

Sailing Instructions

Standard Insurance – Lexus and Smart Infinity Manila to Boracay Race 2009 Saturday 14 – Monday 16 February 2009

Organising Authority

The Regatta is organised by the Manila Yacht Club, under the auspices of the Philippine Sailing Association.

The Regatta Office is at the Manila Yacht Club and the Sea Wind Resort, Boracay.

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following will apply

- The IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2 and 3.
- ISAF Special Regulations Category 3.
- Between 1800 and 0600 navigation lights shall be lit and RRS Part 2 rules 10 to 19 inclusive will cease to be applicable and will be replaced by Part B (steering and sailing rules) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- The PCR Cruiser Rating System, based on the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) System, as administered by the Race Committee.
- The Notice of Race as amended and as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- These Sailing Instructions

In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence

1.3 Racing Rules will be changed as indicated

SI 4.2 Race Signals

SI 10.6 RRS 62.1 (a)

SI 10.8 RRS A4 and 63.1

SI 14 RRS 44.1 and 22.2

SI 16.3 RRS 61.3 and 62.2

SI 16.6 RRS 60.1 (a)

2. Communications

2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Manila Yacht Club and outside the Sea Winds Resort, in Boracay. Copies may also be posted at the Service Boat Dock.

2.2 The Race Committee ('Signal Boat') will use VHF Ch.71 for giving course instructions, for all communications with competitors on the water and as an aid to provide information. The service is not guaranteed.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

A change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole on the service dock at Manila Yacht Club.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 The raising and lowering of the Code Flag "AP" ashore will be broadcast on VHF Ch 71.

5. Schedule of Race

The Warning Signal is scheduled for 1355 on Saturday 14 February 2009.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The Class Flag for all Classes to be used as the Warning Signal is Yellow
- 6.2 The following coloured flags will serve as Class Flags

Royal Blue	IRC Racing Class
Light Blue	IRC Premier Cruising Class
White	IRC 1 Class
Yellow	Multihull Classes
Pink	Cruising Class
- 6.3 While racing, a yacht shall display the flag assigned to her class on her backstay.

7. Racing Area

The Racing Area will be between Manila Bay and Boracay Island.

8. Course

- 8.1 The course will be

Start	Off Manila Yacht Club
St Nicholas Shoals Light Tower	Port
Mindoro Island	Starboard
Verde Island	Port
Boracay Mark	Port
Finish	East of Boracay Mark

All marks to be passed on the side as indicated.

- 8.2 Locations are using WGS 84 are:

Start Area	N 14 33.5	E 120 57.4
St Nicholas Shoals Light Tower	N 14 26.2	E 120 45.8
Boracay Mark	N 11 55.3	E 121 55.0
Finish	N 11 55.95	E 121 55.50

9. Marks

- 9.1 The Boracay Mark will be a green navigation buoy or small banca flying a green flag and after dark will display a green navigation light flashing 3 times every 6 seconds
- 9.2 The Starting Mark will be a Yellow Buoy
- 9.3 The Finishing Mark will be a Red Buoy. During hours of darkness the Finishing Mark will display a red navigation light flashing 3 times every six seconds.

10. Start

- 10.1 All Classes will start at the same location at the same time.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the Starboard end, and the starting mark (ODM) at the Port end. If an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) is laid, boats shall pass between the ODM and the IDM when approaching the line to start or starting.

- 10.5 In addition to RRS 29.1 individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF Ch. 71. Individual recall details such as sail numbers and/or yacht names may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It remains the individual responsibility of boats to start correctly.
- 10.6 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 will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Ch 71. 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).
- 10.7 In addition to RRS 29.2 general recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch 71.
- 10.8 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her Starting Signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and 63.1.

11. Communications during the Race

- 11.1 All communication by radio with the Race Committee will be on Marine VHF Channel 71.
- 11.2 All boats shall report their 1800 (between 1800 and 1900) and 0800 (between 0800 and 0900) position to the Race Committee until they have finished or they have informed and received acknowledgement from the Race Committee of their retirement.
- 11.3 If boats are unable to report their position by direct VHF contact with the Race Committee or by arranging for their position to be relayed by a boat that is in radio communication with the Race Committee, they shall report their position by text message or satellite phone.
- 11.4 A boat retiring from a race must at the earliest opportunity notify the Race Committee of this by hail, message, telephone or by VHF on Channel 71.
- 11.5 The race will be accompanied by the Race Committee boat Toot's Boy (Tel: 0917 508 9027). She is responsible for coordinating radio reports. Other escort vessels may be nominated to serve as official Radio Ships (RS) to receive and relay messages pertinent to the conduct of the race. An RS may assist boats in distress by relaying radio traffic to the appropriate authorities. The RSs are not intended to be used to tow, ferry crew or relay private messages except in an emergency. The Race Committee will also maintain radio watch on Channel 71.
- 11.6 Competing boats (especially those with powerful transmitters), which hear other boats attempting to call the RS without reply, are encouraged to act as relay stations.
- 11.7 When calling in, boats shall report:
 - (a) Boat's name and Sail Number
 - (b) Position (Lat & Long), or range & bearing from Boracay Mark
 - (c) If necessary, the nature of assistance required
 - (d) If necessary, information on dangers to navigation sighted and their positions
- 11.8 When texting the following format should be used – NAME OF BOAT 14 26.2 121 45.8
- 11.9 The Finishing Boat will be Heather Louise (Tel: 0917 528 2956). If this number cannot be contacted the standby numbers are: 0917 529 8306 and 0919 641 8186.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The Finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Finishing Boat at the Port end and the Finishing Mark at the Starboard end. After dark the Finishing Boat will display a continuously flashing blue light.
- 12.2 Boats shall call the Finishing Boat on VHF Channel 71 when they are within 2 nm of the finish and when they have crossed the finish line to verify their finish.
- 12.3 Boats finishing in darkness shall illuminate their sail numbers

13 Cruising and Sailing / Motoring Classes

- 13.1 All boats in Cruising Class and Sailing / Motoring Class shall submit a completed Declaration Form to the Race Office at Sea Wind Resort within the Protest Time Limit of her class. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.
- 13.2 Any boat in Cruising Class can elect to change class to Sailing / Motoring Class after 30 minutes following the start of the race, by making use of their engine for propulsion.
- 13.3 Actual times of motoring (to the nearest second) and GPS position at the start and finishing of every motoring period must be recorded and entered into the Declaration Form which shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
- 13.4 For the purposes of calculating results, the time a boat has been motoring will be multiplied by 1.5. This figure will be added to the boats Elapsed Time, before the Corrected Time is calculated. For example: For 60 minutes of motoring, 90 minutes will be added to the boats Elapsed Time.
- 13.5 A boat motoring for more than 20% of her elapsed time for the race shall not be placed ahead in the results of a boat that motors for less than 20% of her elapsed time.

14 Penalty System

For the Multihull Class RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Time Limits

There will be no Time Limit

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 A boat that wishes to protest or seek redress shall advise the Race Committee on VHF CH 71 or by telephone to the Finishing Boat or Race Office no later than 30 minutes after finishing.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit. Protest Forms are available at the Race Office.
- 16.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the race. However, if the last boat in a class finishes between 1800 and 0600 the Protest Time Limit is 0800 for that class. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 Protest Committee Room, beginning as soon as possible.
- 16.5 Exoneration Penalty
A boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31.1 or 42 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3 (c), (except the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under Rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of Rule 2 or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her beach. In these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted
- Neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty
 - The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest Committee decide it was appropriate to the facts found and applicable rules.

- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 6.2, 10.8, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17. Safety Regulations and Scrutineering

- 17.1 At the time of registration, each skipper or his representative shall sign-in for the Regatta on the appropriate form.
- 17.2 There will be mandatory scrutineering by the Organizing Committee, and all yachts shall be liable for inspection before and after the Race, at which time the owner shall ensure that a responsible member of the crew is present to assist in identifying all safety equipment.
- 17.3 Any boat failing to submit to inspection or which fails to comply, will be liable to disqualification from the Race, or to such other penalty, as the Protest Committee, at its discretion may prescribe.

18. Prizes

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Party at Sea Wind Resort which starts at 1900 on Tuesday 17 February.
- 18.2 The Manila to Boracay Trophy will be awarded to First, Second and Third places in each class.
- 18.3 The Kellett Island Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the IRC Division.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Committee, Regatta Volunteers, the Manila Yacht Club and its officers, members and employees, Regatta Sponsors and their representatives, officers, and members accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Regatta.
- 19.2 The term "Skipper" shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the Entry Form as the "Skipper". The Skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the Race and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew before, during and after the Race, and for compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

20. Insurance

Each competing yacht shall be insured with a current policy for third party liability coverage of at least Philippine pesos 2 million or its equivalent.