

**Sailing Instructions.**  
**Asian Airline Regatta**  
**22nd to 24th October 2019**



## **1. Rules and Regulations.**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) of World Sailing (WS) and the Platu 25 Class Rules 2018 available at [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/PLA2018CR270218-\[23651\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/PLA2018CR270218-[23651].pdf)

1.2 Racing will be single class in Platu 25 yachts. Boats will be provided by the organiser and allocated to teams by daily draw. No handicaps will be used. Only boats in compliance with the Platu 25 class rules and the amendments in 1.3 in these Sailing Instructions are eligible to enter.

1.3 The Platu 25 Class Rules 2018 are amended for the purposes of this regatta only by changing rule C.2.1.a by reducing the minimum crew to three.

1.4 Race, protest and technical committees will be formed to govern the event. Committee members may compete, but will not form part of any protest committee where there is deemed to be any potential for a conflict of interest.

1.5 If there is a conflict between the NoR and these SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## **2. Notice to Competitors.**

2.1 Notices will be posted on the race headquarters building which is the Sail in Asia office on Ao Yon beach at: 6/37 Ao Yon Bay Moo 8, Boeray-Khaokad Road, Tambon Vichit, Amphur Muang, Phuket.

## **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.**

3.1 Any amendments to these instructions will be notified to skippers at the morning briefings. Any changes after the brief will be notified by the flying of an L flag on the committee boat. Boats should sail within hailing distance or listen out on VHF Ch72 to receive the notice.

## **4. Signals made Ashore.**

4.1 Any delay to racing will be signalled by the flying of the AP flag outside the race headquarters.

## **5. Schedule of Events.**

5.1 The racing and social timetable is as follows:

Monday 21 October 2019: 1400L Practice race.

Tuesday 22 October 2019: 0900L Team registration.  
0915L Team Captain's Briefing  
0930L Race Briefing  
1800L Beach BBQ.

Wednesday 23 October 2019: 0930L Race Briefing

Thursday 24 October 2019: 0930L Race Briefing  
1900L Dinner and prize-giving.

## **6. Class flags.**

6.1 Only one class will be racing. The class signal will be a Platu flag with a green trailing edge. If a W flag is flown as in addition, the race is to be sailed with white sails only – i.e. no spinnakers. If rules 30.1 to 30.4 are in force, then the appropriate flag will be flown in addition to the class flag. Flags used are detailed at Annex A.

## **7. Racing Areas.**

7.1 The race area will be in the waters South of Phuket Island. A chart is provided at Annex B for reference. This is not to be used for navigation.

## **8. Courses**

8.1 There will be a series of windward/leeward course with an intention of sailing at least one long distance race over the series. Courses and number of races per day will be decided by the race committee and briefed to the crews at the daily race briefings. Changes to these may be made after the briefing at the Race Officer's discretion and the competitors informed.

## **9. Marks.**

9.1 Marks will be the committee boat and an Outer Distance Marker (ODM) to designate the start/finish line. On windward/leeward courses, the Committee Boat and ODM constitute a gate to be sailed through upwind. Rounding marks may be an inflatable buoy, an official navigation buoy, an island, the Committee boat, safety boat or other boat as briefed.

## **10. Racing.**

10.1 The start sequence will be as per RRS 26 with the class flag starting the sequence 5 minutes before the start. The P flag will be raised at 4 minutes and lowered at 1 minute. Lowering of the class flag indicates the start has commenced.

10.2 The number of laps of the leeward/windward courses to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat. Sailing a long distance course will be indicated by flying the number 3 flag. If the L flag is flown in addition, come close for instructions, or listen out on Ch72.

10.4 The course may be shorted either by changing the number of laps or moving the upwind mark. In the former case, the committee boat will fly the S flag and boats should finish when they see it flown. In the latter case, the mark will be moved, or substituted by the safety boat flying the M flag.

10.5 The finish line may or may not be the same as the start line.

## **11. Penalties.**

11.1 The two turn penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one turn penalty.

## **12. Scoring.**

12.1 Each race will be scored sequentially in order of finishing with first position scoring .75 points. Non-starting, disqualified or non-finishers will be scored as the number of contestants plus one place.

12.2 If 5 races are sailed in the series, one windward/leeward race may be discarded. If 7 races are sailed in the series, then two windward/leeward races may be discarded. Long distance races are not eligible for discards.

12.3 In the event of ties for positions, then the positions will be determined on countback with later races taking priority.

## **13. Protests.**

13.1 Protests will be notified to the committee using any recognised method no later than one hour after the last race of the day. This waives the requirement for a protesting boat to fly a red flag, changing RRS 61.1(a).

13.2 For protests where any rule of RRS Part 2 is alleged to have been infringed, an arbitration hearing may be offered by the race committee prior to any formal protest hearing being heard. RRS Appendix T will apply.

## **14. Substitution of crew and/or equipment.**

14.1 No crew changes or substitution will be permitted without the prior approval of the race committee.

14.2 No equipment is to be replaced without the prior approval of the technical committee, unless it involves replacement of items necessitated by damage and those items are carried onto the water. All replacement equipment must be permitted by the Platu 25 Class Rules, 2018

## **15. Safety.**

15.1 A safety boat will be on the water during racing.

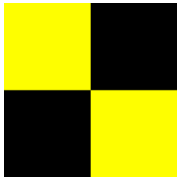
15.2 A boat withdrawing from the race shall make its intentions known to the committee boat or safety boat.

15.3 All skippers and competitors are reminded of RRS 4 which states that racing has an element of risk and a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. No liability will be acknowledged by the sponsors, organisers, officials or the event committees from competitors, their families/dependents or representatives.

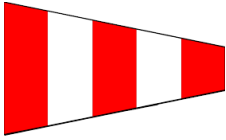
## **16 Organiser.**

16.1 The event organiser is Sail In Asia Ltd, 6/37 Ao Yon Bay Moo 8, Boeray-Khaokad Road, Tambon Vichit, Amphur Muang, Phuket, Thailand.

**Annex A: Flags Used In Racing.**



L: Late notice in force – Come to within hailing distance or listen on Ch72.



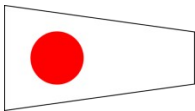
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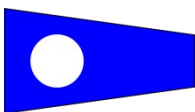
Orange: Committee boat end of start/finish line.



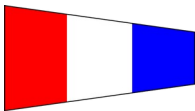
Blue: Committee boat in position on finish line



1: Course 1



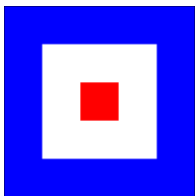
2: Course 2



3: Course 3 (If flown with L Flag, close for course details or listen to Ch72)



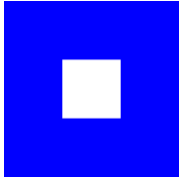
Platu class flag



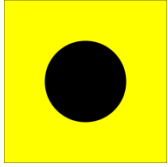
W: Use white sails only.



Green: Round first mark to Starboard.



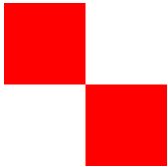
P: Preparatory signal.



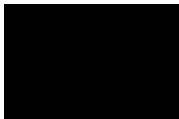
I: Rule 30.1 in force (Flown in addition to the class flag).



Z: Rule 30.2 in force (Flown in addition to the class flag).



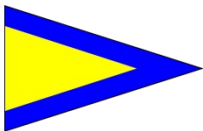
U: Rule 30.3 in force (Flown in addition to the class flag).



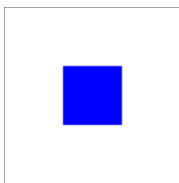
Black: Rule 30.4 in force (Flown in addition to the class flag).



X: Individual recall



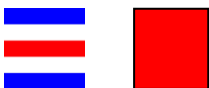
1<sup>st</sup> Substitute: General recall



S: Course shortened

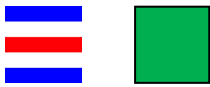


C: The position of the next mark has been moved...

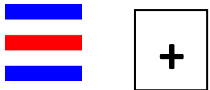


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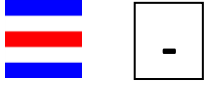
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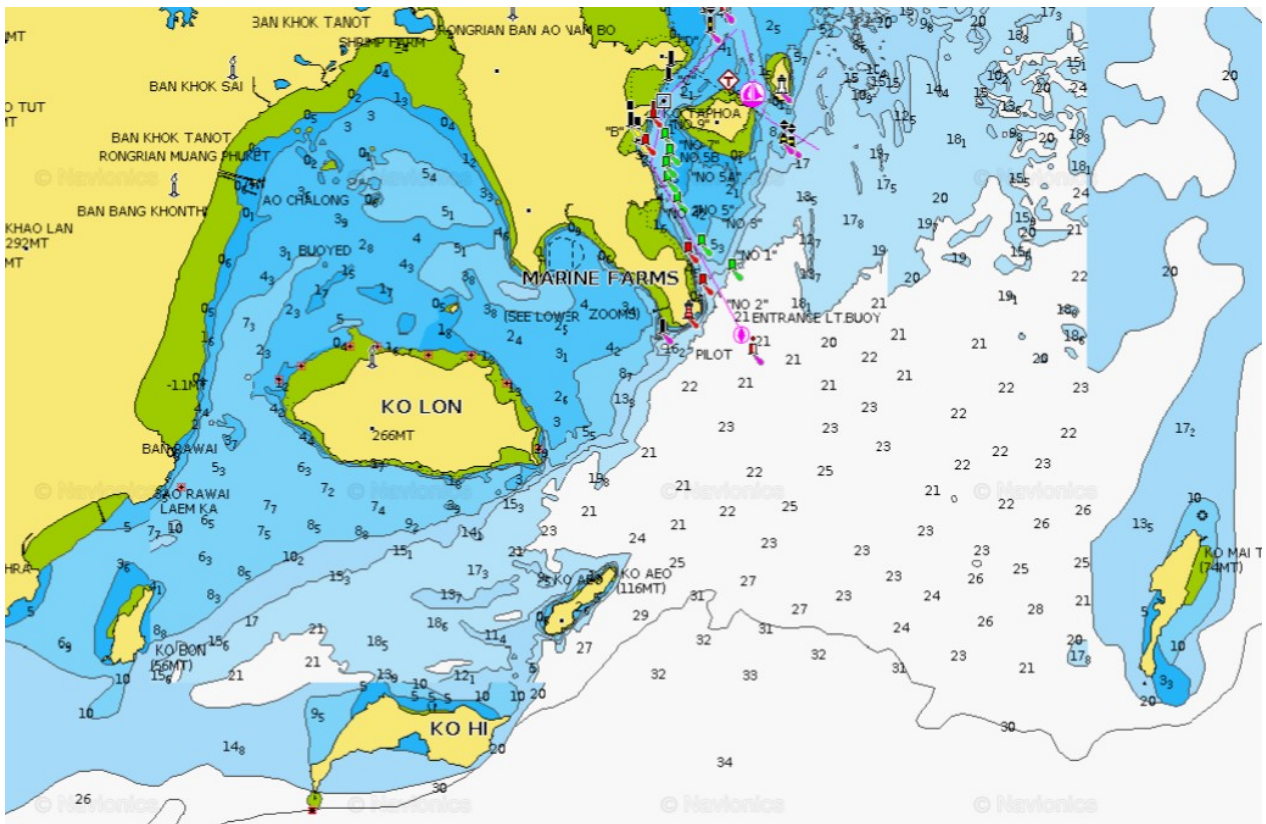
M: The object flying this flag substitutes a moved or missing mark



Last race of the day.

Note: Other signals as promulgated by RRS 2017-2020 may be used.

### Annex B to the Sailing Instructions for the 2019 Asian Airlines Regatta.



Note: Not to be used for Navigation.