

ASEAN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

13 – 20 December 2008

Pattaya THAILAND

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Asean Optimist Championships will be organized by the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand with cooperation of Royal Varuna Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3 The Class Rules of Optimist Class.
- 2.4 The Sailing Instructions and the Supplement Sailing Instructions which will be available during registration.

3. EVENTS

The Asean Optimist Championships will be contested in the following events:

Optimist (Boys)	born in 1993 or later
Optimist (Girls)	born in 1993 or later
Open Optimist Team Racing	5 Persons, born in 1993 or later

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta opens for Asean countries as well as Non-Asean countries.
- 4.2 Only competitors who comply with ISAF Regulations 2. ISAF MEMBERSHIP are entitled to participate.
- 4.3 A maximum of 7 competitors may be entered per country. The host country may enter 20 sailors for fleet racing and 2 teams for Team Racing. In addition to the competitors, each country may register a maximum of 3 team officials, 1 Country Representative, 1 Team Manager and 1 Coach.
- 4.4 For Team Racing, at least 1 sailor must be opposite genders.

5. ENTRY FEE AND CHARTERED BOAT

- 5.1 The entry fee per sailor is USD 550 which includes the chartered fee for an Optimist boat, lunch and dinner for 8 days (December 13-20).
- 5.2 For team officials, the fee is USD 200, including lunch and dinner for 8 days (December 13-20).

- 5.3 The 50% or USD 275 for chartered boat deposit per 5.1 must be sent to the organizer by October 31, 2008 to ensure chartered boats availability. If the deposit is sent after October 31, 2008, the chartered boat might be the used boat. The balance of the entry fee per 5.1 and 5.2 shall be paid upon registration.
- 5.4 The chartered boats provided will include everything except sail, bailer and paddle and will be available on December 13. There are a limit number of chartered boats so they will be provided on first come first serve basis.

6. SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follows:

13-14 December	0900-1700	Registration and Measurement
14 December	1300	Practice Race
	1600	Team Manager's Meeting
	1800	Welcome Ceremony
15–20 December	1300	Racing
20 December	1800	Awarding and Closing Ceremony

7. ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Athletes shall complete an on-site registration form at the registration office from 0900-1700 between 13-14 December. Athletes not registered within this period will not be allowed to participate in the regatta.

8. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

Each competitor is allowed to use only one of the following: hull, dagger board, rudder with tiller and extension, mast, boom, sprit and sail during the event. Competitors may use their own foils, spar and fittings that are not attached to the boat.

Each boat must carry National Letters or Sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted subject to Measurer approval. All boats and equipment shall be presented for measurement according to the measurement schedule. Boats may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and measurement regulation.

9. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

10. VENUE

The event will be held at Royal Varuna Yacht Club (RVYC), Pattaya, Thailand.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 In addition to IODA Class Rules 4.2 (A) and (B), each boat shall have on board secured paddle with a blade surface of not less than 0.025 square meter and each competitor shall carry a whistle tied to his/her body or clothing. Competitors not complying with this instruction will have a 5 points penalty for each race on which they have failed to observe this instruction.
- 11.2 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Scoring System will apply.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.3 When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When from seven to nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 When ten races or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Team Leader or coach may share a support boat with one other country. (Charter boats will not be available.)

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receiving radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone.

15. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

Open Division	1 st to 15 th
Asean Boys Division	1 st to 5 th
Asean Girls Division	1 st to 5 th
Non Asean Division	1 st to 5 th
Team Racing	1 st to 5 th

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the competition entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the competition.

17. INSURANCE

All competitors and boats are required to have appropriate insurance coverage.

18. ACCOMMODATION

There are many hotels within 10-15 minutes walking distance from RVYC. Please contact the hotels directly. The month of December is the high season for Pattaya hotels, please contact them in advance.

19. CONTACT POINT

For further information please contact:

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Chartered Boat Reservation before Oct 31

Country

Number of Boats

X USD 275

Amount transferred USD

Account Name: Yacht Racing Association of Thailand
Account Number: 115-2-00563-1
Bank: Thai Military Bank Public Company Limited
Branch: Navy Headquarter
Swift ID: TMBKTHBK

Name

Date

Note: Please send this form by email to: rutsb@patumrice.co.th

If there is bank commission, it will be settled at registration.