



Ocean Marina Yacht Club, Pattaya, THAILAND

27th April-1st May 2018

Sailing Instructions
Class 1 to Class 6

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including:
The IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C
The OMR v8 Rules for Multihulls;
The International Platu 25 Class rules with Thai amendments
The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

References herein to a rule or appendix are to the RRS or its appendices unless otherwise stated.

- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 For Classes 1 – 6, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B shall apply. Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from World Sailing Special Regulations. [NP].
- 1.5 The requirement to be self-righting will not apply to Class 6 Multihull.
- 1.6 Keelboats classes are identified as follows:
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| Class 1 | IRC Racing 1 | Keelboats with an IRC 1.200 and above |
| Class 2 | IRC Racing 2 | Keelboats with an IRC 1.060 to 1.19 |
| Class 3 | IRC Racing 3 | Keelboats with an IRC 0.960 To 1.059 |
| Class 4 | Cruising | Keelboats cruising in nature racing with PHF handicap. |
| Class 5 | Platu | One design Keelboat |
| Class 6 | Multihulls | Ocean going catamarans |

For Classes 1 - Class 3 the IRC handicap system will be applied.
For Class 4 The committee will apply Performance Handicap Factor (PHF) handicaps.
For Class 5, the International Platu 25 Class rules with Thai amendments will apply. All crew to declare their weights.
For Class 6, OMR will be applied. Yachts shall weigh and declare their crew weight (WCD) upon registration. In case changes to crew which brings the total crew weight below the declared crew weight such deficit must be compensated by water ballast in accordance with OMR Rules.

- 1.7 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: However, infringements of this rule are not protestable by a competitor [NP]
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.I IDENTIFICATION
All boats shall carry an identifying number on the mainsail and/or their hull.
3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located opposite the OMYC Marina Office and ATM's
4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.1. On water changes may be made on VHF Ch. 72 prior to the warning signal. Code flag L will be displayed on the committee vessel.
5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast, located next to the Marina Security post, carrying the regatta flag. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The first Warning Signal will be at 1055hrs each day and racing will consist of a mixture of buoy and passage races. The race officer shall fix the number of races and the courses for each day according to wind, weather and schedule requirements. The course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the course board on the start vessel.

6.2 The maximum number of races for each class for the regatta is as follows.

Classes 1-3	8 races
Class 4	5 races
Class 5	10 races
Class 6	8 races

6.3 A warning signal shall not be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled day of the regatta.

7. CLASS FLAG

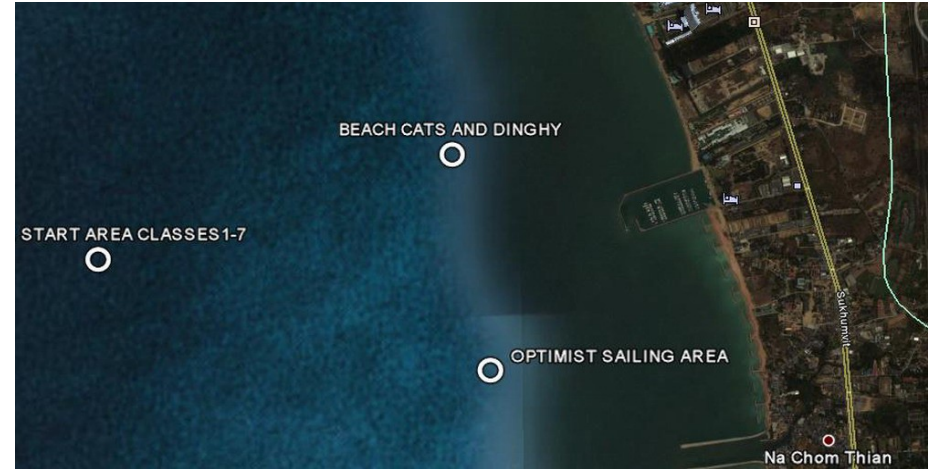
7.1. The class flags will be:

CLASS	FLAG
Class 1 IRC Racing 1	Yellow
Class 2 IRC Racing 2	White
Class 3 IRC Racing 3	Light Blue
Class 4 Cruising	Light Green
Class 5 Platu	Blue P on White
Class 6 Open Multihulls	Flag E

7.2 For Class 1 to Class 4, a small class flag will be provided for each boat. This class flag shall be flown from the backstay while racing. [NP]

8. RACING AREAS

The racing area is west of Ocean Marina Yacht Club, as displayed on the Google map below.



9 COURSES

9.1. The course descriptions are shown on the course diagram which will be available at registration. They show the courses, including the approximate distance (long distance only), the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. The committee may designate additional courses with an appropriate number and communication to the competitors. *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 a minor deviation of position. This changes RRS 62.1.*

9.2 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 class flag or course board representing the class flag together with the course to be sailed. This changes RRS 27.1.

9.3 If Flag "W" is displayed with the course number, the first mark of the course will be a mark to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port, if a red flag is displayed below Flag 'W', and to Starboard if a green flag is displayed. The second mark of the course will be the first mark in the course description. If a "W" flag is not flown, the first mark of the course will be the one listed in the course description in the course diagram. This section does not apply to Windward/Leeward Courses; those courses will be sailed as described in the course diagram.

9.4 If there is any discrepancy between a course diagram and the written description, then the written description shall prevail.

10. MARKS

10.1 Description of Marks Courses 1 – 7

Mark	Description
Start Mark	Yellow triangular buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel.
Finish Mark	Red small round buoy
Mark 1	Yellow cube buoy
Mark 1a	Red cube buoy
Gate marks	Yellow cube buoys
Mark 3	Yellow cube buoy
Mark 2a	TBC
Change of course for Mark 1	Yellow cylindrical buoy
Change of course for Mark 1a	Yellow cylindrical buoy with Red band
Mark W (as per S.I. 9.3)	Black cube buoy

10.2 Description of Marks Courses 8 – 25

Marks of the course will be islands, rocks or navigational aids as described in the course instructions. Laid Marks will be yellow, black or red cube buoys.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
The class starting order for the first race in each day shall be:

Class	Warning Signal
Class 6 Ocean Multihulls	10:55
Class 4 Cruising	11:00
Class 1 and 2 - IRC racing classes	11:05
Class 3 IRC 3	11:10
Class 5 Platu	11:15

11.2 For subsequent starts classes may be started in any order.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark. An inner limit buoy may be laid near the committee vessel approximately on the starting line. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the committee vessel at any time. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the nearby committee vessel before starting. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

11.4 In addition to displaying Race Signal Pennant 'X' the Race Committee may advise boats that are OCS by radio on the official race frequency. Failure to transmit, or delay, is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1.[NP]

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment 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 by VHF on the starting channel. 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). [NP]

11.6 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A 4 and 63.1. [NP]

11.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100m clear of the starting line and its ends after the first warning signal is displayed. [NP]

12. CHANGING OR SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Courses may be shortened at any rounding, passing mark or island, when the committee vessel may hold position using her engines. If a course is shortened at an island, the finishing line will be between the Committee boat and the nearest point of land or a nearby clearance mark (if laid) as described in Sailing Instruction.12.53. This changes RRS 32.2

12.3 Due to shallow waters surrounding some of the islands, the finishing line of the shortened courses may be located further off-shore in deeper water. The shorten course finishing line will be between the committee vessel displaying Flag 'S' and a buoy. This information may be made on VHF Ch. 72. This changes RRS 32.2

12.4 For courses 10-25 the shortened course may be signalled after the first boat has crossed the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

13.2 A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for each class on Courses 1- 5 will be two hours. Boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

15.2 The time limit for all boats in each class for all other courses shall be 1730hrs. Boats still racing after this time will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

15.3 If only 20%, or less or zero of a class finishes within the time limit, then the race committee may, for all boats in that class, use positions or times taken at the previous mark. This changes RRS 35

15.4 The Race Committee may award finishing points (FPA) to the last few stragglers in a class. Boats may be given points equal to one or more than the last placed boat to finish within the time limit. The abbreviation FPA will appear in the results when this has been done. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5. *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.*

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available from the Jury office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury office.

16.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, The Jury may award a scoring penalty, which may include no penalty, as an alternative to DSQ. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Jury. The penalty will be shown in the results as DPI.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RSS 66.

16.7 On the last 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 RSS 62.2

16.8 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. One race shall be completed to constitute a series for each class

17.2 For Class 1, 2, 3 and 6, eight races are scheduled. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

17.3 For Class 4, five races are scheduled. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

17.4 For Class 5 ten races are scheduled. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATION.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. MARK VESSELS & COMMITTEE VESSELS

The regatta flag is a white flag with the regatta logo. This flag will be flown from all committee vessels. Failure to display this flag will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). [NP]

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

20.1 The number of crew for Class 1-3 yachts shall be no more than 120% of the crew number printed on her IRC certificate (rounded up). For Class 4 there shall be a minimum number of three crew to sail the boat safely given the conditions during the regatta. Classes 5 and 6 shall sail in accordance with the yachts certificate or class rules.

20.2 Substitution of skipper will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

21. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.

22.2 Designated radio channels:

Designated radio channels		
1-6	All Transmissions	VHF 72

22.3 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
- (d) Shortening the Course
- (e) Time limits
- (f) Safety

22.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except as described in SI 22.6. This also applies to mobile phones.

22.5 No boat shall instigate radio communication from 10 minutes before the first warning signal until 10 minutes after the last start of the race.[NP]

22.6 A boat retiring from a race can notify the Race Committee by VHF on Channel 72 or cell phone on the designated numbers [NP]

22.7 Any radio communications by the Race Committee, any naming or misnaming of boats and/or their numbers, colors, designs, logos, or shapes cannot be used as evidence in any redress hearing. This changes RRS 62.1 (a) [NP]

23. PRIZES

23.1. The following TOGR principal prizes will be awarded in each of the classes
1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

23.2. Prizes may be awarded by Sponsors for their individual races.

23.3 Other prizes may be awarded for class and division results.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1 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.

24.2 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 by the event organiser 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 briefing held for the event;

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat 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; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

Courses 1 -7

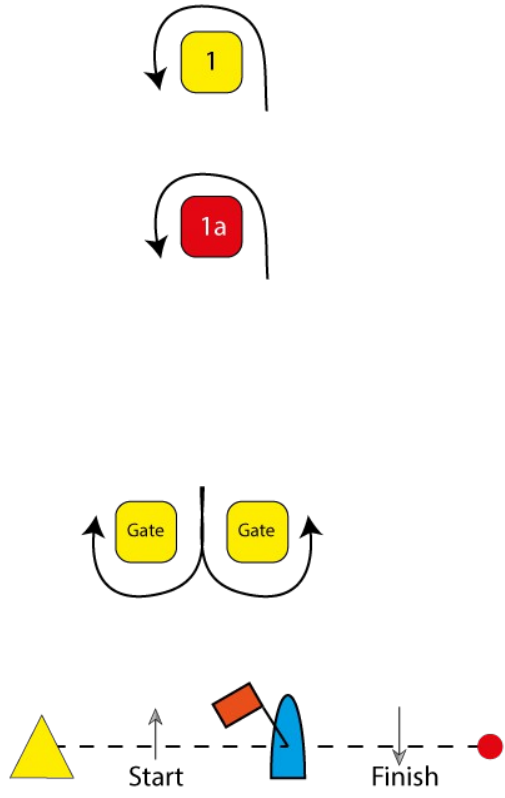
Around the Buoys Courses: (all marks to port)

- 1 The diagram below shows the course to sail. The Course Number to be sailed will be indicated by the display of a numeral board on the signal vessel.
2. All marks to be rounded to Port except the Gate; boats shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark.

COURSE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Start – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1a - Finish
3	Start - 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
4	Start - 1a – Gate – 1a – Finish
5	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 - Finish
6	Start – 1a – Gate – 1a – Gate – 1a - Finish

COURSE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
7	Start – 1a – 3 – 2a – 1a – Finish

Courses 1-6



Course 7

