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Six Senses Phuket Raceweek

20th July – 24th July, 2011

Sailing Instructions

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Image Asia Events Co., Ltd. under the auspices of the Ao Chalong Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand and is staged under the authority of the Sports Authority of Thailand.

The Regatta will be held in and around the waters off Phuket Island, Thailand.

The Regatta venue will be The Evason Phuket & Bon Island.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and by:

- 1.1. The IRC Rules 2011 Parts A, B and C., the OMR Rule for Multihulls, the Firefly 850 Sport one-design class rules, The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by the National Class Association of Thailand, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. For the purposes of IRC Rules 21.1.5(d) and (e), this is a regatta run on consecutive days and the sails and crew carried shall remain the same.
- 1.3. In the case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail (this changes rule 63.7).
- 1.4. The ORC Special Regulations Category 4 shall apply to all keelboats and Multihulls (except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes).
- 1.5. Advertising on a boat or by its crew is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (formerly Category C). Boats with advertising material should include details with their entry form. The Organising Committee will require all participating boats to display event advertising in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code as follows:
 - 1.5.1. The first 20% (or where the Hull Length is less than 8 metres the greater of the first 1.2m or 25%) of the forward part of each side of the hull of each participating boat for Bow Numbers and/ or the Advertising chosen and required to be displayed by the Organizing Authority of that event, and...
 - 1.5.2. If the boat has a backstay a sponsor's burgee or flag measuring a maximum of 500mm by 750 mm ("Sponsors Flag") to be attached to the backstay. The Sponsors Flag must be carried throughout that event, including when a boat is in harbour.
 - 1.5.3. A Competitor may choose not to display any Advertising which is for alcohol or tobacco, or which he or she genuinely objects to for substantive moral, political or religious reasons. Participants who object to carrying Advertising as described under 1.5.1 or 1.5.2 for any reason, or for reasons of boat design believe they are unable to comply with this requirement, are required to inform the Race Committee in writing no later than 20 June 2011 so that alternative arrangements may be made. (This changes Regulation 20.4.1.1 of the Advertising Code). To download the ISAF Advertising Code, go to:
[http://www.phuketraceweek.com/ISAFReg20Updated2009-\[6806\].pdf](http://www.phuketraceweek.com/ISAFReg20Updated2009-[6806].pdf)

2. IDENTIFICATION

All boats shall carry an identifying sail number of at least 2 digits on the mainsail. It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure that they are in place when racing. If so required by the Race Committee, additional identifying numbers shall be attached to both sides of the mainsail.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official Notice Board located at the Regatta office at the head of the jetty at Evason. - *Notices may also be posted on the official website.*

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag mast carrying the Regatta flag on the shore end of the Evason pier.
- 5.2 When the Flag AP is displayed ashore, the "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Racing will take place on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th July 2011.
- 6.2. The proposed starting sequence will be the following order:

IRC Racing
IRC 2 & IRC 3 together
Firefly
Multihull and Multihull Cruising together
Classic

This may be amended by VHF to suit weather conditions.

All start signals and classes will be displayed on the start boat.

- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1000 hours.
- 6.4. If conditions permit, up to three races may be started on Days One, Two or Three.
- 6.5. On the last day of the regatta the warning signal for the first race will not be made after 14.00 hrs.

7. CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

- 7.1. The class/division flags will be:

IRC Racing		Pink/Black Stripe
IRC 2		White
IRC 3		Light Blue
Firefly 850 Sport		Yellow
Multihull		Blue/Red
Classic		Purple

- 7.2. These flags will be used as the warning signal and need not be carried by competitor's boats.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing areas and courses are illustrated on the diagrams in the attachment. The text on the diagrams will take precedence over the drawing.

9. COURSES

9.1. Windward/Leeward (Courses 1 – 6)

There will be two Windward marks. Mark 1 will be located up to 2 Nm from Start. Mark 3 will be located up to 1.5 Nm from Start and Mark 2 will be located approx 100 meters from Start. If required, Mark 4 will be downwind of the start. All rounding marks shall be left to port

9.2. Coastal Courses

Coastal courses will be numbered as shown in the diagrams, and include areas off the east coast of Phuket , and around the islands of Koh Maithon, Koh Lon, Koh Hae, Koh Bon etc.

- 9.3. The Race Committee will indicate the course choice to be sailed by each class by the display of a course board with each warning signal. Announcements by VHF prior to the first warning signal may also be made.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The marks of the course will be inflatable buoys or islands as identified in the course diagrams and the text within. The text will take precedence.
- The Windward/ Leeward course will use black rectangular buoys for Marks 1 and 2 and 4 and a red triangular buoy for Mark 3.
 - The Coastal courses will use black, red or yellow buoys for laid marks.
 - The Race committee may have committee boats at some marks or nominated islands of the course. The committee boats will be positioned on the outside of the course and on the approach side.
 - All marks may display sponsors' and/or organiser's logos.
 - (f) When a race committee boat is in position it will form gate between itself and the mark/island. Boats shall pass between the committee boat and the mark/island from the direction of the previous mark.
- 10.2. For all classes except Classic, the start marks for courses will be a vessel displaying an orange flag and a red buoy or a boat carrying a red flag at the pin end. For the Classic class the start line will be between a vessel displaying an orange flag and a white buoy at the pin end.
- 10.3. To change the position of a mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish 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.
- 10.4. 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. The new mark will be a yellow or orange buoy.
- 10.5. If at any time a buoy should become unserviceable, it will be replaced by a yellow buoy or a committee vessel displaying flag "M".
- 10.6. **Adding a windward mark**
- 10.6.1. If Flag W is displayed with the course number board, A NEW first mark will be added to the course.
- 10.6.2. This will be a mark to windward of the starting line. The Rounding direction is indicated by the Flag or Coloured Board displayed below the W.
- If a **RED** flag or board is displayed below flag W, then the mark is rounded to PORT.
 - If a **GREEN** flag or board is displayed below flag W, then the mark is rounded to STARBOARD.
- The second mark of the course will now 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.
- 10.6.3. This section does not apply to windward/leeward courses. Those courses will be sailed as described in the Course Descriptions.
- 10.7. **Changing the Course to Finish**
- 10.7.1. **Return to Finish** A committee boat at a mark, gate or island displaying **Code Flag R** means round the rounding or passing mark and race direct to the finish line. (This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals)
- 10.7.2. **Changing course to the finish:** (This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals)
- A committee boat (*which may be a RIB or gate boat*) displaying **Code Flag C** and a board with a **2-digit number** and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near a mark or gate.
 - The **2-digit number** displayed identifies the next mark, which will be the finish. *This mark may not have been part of the original course.*
 - Boats shall round the mark or pass through the gate at which the change of course is displayed in the direction originally indicated with their course.
 - If the 2-digit number is a mark, which is part of a gate, boats shall proceed to finish at the gate from the direction of the change signal mark.
 - For any other displayed 2-digit number, boats shall proceed to the mark indicated and finish between this mark and a staff displaying code flag S on a nearby committee boat.
- In addition to code flag S or C, class flags may be displayed to indicate which classes are being shortened or sent to a different finish.

THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. When an additional race for a class is to be started on the same day, the Numeral Pennant 2 (Blue with a White Spot) will be displayed on the Finish boat. Boats intending to start in the next race should remain in the area but out of the way of boats still racing.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and the port end starting mark. When an inner distance mark is laid boats shall not pass between the mark and the starting vessel during the start sequence or when starting.
- 11.4. When a subsequent race or series of races are started on the same day the warning signal of the first class or classes to start will be preceded by the display of a postponement signal for at least 4 minutes.
- 11.5. This instruction will not apply after a general recall or abandonment.
- 11.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 100m all round clear of the starting line. Boats that infringe this Instruction may be protested. If the protest panel decides that an infringement of this Instruction has occurred, it may penalise the offending boat by disqualifying her or by adding a time penalty to her elapsed time or it may determine that no penalty is required.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line for all classes, except the Classic Class, will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end, and a finishing mark at the port end.
- 12.2. The finish for Classic Class courses 18,20,21 and 25 will be between a committee boat displaying an orange flag at the port end and the safe water mark off Ao Makham on the starboard end. The finish for Classic courses 19, 26 and 27 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel and a white buoy at the pin end.
- 12.3. The Race Committee may shorten course in accordance with Rule 32 and/or as changed by these Instructions.
- 12.4. If the course is shortened at an island or point of land, the Race Committee may lay a finishing mark just offshore to indicate the finishing line. Boats shall finish between the mark and the Committee Vessel. Where there is no mark, the finish line shall be between the Committee boat and the nearest point of land.
- 12.5. If less than 20% of a class reach the finish line or the Mark at which a course is shortened, then positions for those yacht not completing the course may be allocated using positions taken from the previous mark. This changes Rules 32.1 and 35.

13. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 13.1. For IRC Racing, IRC 2, IRC 3 and Classic classes, IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1
- 13.2. In the Multihull class, the Race committee must be notified of the declared crew weight (WCD) at time of registration. No alteration to the boat's WCD or TCC will be permitted during the regatta except for the addition of accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen for an individual race, a result/rating protest or to correct rating errors.
- 13.3. Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not registered 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
- 13.4. Owners/skippers should seek clarification from the Race Committee if in doubt.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For **Monohull** classes on **Windward / Leeward Courses**, the Two- Turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a One Turn penalty except for infringements that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark.
- 14.2. For the **Multihull, Firefly 850 Sports and Classic** classes, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 14.3. Commercial shipping and fishing vessels
In order to avoid the risk of collision with commercial vessels that are underway, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. Such use shall be reported to the Protest Committee at the Regatta Centre, who shall decide what, if any, penalty to award.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The absolute time limit for each racing day will be 17.00. This changes Rule 35 and Appendix A 4.1. This overrides the provisions in SI 15.2 and 15.3.
- 15.2. The time limit for the second boat in each class for all coastal courses will be 6 hours. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the second boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 and A4.1.
- 15.3. Time limit for the first boat in each class for the Windward/Leeward races will be 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 1.5 hours after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35 And A4.1.
- 15.4. The Race committee, may, at its absolute discretion, award finishing points (FPA) to the last few stragglers in a class. Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately return to the start area, if there is an additional race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day. This changes Rule 35 and Appendix 4.1.

16. PROTESTS and REQUESTS for REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available from the Regatta office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to all protests by the Race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3, and 62.2. The daily close of protest time for each class will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order of receipt, in the Protest Room at the times posted.
- 16.5. Notices of protest by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)
- 16.6. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting was informed of the decision that day.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

17.2. Number of races

For **Classic Class** there will be **four races**, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

- When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

For **IRC Racing, IRC 2, IRC 3, Firefly and Multihull Classes** there will be **up to eight races**, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

- When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. MARK BOATS & COMMITTEE BOATS

The Regatta flag is a blue Six Senses Phuket Raceweek flag. This flag may be flown from all committee and mark boats.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. All yachts shall carry a working marine band VHF transceiver and monitor VHF Channel 72 during racing hours.
- 19.2. A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except where permitted by these SIs.
- 19.3. No boat shall instigate radio communication from 10 minutes before the first warning signal until 5 minutes after the last start.
- 19.4. Radio communications between yachts and the Race Committee will be carried out on Channel 72. (156.625 MHz)

- 19.5. A yacht retiring from a race must at the earliest opportunity notify the Race Committee for their course by hail, message or by VHF Channel 72.
- 19.6. Prior to and during each start sequence announcements may be made indicating which classes are in a starting procedure.
- 19.7. Every effort will be made to inform boats observed by the Race Officer to be OCS and may be identified on the course frequency as specified in 19.1 as soon as possible. This changes Rule 29.1.
- 19.8. Any radio communications by the Race Committee naming or misnaming of boats and/or their numbers, colours, designs, logos, or shapes cannot be used as evidence in any subsequent redress hearing. This changes Rule 62.1 (a).

20. PRIZES

20.1. The following principal prizes for Six Senses Phuket Raceweek 2011 will be awarded in each of the classes.

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

20.2. Prizes may be awarded by the organisers or sponsors for individual races.

20.3. 19.3. Other prizes may be awarded for class and division results.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. It is a condition of entry that, prior to the boat's first race, the person in charge of each boat and/or his authorised representative shall, at registration, 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 the first day of the Regatta then a special disclaimer, available from the Regatta Centre, shall also be countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- 21.2. 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 that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 21.3. 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; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it.
- 21.4. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims including cover for racing in the sum of at least Twenty Million Thai Baht, or the equivalent, for the duration of the event. Entrants shall declare when entering that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.
- 21.5. 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 may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing.
- 21.6. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, on-water volunteers, patrol boats, beachmasters and sponsors. The provision of patrol craft does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.