

The 13th Phang Nga Bay Regatta

3rd - 7th February 2010

Notice of Race - Issued 1st December 2009

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by the organising committee under the auspices of 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 Province of Krabi.

The Regatta will be held in and around the waters of Phang Nga Bay, Thailand.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS); and by:

The IRC 2009 Handicap Rules Parts 1, 2 & 3

The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by the National Class Association of Thailand.

The OMR rule for Multihulls

The Thaicap rating rules

The Firefly 850 Sport Class Rules.

This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

References herein to a Rule or Appendix are to the RRS or its Appendices unless otherwise stated

In the case of conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail. (This changes Rule 63.7)

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising on a boat or by its crew is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code. (formerly Category C) - Boats with advertising material incorporated should include details with their Entry Form. ***The Race Committee reserves the right to forbid items of advertising which may conflict with the regattas sponsors, or in any way offend Thai laws or customs by their nature.***

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The Regatta will have the following classes, which may be subdivided into divisions once all entries have been received.

Racing Class under IRC handicap (current 2009 certificate required)

Cruising A under IRC handicap (current 2009 certificate required)

Cruising B under Thai Cap.

Multihulls - Racing under OMR handicap.

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Entrants should have a current OMR Rating and supply a validated declared crew weight at registration. If a boat does not possess a current valid OMR certificate, a rating will be allocated by the Race Committee based on the principles of the current OMR rule. **This rating will not be subject to protest.**

Firefly 850 Sport under one-design class rule.

- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to allocate a boat or boats to a class or division according to the entries received: this allocation will not be subject to protest or request for redress (This changes Rules 60.1(b) and 62.1)

Boats with a valid IRC may be moved from Cruising B to Cruising A.

4. ENTRIES

Online entry is available from www.bay-regatta.com .

Entry fees:

Boat including skipper	8,000 Baht
Additional Crew Fee	4,000 Baht per person
One Night Party Tickets	1,000 Baht per person

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES, SOCIAL EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday 3rd February, Registration and Opening Party

12.00 – 17.30 Registration

17.30 Skippers Briefing

18.30 Opening Party

Venue: Absolute Chandara Resort & Spa

Thursday 4th February, Race Day 1

08.30 First Warning Signal

18.30 Party & Presentations

Party Venue : Laem Sak Seafood, Chong Lat

Friday 5th February, Race Day 2

08.30 First Warning Signal

18.30 Party & Presentations

Party Venue : Ko Yao Noi Paradise Resort

Saturday 6th February, Race Day 3

08.30 First Warning Signal

18.30 Party & Presentations

Party Venue : Sheraton Krabi Resort

Sunday 7th February, Race Day 4

08.00 First Warning Signal

19.00 Final Party and Presentations

Party Venue : Kan Eang II Restaurant, Ao Chalong

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, which is held at Absolute Chandara Resort & Spa from 12.00hrs on Wednesday 3rd February, 2010. They may be posted on the web site in advance.

Additional copies will be available at the Skippers Briefing, which will be held at 17.30hrs on Wednesday 3rd February, 2010.

7. HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 7.1 The IRC 2009 Handicap Rules Parts 1, 2 & 3 will be used for the Racing and Cruising “A”.
- 7.2 ThaiCap will be used for Cruising Class “B”
- 7.3 The OMR handicap system will be used for the Multihull Classes.
- 7.4 The Thaicap and OMR handicaps will be fixed and not subject to protest.
- 7.5 The Firefly 850 Sport One Design Class rules will be used.
- 7.6 A Dayboat entering either Racing or Cruising “A” Class 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

This penalty will be equivalent to that imposed for adding such equipment under the SBR Handicap Rules.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The ISAF RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring System will be used. The Regatta is designated as a Series under Rule A2.
 - (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores
 - (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.2 In the event of a tie all results will be taken into account. This changes Appendix A

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 Each boat shall carry at least one suitable anchor and sufficient suitable cable to hold the boat in the depth of water and likely weather conditions in and near the racing area.
- 9.2 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bows.
- 9.3 All boats will be liable for inspection in accordance with applicable safety and measurement requirements.
- 9.4 All boats shall carry a working VHF Radio, which must be switched on during racing and able to receive instructions from the race committee throughout the regatta.
- 9.5 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 in addition to the traditional methods as provided for in the RRS. 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).

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 Boats should to be adequately covered by appropriate third party liability insurance to at least the minimum amount of 500,000 US\$ or Thai Baht equivalent. Also it is recommended that all crews and other on board be adequately insured including against medical costs.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 The following principal prizes for the Phang Nga Bay Regatta will be awarded in each class.
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| 1st Place | 1st Prize trophy |
| 2nd Place | 2nd Prize trophy |
| 3rd Place | 3rd Prize trophy |
- 11.2 Prizes may be awarded by Sponsors for individual races.
- 11.3 Other prizes may be awarded for class and division results.

12. SECURITY

Whilst the Regatta Organisers will do their best to arrange a safe environment for competing boats and crews, all entrants are cautioned to secure valuables at all times during the Regatta. Skippers are required to sign a Declaration upon registration, absolving the **Phang Nga Bay Regatta** Organisers of liability in the event of loss. Access to official social functions will be restricted to those who have paid the crew fee or social fee to the **Phang Nga Bay Regatta** organisers.

13. DISCLAIMER

Prior to the boat's first race, the person in charge of each boat and/or his authorised representative shall 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 3rd February 2010, then the disclaimer shall be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

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 her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

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; that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it; and that the boat and all aboard are adequately covered by appropriate insurance.

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 might have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, the race officers, race management personnel and boats, beachmasters and sponsors, and their respective employees and representatives.