



Notice of Race (draft)

World Byte CII Championship 2015

4th – 10th July 2015

Venue: Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pattaya, Thailand

The Organising Authority is the Royal Varuna Yacht Club (OA) in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand (YRAT) and the Byte Class International Association (BCIA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: “Two-Turns Penalty” is replaced by “One-Turn Penalty” when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 1.1. Advertising shall be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.2. Competitors may be required to display event advertising provided by the OA and such advertising shall be permitted on the main sail. This changes the allowed advertising of 20.4.1.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta is open to all Byte CII sailors, irrespective of age or gender.
- 1.2. Competitors shall be a current member of the Byte Class International Association (BCIA).
- 1.3. Eligible competitors shall register online at www.bytechamps.org.
- 1.4. The entry fee will be 350 USD prior to 19th June 2015 and 500 USD for entries received after that date. Entry fees will be paid at registration.

4. SCHEDULE

- 1.1. A maximum of Thirteen (13) World Championship races are scheduled. There will be a maximum of four (4) races per day.

Saturday July 4th REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- Sail Measurement and check in
- Practice Race
- Skippers' meeting and Opening Ceremony (including buffet).

Sunday July 5th RACE DAY ONE

Monday July 6th RACE DAY TWO

Tuesday July 7th RACE DAY THREE
Beach Barbecue

Wednesday July 8th RESERVE DAY

Thursday July 9th RACE DAY FOUR

Friday July 10th RACE DAY FIVE

- No initial Warning Signal will be made after this time
- After Racing Awards Ceremony and party including buffet

- 1.2. The Reserve day may be used for racing.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 1.1. All sails shall be measured and stamped during designated hours to ensure compliance with class rules.
- 1.2. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the International Jury, Class Representative or Race Committee.
- 1.3. As per the Rules of the Byte Class, PFDs shall be worn when afloat. Competitors must present their PFD at the time of measurement. A competitor may have his or her PFD checked at any time on the water by a member of the Jury.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the event website and during registration.

7. VENUE

- 1.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area.

8. RACING FORMAT

- 1.1. There will be two starting fleets split by gender.

9. COURSES

- 1.1. The courses to be sailed will typically be of a trapezoid, windward/leeward or triangular configuration.
- 1.2. Specific course details will be outlined in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 1.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that “Two-Turns Penalty” is replaced by “One-Turn Penalty” when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.
- 1.2. Appendix P shall apply except it shall apply to each race and not be cumulative. P2.2 is changed to: “In any race, when a boat is penalized a second time, her penalty shall be to promptly retire from that race. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded” P2.3 shall not be applied. Boats signaled in accordance with the provisions of RRS P1 shall take a “Two-Turns Penalty” in accordance with RRS P2.1.
- 1.3. Decisions of the International Jury shall be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

- 1.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 1.2. Four (4) races are required to be completed for the World Championship to constitute a series.
- 1.3. (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the sum of all her race scores.
(b) When from four (4) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the sum of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. BERTHING

- 1.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places when they are in the boat park.

13. CHARTER BOATS

- 1.1. Charter boats will be available – details to follow.

14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS

- 1.1. Only support boats supplied or approved by the Organising Authority will be accepted. Coach and support boats will be required to register and may be required to fly an identifying flag to be supplied by the OA.
- 1.2. Support/Coach boats shall submit names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 1.3. Each support boat is recommended to carry a vhf radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 1.4. Conduct of coach and support boats shall be governed by the SIs.
- 1.5. The OA may have some boats available for charter on a first come/first served basis. Persons seeking boats to charter can contact the OA.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 1.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. PRIZES

- 1.1. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the Male World Champion and to the Female World Champion.
- 1.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top four finishers overall.
- 1.3. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female master (over 40 years of age).
- 1.4. Special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 1.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published, in perpetuity, in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 1.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. All competitors will be required to sign the following waiver at registration or, if under the age of 18, present the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

“The race organisers, including the OA, Race Committee, International Jury, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organisation or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organisers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.”

19. INSURANCE

1.1. Valid Third Party Liability Insurance coverage (valid in Thailand) is highly recommended for all competitors.

20. HOUSING INFORMATION

1.1. To follow.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

1.1. For further information please contact:

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1.2. Please see www.varuna.org for more information about the club.