

17th President's Cup Regatta
Boracay Island, Philippines
February 17 - 21 2009

Notice of Race

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The Regatta Organising Authority is the Manila Yacht Club under the auspices of the Philippine Sailing Association

Enquires and entries should be addressed to:

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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 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J, Category 5.
- Safety Rules for Multihulls (These will be available one month before the event)
- The IR2000 IRC Rules as amended.
- The Royal Yachting Association Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) System, as administered by the Organising Committee
- The Notice of Race (unless amended by the Sailing Instructions)
- The Sailing Instructions

2. Advertising

2.1 The Regatta is designated as a "Category C" event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

2.2 Boats wishing to carry sponsors names or logos on sails, and/or hulls should seek approval from the organizing committee in order to prevent conflicts with Regatta Sponsors.

2.3 The organizing committee may require all boats to display the Regatta sponsors advertising on their boats.

3. 3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1. Classes are classified in line with the Manila – Boracay Race so that boats may compete in the same class in the Combined Results Boracay Series.

3.2. The Regatta will have the following classes:

IRC Racing Class: Keelboats with an IRC rating of 1.03 or greater with a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.5 and above or a displacement / Length Ratio (DLR) of less than 150.

IRC Premier Cruising Class: Keelboats with an IRC Rating of 1.03 or greater with a Hull Factor (HF) of 7.4 or less or a displacement / Length Ratio (DLR) equal to or greater than 150.

IRC Cruiser / Racer Class: Keelboats with an IRC rating less than 1.100

PY Cruising Class: Boats of a cruising nature not currently holding an IRC Certificate.

Multihull Classes: Multihulls of a size, type and condition acceptable to the Organising Committee racing as one designs or under the PY rating scheme.

3.3. The Race Committee may change the above eligibility factors and number of classes based on its analysis of the entries received. The Committee's decision will be final and is not subject to protest.

3.4. For a Class to be recognised by the Regatta, a minimum of 3 boats must enter the Class.

3.5. Boats will enter by completing the Entry Form and returning it to The President's Cup Regatta Secretariat by Saturday 7 February 2009. Philippines-based keelboats must submit entry fees with their Entry Form. Foreign boats should pay entry fees at registration. Registration will take place at the Manila Yacht Club before the Manila – Boracay Race, and in Boracay.

3.6. IRC boats shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate to the Regatta Secretariat no later than 0800 Saturday 7 February 2009. No alteration to a boat's rating will be permitted after that date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

3.7. Boats entering the Manila – Boracay Race that submit their current IRC Certificate to the Race Secretariat are not required to submit a certificate to the President's Cup Regatta Secretariat.

3.8. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee with an additional late entry fee of P 5,000.

4. Fees

Entry Fees, which include entry for the boat and her skipper, are as follows:

IRC Classes	P 15,000
PY Classes	P 10,000
Beach Miltihulls	P 5,000

The fee for each crew member is P 2,000

5. Schedule

The following is the proposed schedule, but the Race Committee reserves the right to amend this schedule.

The 1st Warning Signal is scheduled each day at 1025

Friday 13 February	0900 – 1700	Registration at Manila Yacht Club
Monday 16 February	0900 – 1700	Registration at Sea Wind Resort, Boracay
	1830 -	Skipper's Briefing at Sea Wind Resort
Tuesday 17 February	0900 – 1200	Registration at Sea Wind Resort
	1400	Practice Race
Wednesday 18 February	All Classes	Long Race
Thursday 19 February	IRC Classes	2 Windward / Leeward Races
	PY Classes	Long Race
Friday 20 February	All Classes	Long Race
Saturday 21 February	IRC Classes	Two Windward-Leeward Races
	PY Classes	Long Race

6. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available for downloading from the Regatta website www.prescup.com no later than 7 February 2009 and at Registration.

7. Venue

7.1 Races will be in the area of Boracay Island and neighbouring islands.

7.2 The Race Office and Regatta Headquarters will be at the Sea Wind Resort, Boracay Island.

8. Penalty System

For Multihull Classes rule 44.1 and 11.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

9. Scoring

9.1. For IRC Classes when fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.2. For the PY Classes a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

9.3. Separate Class results will also be calculated to include the Manila – Boracay Race, in which case the Manila - Boracay Race cannot be dropped.

12. International Jury

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with Appendix N. The decision of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4

13. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. However Marine VHF radio will be an important means of communication during the Regatta between the Race Committee and Competitors.

14 Prizes

14.1 The President's Cup Trophy will be awarded to the Overall First, Second and Third places for each Class. The Perpetual President's Cup Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the IRC Racing Class.

14.2 A Line Honours Trophy will be awarded to the first IRC Racing Class boat to finish the Long Races scheduled on 18 and 20 February .

14.3 First, Second and Third Place prizes will be awarded in each class for each race.

14.4 Overall Prizes will be presented in each Class for the combined results from the Manila – Boracay Race and President's Cup.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

The Manila Yacht Club, the President's Cup Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)

16. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of P 2 million or the equivalent