



1st EXPAT CUP 2026

The organizing authority is the Royal Varuna Yacht Club

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th July 2026

Pattaya, Thailand

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.4 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.5 [DP][NP]The penalty for breach of a class rule may, at the discretion of protest committee, be less than disqualification

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the notice board at the Club and the RVYC website no later than one week before the race weekend.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the RVYC Veranda.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to RVYC members and their invited guest in the following classes.
 - Optimist
 - Open Monohull
 - Open Multihull
 - Hobie / Dart 18
- 4.2 The RVYC handicap system applies to boats racing.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, One and a half hours before first warning signal.
- 4.5 Organizing committee reserve the right to not race a class of boat if entry is less than 5 boats. Fleet may be combined depending on entries. They will race by using RVYC handicap.

5 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 500 THB for each sailor



6 SCHEDULE

Date	Class	First warning signal
Saturday 11 th	All Classes	11:00 Briefing
	Optimist	12:30
	Open Monohull	12:30
	Hobie / Dart 18	12:45
	Open Multihull	13:00
Sunday 12 th	Optimist	11:00
	Open Monohull	11:00
	Hobie / Dart 18	11:30
	Open Multihull	11:45

7 [NP][SP] EQUIPMENT

7.1 Competitors are allowed to use only one boat, centreboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment may be made only after the approval has been given by the race committee.

8. VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place in the water immediately off the Royal Varuna Yacht Club.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and ONB.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For the Multihull classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 [NP][SP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

11.1 It is mandatory for support boats to carry VHF radio and/or mobile phone on board.

11.2 All support boats shall wear buoyancy aids at all times while they are afloat. The driver must wear kill cord at all times.

11.3 The use of drones is prohibited.

11.4 From the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until boats have finished or retired or Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing. i.e., not closer than 100 m to any boat racing, starting line and all marks.



- 11.5 When the race committee display flag V with a repetitive sound, all official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee channel for search-and-rescue instructions. The race committee will announce “Flag Victor” using the designated VHF channel.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows:
- The Low Point System shall apply.
 - RVYC Handicap system shall apply.

- 12.2 RVYC Handicap system in addendum 1.

13 DATA PROTECTION

13.1 *Purpose and scope*

By entering and participating in this regatta, you acknowledge that the Royal Varuna Yacht Club (The “Club”) and its authorized partners will be capturing visual and audio media (including but not limited to photographs, video footage, and audio recordings). In accordance with the **Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) B.E. 2562**, the Club processes this personal data for the following “Legitimate Interests”:

- **Marketing & Promotion:** Use in brochures, social media, websites, and press releases
- **Educational Purposes:** Use in sailing clinics, training materials, and historical archives.
- **Reporting Results:** Results, editorial coverage, and club newsletters.

13.2 *Condition of Entry*

Granting media consent is a condition of entry to ensure the successful documentation and promotion of the sport. However, participants with exceptional circumstances may apply for a Privacy Waiver via the official event form prior to registration. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Without an approved waiver, participation remains contingent upon media consent.

13.3 *Grant of Rights*

By entering this event, you hereby:

- Grant the Club a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use your likeness, name, voice, and biographical information in connection with event media.
- Waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product or advertising copy
- Release the club from any claims for remuneration or liability regarding the use of said media.

13.4 *Data Retention and Security*

The Club will retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the promotional and archival purposes mentioned above. We implement appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect your data against unauthorized access or disclosure.

13.5 *Data Subject Rights*

Under the PDPA, you maintain the right to access your data, request correction, or object to processing that causes disproportionate distress. Please note that once media is published in printed materials or archived in digital posts, full deletion may be technically restricted.

Contact: For inquiries, please contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) at:
generalmanager@varuna.org



14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1** RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

15 LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 15.1** The Organizing Authority and all their officer, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 15.2** The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete an unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for management of their boats before, during and after the event.
- 15.3** Competitors shall maintain their boats in safe and seaworthy condition.
- 15.4** A competitor shall be of good health and competent sailor capable of racing the dinghy in open water in all conditions, including strong winds.
- 15.5** At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of competitor. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to ensure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage
- 15.6** A competitor is advised to have personal accident and health insurance that cover him while attending the event and while racing.
- 15.7** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold, the Host, Organizing Authority, Owners, Affiliates, Officers, Employees, Agents, Members, Volunteers, Committee persons and Race officials, acting in their official capacities, harmless from any claim arising from a competitor’s acts or omissions.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1** For further information please contact Nattawut (Oat) Vongrak. E-mail: director@varuna.org

