



The Bay Regatta

1st - 5th February 2012

Sailing Instructions - Issued 20th January 2012

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by 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 the Province of Krabi.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- 1.2 The handicap rules for IRC 2011 (Parts 1, 2, and 3), OMR and Thaicap as specified in the Notice of Race shall apply.
- 1.3 The class rules for the Firefly 850 Sport and Platu 25 as specified in the Notice of Race shall apply.
- 1.4 The advertising on a boat or by its crew is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20. The Race Committee reserves the right to forbid items of advertising which may conflict with the regatta's sponsors, or in any way offend Thai laws or customs by their nature.
- 1.5 The ORC Regulations Category 4 will apply to all classes with the following exceptions:
 - 1.5.1 The requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Class.
 - 1.5.2 The ORC Regulations Category 5 will apply to the Firefly 850 Sport and boats defined as "Sports Boats" or "Dayboat" by their rating certificates, except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Firefly 850 Class.
- 1.6 A "Dayboat" 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
- 1.7 The rules of RRS Part 2 will not apply between the hours of local sunset and sunrise and will be replaced by the corresponding provisions of the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

2 IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 All boats shall carry an identifying sail number of at least 2 digits on the mainsail

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be available from the committee and will be announced at parties.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any intended changes to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at parties, the day before it will take effect, and will include any change to the schedule of races.
- 4.2 To alert boats on the water that late changes to the Sailing Instructions have been made, Flag 'L' will be displayed on the starting vessel and information passed by VHF radio by general announcement.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES & COURSES

- 5.1 The Schedule of Races for each class will consist of 4 days racing.
- 5.2 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled for all classes
- 5.3 The written description of the course will take precedence over the diagram.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for race day 1 will be 09.00hrs.
- 5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for race days 2 and 3 will be 08.30hrs.
- 5.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race day 4 will be 08.00hrs.
- 5.7 The course number will be displayed on the race committee signal boat on the course board at or prior to the warning signal for each class. The race committee may also announce the course number for all classes on VHF Channel 72 before the warning signal.
- 5.8 The race committee may change a course if the weather circumstances are not suitable for the scheduled course. The change will be signalled by the display of flag C, 15 minutes prior to the first warning signal or the removal of "AP". The race committee may also announce the changes on VHF Channel 72 prior to the warning signal.
- 5.9 When more than one race for a class will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed before the warning signal is displayed.
- 5.10 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.11 The order of starting for all Races will be announced on the day by VHF.
- 5.12 If none of the prepared courses are suitable for the wind conditions a new course for the day may be described by VHF radio from the committee boat at the start.

6 CLASS/DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 The class/division flags will be:
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| Racing | Light Blue/Black Stripe |
| Cruising A | White |
| Cruising B | Pink |
| Bareboat Charter | Green/White |
| Multihull | Red/Blue |
- 6.2 These flags will be used as the warning signal and need not be flown by competitors.

7 MARKS and GATES

- 7.1 The marks of the course will be inflatable black, red or yellow buoys, or an island as identified in the course description and diagrams.
- 7.2 Gates will be between a committee boat and a buoy, or an island as indicated in the course diagrams.
- 7.3 The port-end starting mark will be a Inflatable buoy which may display sponsors logos or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat.
- 7.4 The finishing marks will be a vessel displaying an orange flag at one end and an inflatable buoy at the other end.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 200m all round clear of the starting line.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 For Courses **1,2,3,4,5,8,9** - The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 9.2 For Courses **10,11,12,13** - The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the finishing vessel at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark.
- 9.3 For Courses **6 and 7** - The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the finishing vessel at the port end and Hin Mu Sang Nua.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For the Multihull class Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

11 TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 For Courses **1 - 9** --- There are no individual time limits.
- 11.2 For Courses **10 to 13** --- **2.5 hours**. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the second boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and RRS A 4.1

- 11.3 The absolute time limit for all courses on days 1,2 and 3 will be 16.30 hrs.
- 11.4 The absolute time limit for courses 8 & 9 will be 15.30 hrs.
- 11.5 The Race Committee may at its absolute discretion award finishing times/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 a second race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A 4.1
- 11.6 The Target Time is the estimated time for the first boat in each class to finish the course and is equivalent to two thirds of the Time Limit.

12 PROTESTS and REQUESTS for REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests are not encouraged but if absolutely necessary shall be made in writing to the Race Officer no later than 1700 hrs on the same day as the infringement.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The ISAF RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring System will be used. The Regatta is designated as a Series under Rule A2.

13.1.1 For all classes, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.1.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

13.1.3 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 MARK BOATS & COMMITTEE BOATS

- 14.1 The Regatta flag is the burgee of the Ao Chalong Yacht Club. This flag will be flown from all committee and mark boats.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Radio communications between yachts and the Race Committee will be carried out on VHF Channel 72. All yachts shall carry a working marine VHF radio, which shall be turned on and monitored throughout racing.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except where permitted by these sailing instructions. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.3 Prior to and during each start sequence announcements may be made indicating which classes are in a starting procedure.
- 15.4 Radio communication by the Race Committee is provided as a courtesy to competitors. Any radio communication by the race committee misnaming or naming of yachts or their numbers, colour, designs, shapes or other identification cannot be used as evidence in any redress or protest. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 15.5 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).

16 RETIRING

- 16.1 Boats that retire during a race shall advise the race committee, by radio, or hail before leaving the race area. Refer to SI 15-VHF radio communication. This is a safety requirement.

17 SHORTENING COURSE

- 17.1 The Race Committee in accordance with RRS 32, may shorten a course at any gate, mark or island specified in the course description, by a Committee Vessel displaying flag S and the relevant Class Flag(s) if necessary. Boats shall finish by passing between the Committee Vessel and the nearby mark of the course from the direction of the last mark.

- 17.2 If a Committee boat, stationed at a mark, island or gate indicated in the course directions displays **Code Flag R** and a Class Flag, then boats in the indicated class shall complete the current rounding, passing or gate as described in the course directions and then race directly to the described finish line.

- 17.3 If a Committee boat, stationed at a mark, island or gate indicated in the course directions displays **Code Flag R** without a Class Flag, then all boats shall complete the current rounding, passing or gate as described in the course directions and then race directly to the described finish line.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 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

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not under any circumstances except as permitted by law accept any liability for material, personal or consequential damages or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after regatta