

  
*Signature Yacht Race Series*



**BPI Subic Regatta 2024**  
**Wednesday 03 to Saturday 06 April 2024**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



# BPI Subic Regatta 2024

The Regatta Organising Authority is the Subic Sailing Club under the umbrella of the Ocean Racing Club of the Philippines in conjunction with Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and Subic Bay Yacht Club with support from The Lighthouse Marina Resort, Watercraft Ventures and WWF Philippines. The Regatta is run under the auspices of the Philippine Sailing Association. The event is presented by BPI Private Wealth.

The Race Office, Administrative Office and Protest Room are at the Boathouse, Subic Bay Yacht Club.

## 1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 The following will apply:

- The 2023 IRC Rules, Parts A, B, C
- The Philippine Sailing Association Cruiser Handicap System (CHS)
- The OMH rating system as administered by the Organizing Committee for the Ocean Multihull Class
- World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing plus VHF radio
- The Notice of Race as amended and as changed by these Sailing Instructions
- The Sailing Instructions

In case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take precedence.

1.3 IRC Rule 22.4.2 is amended such that there is no restriction on the number of crew that a boat may carry. There is no limit on crew weight.

1.4 No national prescriptions will apply.

1.5 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat which is party to a protest has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

1.6 Racing Rules will be changed as indicated:

SI 1.6	RRS 55
SI 1.7	RRS 52
SI 1.10	RRS 64.1
SI 4.2	Race Signals
SI 10.3	RRS A4 and 63.1



## 2. Communications

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board outside Race Office or on the Racing Rules of Sailing Event Site <http://www.racingrulesofsailing/documents/8188/event>.
- 2.2 Race Results will be displayed on the Official Notice Board each evening. Results may also be displayed on the Regatta website and Viber Group
- 2.3 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 for giving course instructions, for all communications with competitors on the water and as an aide to provide information. The service is not guaranteed.

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

A change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830H on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2030H on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole beside the Race Office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 The raising and lowering of the Code Flag "AP" ashore will be broadcast on VHF Channel 71.

## 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The Race Schedule for IRC Classes are as follows: However, if conditions dictate, the Race Committee may use any of the courses in Appendix A (to follow) for any of the races. Changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 71.

Day	Race Number	Course
Wednesday	Race 1	Point to Point Course
Thursday	Race 2 & 3	Windward / Leeward Courses
Friday	Race 4	Point to Point Course
Saturday	Race 5 & 6	Windward / Leeward Courses

5.2 The Race Schedule for Cruising Class and Ocean Multihull Class are as follows:

Day	Race Number	Course
Wednesday	Race 1	Point to Point Course
Thursday	Race 2	Point to Point Course
Friday	Race 3	Point to Point Course
Saturday	Race 4	Point to Point Course

5.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first class is **0955H** each day.

5.4 Warning signals will not be given after 1630H on any race day.

## 6. Class Flags

The following-colored flags will serve as Class Flags

IRC Class	Light Blue
Cruising Class	Yellow
OMH Class	Pink

## 7. Racing Area

The Racing Area will be within Subic Bay.

## 8. Courses

8.1 Courses to be sailed are listed in Appendix A and B (to follow).

8.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled by numeral boards or flags displayed with the Class Flag.

8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will display the approximate compass bearing from the Signal Vessel to the first mark.

## 9. Marks

9.1 The marks of the courses will be inflatable buoys and navigational marks as described in Appendix A and B.

9.2 A new mark, as provided for in SI 11, will be a **red triangular buoy with a black ring or yellow triangular buoy with a black ring** as described in Appendix A and B.

9.3 The Starting Mark will be a **red triangular buoy** or a **staff displaying an orange flag** on a RC vessel and the Finishing Mark will be an **orange triangular buoy**.

9.4 If Flag "W" is displayed with the course number, the first mark on the course will be a mark to windward of the starting line. If a Red Flag is displayed, the mark will

be rounded to Port. If a Green Flag is displayed, the mark will be rounded to Starboard. In this case, the second mark of the course will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Mark as in the course described in Appendix B.

## **10. Start**

- 10.1 All Classes will start at the same location.
- 10.2 The start for all races will be in the approximate area 1.5nm West of the Lighthouse Marina.
- 10.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Vessel on the Starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark (ODM) at the Port end. If an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) is laid, boats shall pass between the ODM and the IDM when approaching the line to start or starting.
- 10.4 It is intended that Classes will start in the following order for the first race of each day:
  - IRC Class
  - Cruising Class
  - Ocean Multihull Class

For subsequent starts, classes may be started in any order. Information will be announced on VHF Channel 71.

- 10.5 In addition to RRS 29.1 individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF Channel 71. Individual recall details such as sail numbers and/or yacht names may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It remains the individual responsibility of boats to start correctly.
- 10.6 In addition to RRS 29.2, general recalls may also be announced on VHF Channel 71.
- 10.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Starting Signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and 63.1.
- 10.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **11. Change of Course after the Start**

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 When the course is changed, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change and the nearby mark, leaving the RC boat to starboard.



- 11.3 Boats may without penalty request and be given details or confirmation of a course change from the 'Signal Vessel' on VHF Channel 71.

## 12. The Finish

The Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Vessel or Ashore and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

## 13. Racing Rules of Sailing Event Site

The RRS Event Site <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8188/event> will carry the following:

- Notice of Race
- Sailing Instructions including Courses
- Amendments
- Protest Forms (which can be submitted online)
- Request for scoring adjustment forms (which can be submitted online)
- Provisional Results
- Final Results

## 14. Time Limits

- 14.1 The time limits for all Classes are:

Point to Point Races	1730H each day
Windward / Leeward Races	2.5 hours

- 14.2 Boats finishing outside these limits will be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 A boat that wishes to protest or seek redress for an incident occurring whilst racing shall advise the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 or by telephone to the Race Office no later than 15 minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 15.2 Protest Forms are available at the Race Office and on the Racing Rules of Sailing Event Site  
[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=8188](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=8188)
- 15.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the last race scheduled for the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.



- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee Room at the Boathouse, Subic Bay Yacht Club, beginning as soon as possible.
- 15.5 Sail Measurement Protests will only be accepted up to the end of the Protest Time of Race 1.
- 15.6 On the last day of the Regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be submitted within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- 15.7 On the last day of the Regatta, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision, or a request for reopening a hearing held on the last day, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.8 The Protest Committee will be comprised of International Jurors who will be appointed for the event.

## 16. Scoring

When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=8188](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=8188)

## 17. Safety Regulations and Scrutineering

- 17.1 At the time of registration, each skipper or his representative shall sign-in for the Regatta on the appropriate form.
- 17.2 There will not be mandatory scrutineering by the Organizing Committee, but all yachts shall be liable for inspection before and during the Regatta, at which time the owner shall ensure that a responsible member of the crew is present to assist in identifying all safety equipment.
- 17.3 Any boat failing to submit to inspection, or which fails to comply, will be liable to disqualification from the Regatta, or to such other penalty, as the Protest Committee, at its discretion may prescribe.

## 18 Advertising

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority as directed.

## 19. Skippers' Briefing

The Skippers' Briefing will be held at the Lighthouse Marina at **1830H Tuesday 02 April 2024**.

## 20. Prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded daily at **1830H**. Locations of awarding will be published on the Official Notice Board or Viber Group.
- 20.2 The BPI Subic Regatta Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Winner of the IRC Racing Class.
- 20.3 Trophies and prizes will be presented to the Overall First, Second and Third Places in each Class.
- 20.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee and BPI Private Wealth.
- 20.5 Prizes will be presented during the Awards Party at **1830H Saturday 06 April** at the Lighthouse Maria Resort.

## 21. Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1 BPI and its subsidiaries and affiliates, Subic Sailing Club, Ocean Racing Club of the Philippines, the Race Committee, event supporters, partners, and their respective officers, staff, members, representatives, service providers and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising from the race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and 4).
- 21.2 The term "Skipper" shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the Entry Form as the "Skipper". The Skipper shall be in charge of the boat during the Regatta and is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, conduct of the crew before, during and after each race, and for compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

## 22. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate and valid third-party liability insurance.



## BPI Subic Regatta 2024 Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this Regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, and equipment substitutions. It provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, and scheduled hearing times. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, and other information. The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.

**NOTICE: This electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this Regatta. When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.**



**Submit Request for Hearing**



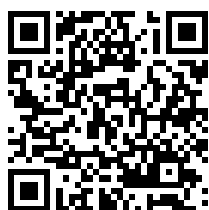
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