



TOP OF THE GULF REGATTA 2019

Class 1 to Class 6

30th April - 5th May, 2019

Sailing Instructions

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 2018 Parts A, B and C
The OMR v8 Rules for Multihulls;
The International Platu 25 Class rules with Thai amendments
References 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, the World Sailing Special Regulations Appendix "B" for Inshore Racing 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.
- 1.4 **Keelboats classes are identified as follows:**

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

- 1.5 **For Classes 1, 2 & 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. Races will be scored with no handicaps applied. All crew to declare their weights.
For Class 6, Offshore Multihull Rule (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.
- 1.6 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However the discarding of cotton, wool or rubber bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 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.

4.2 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 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

Date	Time (Warning Signal)	Event
Tuesday 30th	1000hrs – 1730 hrs	Registration
	1400hrs	Practise race
	1700hrs	Skippers briefing
Wednesday 1 st	1055hrs	Race day 1
Thursday 2 nd	1055hrs	Race day 2
Friday 3 rd	0955hrs	Race day 3 & Beach Party - Koh Rin
Saturday 4th	1055hrs	Race day 4
Sunday 5 th	1055hrs	Race day 5
	1800hrs – 2200hrs	Gala Dinner and Prize giving

6.2 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 determine the number of races and the courses for each day according to wind, weather and overall schedule requirements. The course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the course board on the start vessel.

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

Classes 1, 2 & 3;	10 races
Class 4;	6 races
Class 5;	12 races
Class 6;	9 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 at end of this document.

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.

9.2 The course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed by the display of a course board representing the class flag together with the course.

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.

10. MARKS

10.1 Description of Marks Courses 1 – 7

Mark	Description
Start Mark	Yellow & Black checked buoy
Finish Mark	White & Black checked buoy
Mark 1	White cube buoy
Mark 1a	Yellow cube buoy
Gate marks	Yellow cube buoys
Mark 3	Red cube buoy
Change of course for Mark 1	Yellow cylindrical buoy
Change of course for Mark 1a	Yellow buoy with Red band
Mark W (as per S.I. 9.3)	White cube buoy with black band
Platu offset mark (port of 1a)	Yellow buoy with white band

10.2 Description of Marks Courses 8 – 25

Marks of the course will be islands, rocks, navigational aids or laid marks as described in the course instructions. Laid Marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.

11. THE START

11.1 The class starting order for the first race in each day shall be:

CLASS	WARNING SIGNAL All other days	WARNING SIGNAL Friday 3rd
Class 6: Ocean Multihulls	1055hrs	1025hrs
Class 4 Cruising	1100hrs	1030hrs
Class 1 & 2: IRC Racing	1105hrs	1035hrs
Class 3: IRC 3	1110hrs	1040hrs
Class 5: Platu	1115hrs	1045hrs

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.

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

11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100m clear of the starting line 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 mast displaying International Code Flag "S" on the Committee boat and the nearest point of land or a nearby clearance mark (if laid) as described in Sailing Instruction.12.3. 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. This information may be made on VHF Ch. 72. This changes rule 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 all boats in each class on Courses 1- 7 will be two hours. The time limit for all boats in each class for all other courses shall be 1730hrs.

15.2 A boat still racing when her class or division time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 25% of the number of starters in her Class or Division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters plus one. Such boats will be

scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5. Prior to the time limit expiring, the race committee may offer the score of TLE to boats still racing that may not make the time limit. This changes rule 28.1, 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 rule 35

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 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 RRS 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 RRS 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, ten (10) races are scheduled. When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When 7 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, six (6) 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 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 twelve (12) races are scheduled. When fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When 9 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 permitted 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 channel 72 from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
- 22.2 The race committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of recalled boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF channel 72. Any such communications by the race committee will not be considered as outside help, this alters RRS 41. Any failure of, or defect in, any such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62. 22.4
- 22.3 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 22.5. This also applies to mobile phones.

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

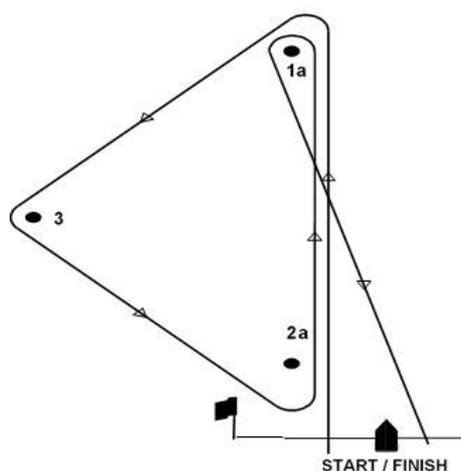
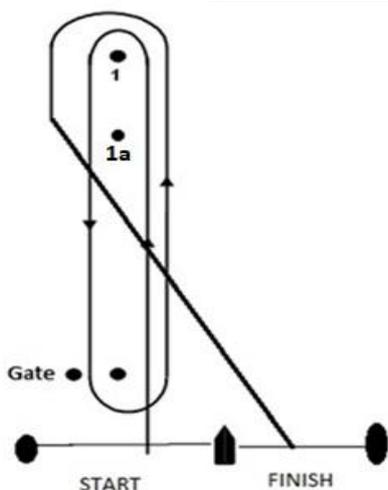
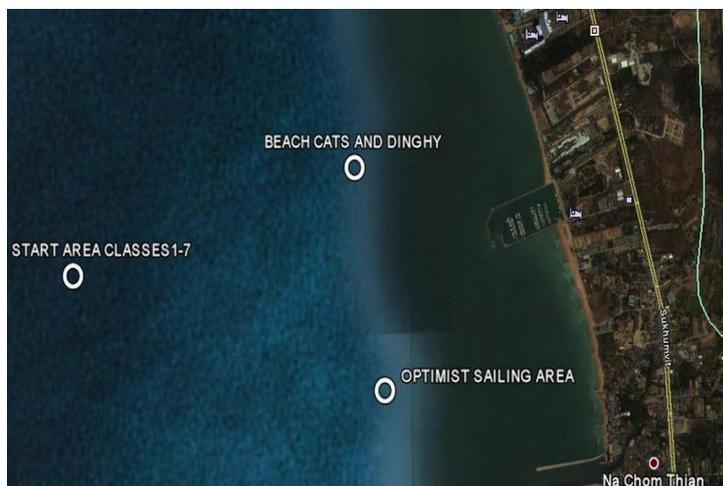
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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
7	Start - 1a - 3 - 2a - 1a - Finish



MARKS COURSES 8 – 25

