. If less than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 7.4. If 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less her worse score.

8. CREW WEIGHT

8.1. Racing Multihulls

In accordance with OMR, each boat shall declare a minimum crew weight, WCD. It is advised that crews "weigh in" before the start of the regatta at Registration. Otherwise, crews may be required to weigh in during the regatta. Scales will be provided at the ACYC. The OMR Rule is available at <http://www.mycq.org.au/OMR/index.htm>

8.2. Firefly 850 Sports One Design.

WCD will be in accordance with class rules.

8.3. Open Multihulls (NHC Handicap)

WCD will not apply

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. PRIZES

10.1. A trophy will be awarded to the winning yacht in each class.

10.2. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded in each class.

11. INSPECTION

All yachts shall be liable for inspection in accordance with applicable safety and measurement requirements.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance to a minimum cover of Thai Baht Twenty Million (or equivalent) for the duration of the event.

13. DISCLAIMER

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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact ACYC secretary@acyc.asia.