

**Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR 2018)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Regatta is organized by the  
The Regatta is organized by the RLIR 2018 Organizing Committee in conjunction with the Malaysian Sailing Association (MSA – National Authority) under the patronage of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club. With cooperation of provincial authority of Langkawi, and Kedah State of Authority, Malaysia.

**SAILING INTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including:  
The current Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR)  
The Platu 25 International Class Rules, amended by National Class Associations of Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.  
The principals of the RYA NHC Regatta Performance System for Club and Open Multihull Classes.

The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

References herein to a rule or appendix are to the RRS or its appendices unless otherwise stated.

- 1.2. The IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C.  
1.2.1. For the purposes of IRC Rule 21.1.5(d), this is a regatta run on consecutive days (so the sails on board shall remain the same throughout).  
1.2.2. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one design, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.
- 1.3. The **World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore Racing** shall apply to all keelboats and Multihulls (except that the requirement to be self righting will not apply to the Multihull Classes). [NP]  
1.3.1. Anchors shall not be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard, except when anchoring. [NP]

- 1.4. Boats shall comply with their class safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations where they differ from World Sailing Special Regulations. [NP]
- 1.5. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule:  
'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.'
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Amendments to the sailing instructions, schedule of races and notices to competitors will be promulgated as follows:
  - (a) On the Official Notice Board located on the Weather Deck, situated on the lower ground floor of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club.
  - (b) As hard copy from the Regatta Office.
  - (c) Posted on the official website.
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of competitors to obtain the latest amendments. *It is recommended that the text of all amendments is written into all copies of the Sailing Instructions being used by the boat.*

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. During the race days, any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 07.30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the races requiring an earlier start will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole near the marina ramp in front of the marina security post.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore (2 sound signal), 'one minute' is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.
- 4.3. When a signal is displayed over a class flag(s), it applies to that class(es) only.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. The Schedule of Races for each class is shown in Attachment A and will consist of 5 days racing.
- 5.2. A maximum of 3 races per class per day may be sailed.

- 5.3. The schedule time of the first warning signal for each race day is 0930 hrs except for **Nominated Classes** on the “Around the Island” Race, whose start will be between 0745 to 0845 hrs.
- 5.4. When there has been a postponement and when more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag shall be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6. On the last day of regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

## 6. CLASS FLAG & IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1. Class flags will be:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>
Racing	White
Premier Cruising	White with Black Stripe
IRC 1	White with Red Cross
IRC 2	White with Pink stripe
IRC Bareboat Charter	White with half black
Sports Boats	Yellow with Black stripe
Multihull Racing	Pink
Premier Cruising Multihull	Pink with Black stripe
Club Cruising	Purple
Ocean Rover	Purple with White stripe
White Sail	Purple with White Cross

- 6.2. A class flag will be provided to each boat in each class, and shall be flown from the backstay while racing. If the boat does not have a backstay, the flag shall be flown in the area that can be noticeable to Race Committee. [NP]
- 6.3. All boats shall carry an identifying sail number of at least 2 digits on the mainsail, at all times while racing. [NP]
- 6.4. If so required by the Race Committee, additional identifying numbers may be required to be attached to the mainsail
- 6.5. A boat shall not display a different sail number on sails other than the mainsail, unless specific permission has been granted by the RC. [NP]

- 6.6. Hull numbers will be provided for each boat and shall be placed on the port and starboard bow for further identification.
- 6.7. A boat may not be protested by another boat for an infringement of any part of item 6, but may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing by the imposition of a time penalty of 1% of her elapsed time for all races of the infringement. This changes RRS 60 and 63.1.

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Attachment B shows the location of racing areas. The illustrations are not to scale.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed or rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and, unless otherwise specified in the course diagrams provided in Attachment B, round either gate mark.
- 8.3. Windward leeward courses may be superimposed on coastal courses.
- 8.4. If the letter "G" is displayed with any **Course 1** description. This will denote that a GATE (Ls,Lp) will replace MARK L. When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark (Ls or Lp).
- 8.5. The course number will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel on the course board at or prior to the warning signal for each class. The race committee may also announce the course number of that particular day on VHF Channel 71 before the warning signal.
- 8.6. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.
- 8.7. The race committee may change a course if the weather circumstances are not suitable for the scheduled course. The change will be signaled by the display of flag C, 15 minutes prior to the first warning signal or the removal of "AP". The race committee may also announce the changes on VHF Channel 71 prior to the warning signal.

- 8.8. If there is any discrepancy between a course diagram and the written description, then the written description shall prevail.

## **9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### **9.2. For Course 24 Only - Removal of Marks 3 and 4.**

If the Race committee vessel at 2-g displays flags black over red, delete marks 3 and 4 from course description, Round Mark 2 to Starboard and continue with amended course.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The marks of the course will be inflatable buoys or islands as identified in the course diagrams.
- 10.3. The inflatable buoys will be orange, yellow, red, blue, green or black buoys, which may display sponsor branding.
- 10.4. The starting and finishing marks will be a vessel displaying an orange flag at one end and a vessel displaying an orange flag or an inflatable buoy at the other end.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal for her class will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.4. 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 channel 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).

11.5. Committee vessel inner distance mark.  
An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near a start line committee vessel. Any IDM that is laid shall rank as a starting mark.

Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM and the adjacent committee vessel at any time.

A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the nearby committee vessel before starting.

## 12. RECALLS

12.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Attempts to contact individual boats may be made on VHF Channel 71 or by hail. 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).

12.2. General recall (all classes): After a general recall, the new warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after code flag 'First Substitute' is removed (one sound).

12.3. When a general recall has been signaled, the start(s) for the succeeding class(es) will follow the new start of the recalled class.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.

### 13.2. Identification at the finish

- (a) Every boat when finishing shall ensure that its sail number is clearly visible to the Race Committee.
- (b) When a boat infringes 13.2(a) and is nonetheless identified, the Race Committee may impose a penalty of 1% of her elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

(c) Protests for infringements of 13.2(a) may be brought only by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1

- 13.3. When the course is shortened, the finishing line will be as described in SI 14.1
- 13.4. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### **14. SHORTENING COURSE**

- 14.1. The Race Committee may shorten course in accordance with rule 32 and/or as changed by these Instructions. Boat shall finish by passing between the Committee Vessel and the nearby mark of the course from the direction of the last mark.
- 14.2. A committee vessel used for finishing may hold position using her engines.
- 14.3. If the course is shortened at an island or point of land, the Race Committee may lay a finishing mark just offshore to indicate the finishing line. Boats shall finish between the mark and the Committee Vessel. Where there is no mark, the finish line shall be between the Committee vessel and the nearest point of land.
- 14.4. *When no boats or less than 20% of a class finish within the required time limit, the Race Committee may use their discretion under SI16.4(FPA) and award scores to some or all of the remainder of the class. The Race Committee may use the relative finishing positions at previous marks. A boat scored FPA will not be scored better than a boat which finishes.*

#### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1. For all class(es) RSS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2. Unless otherwise prescribed in these Sailing Instructions, The Jury may award a scoring penalty as an alternative to DSQ. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Jury.
- 15.3. Where these Sailing Instructions allow the Race Committee or Protest Committee to penalize a boat without a hearing, the competitor shall nonetheless be entitled to a hearing upon request. *However, the level of penalty following a hearing may be more severe than that initially imposed.*

## 16. TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. The absolute time limit for each racing day Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January will be 17.00 hrs This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5..
- 16.2. The absolute time limit for racing day Saturday 13th January will be 15.00 hrs. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.  
This overrides the provisions in SI 16.3,(a),(b),(c),and (d).
- 16.3. The time limits for the first boat in each class are,
- (a) **For Kuah Harbour courses 14 to 20 - 3 hours.**  
Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the second boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
  - (b) **All Coastal courses (2 to 12 inclusive) - 5 hours.**  
Boats failing to finish within 1.5 hours after the second boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
  - (c) **For the Windward/Leeward and Triangle courses, - 2.5 hours.**  
Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the second boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
  - (d) **For Round The Island and West Coast courses (21 to 25 inclusive) - 6.5 hours**  
Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the second boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion award finishing points (FPA) to the last few stragglers in a class. Boats may be given a notional finishing position and points one or more than the last placed boat to finish within the time limit. The abbreviation FPA will appear in the results when this has been done.
- Boats who are informed of this decision shall immediately return to the start area, if there is a second race, or return ashore if that was their last race of the day.***
- 16.5. Boats that have been awarded points in accordance with 16.4 shall not be eligible to receive a prize for that race.  
This changes rule 35, A4 and A5



## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [NP]
- 17.2. No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring. [NP]

## 18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. Protest forms are available from the Jury Secretary at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day, the race committee signals no more racing today or from the time of the abandonment of the last race of the day for that class, whichever is later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
  - (a) If both parties to a protest are present and ready to proceed, the jury may be willing to hear a protest before the time limit expires.
  - (b) Hearings will be heard in the approximate order of receipt, in the Jury Room, located behind Charlie's Place, at the times posted.
- 18.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- 18.5. Sailing instructions marked [NP] shall not be subject to protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 18.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.7. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5
- 18.8. Results of protests will be posted on the Official RLIR Notice Board. Results of Protests may also be posted on the regatta website ([www.langkawiregatta.com](http://www.langkawiregatta.com)).

## 19. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2. Except as detailed below, there shall be no restrictions on crew numbers during the Regatta.
- 19.3. A boat sailing as a one-design or racing with one-design rating certificate shall comply with her class crew limitations.
- 19.4. Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes rule 47.2

## 20. SCORING

- 20.1. For all classes, a minimum of two completed races are required to constitute a series. If a race is cancelled or abandoned by the Race Committee, the above minimum may be adjusted accordingly.
- 20.2. The maximum number of races for each class in a series will be 10.
- 20.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 20.4. 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.
- 20.5. In the OMR rated classes, no owner requested alteration to the boats' TCC will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest, to correct rating office errors or to allow for the use of substitute equipment as a result of serious damage. However, the Race Committee may grant special dispensation for boats carrying media representatives for an individual race.
- 20.6. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office and submit to the Scoring Officer within the protest time limit of their class.
- 20.7. Boats in the Club and Open/Cruising Multihull classes will be allocated a handicap by the Race Committee based on the principals of the RYA National Handicap for Cruisers, which is a performance handicap scheme. This handicap may be adjusted daily during the regatta. Calculation and adjustment of handicaps for these classes is not grounds for redress or protest.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.2. The Technical Committee may protest and the jury may disqualify a boat from participating in the series if in its opinion it considers the boat to fall below minimum standards of sea worthiness.

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.1. Mark boats and Committee Vessels, when on station, will fly a white regatta rectangular flag with the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club logo.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1. All boats shall carry an operational marine band VHF radio and monitor the designated channels from 30 minutes before any scheduled start until after finishing.
- 23.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 23.2. The following VHF channels will be used during the regatta:-
  - a) Channel 68            RLYC marina working channel
  - b) Channel 69            RLYC calling channel
  - c) Channel 71            Race control for all classes
- 23.3. The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals. This changes RRS 29, 32, 33, 41 and 62.1a.
  - (a) Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark.
  - (b) Postponements and abandonments.
  - (c) Boats identified as OCS and general recalls.
  - (d) Changing courses or marks and identify marks
  - (d) Shortening the Course
  - (e) Time limits
  - (f) Safety
  - (g) Advise the approximate time of the warning start signal for an additional race.

## 24. PRIZES

### CLASS TROPHIES AND PRIZES

#### **The Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy**

Will be presented to the yacht with the lowest score for the series, competing in Racing Class and that yacht will be declared the overall winner of the The Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy.

#### **The Lada-IRC Challenge Trophy**

Will be presented to the yacht with the lowest score for the series competing in IRC 1 class and that yacht will be declared the winner of the 2018 LADA IRC Challenge Trophy.

#### **The Langkawi Sports Trophy**

Will be presented to the yacht with the lowest score for the series competing in Sportsboat class and that yacht will be declared the winner of the 2018 Langkawi Sports Trophy.

#### **The Malaysian Multihull Challenge Cup**

Will be presented to the yacht with the lowest score for the series competing in Multihull class and that yacht will be declared the winner of the 2018 Malaysian Multihull Challenge Cup.

#### **The RLYC Commodore's Challenge Cup**

Will be presented to the yacht with the lowest score for the series competing in Club Cruising class and that yacht will be declared the winner of the 2018 RLYC Commodore's Challenge Cup.

### DIVISION TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Where a class has been divided into divisions the RLIR Organizing Authority and its sponsors will award trophies, in each class and division as follows:

- First, Second and Third overall;
- First, Second and Third each day.

### TUNKU ABDULLAH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

A special award in memory of the Founder Chairman and first Commodore Tunku Tan Sri Abdullah will be presented for the best team in sportsmanship, both on water and land in the 2018 Regatta.

## 25. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1. With the exception of wool and rubber bands used for banding spinnakers, Boats shall not put trash in the water. This changes RRS 55 as required by RRS 86.1 (b).
- 25.2. Trash should be taken ashore and may be placed in containers provided at the Marina.

## 26. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat 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; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.