



NOTICE OF RACE

SINGAPORE REGATTA 2024
16th - 18th February 2024

Organised by
Changi Sailing Club

Co-Organised by
SAF Yacht Club

Supported by
Singapore Sailing Federation

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Singapore Regatta 2024 will be conducted at various venues of Singapore waters. Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to participate on the conditions of this Notice of Race ("NoR"). This NOR and associated documentation may be amended at any time before or during the event, and in extreme situations where all possible solutions have been exhausted, the event or parts thereof may need to be cancelled at short notice.

- 1.1. The notation '[NP]' in a rule indicates that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.2. The regatta is organised and conducted by Changi Sailing Club ("CSC" or the "Organising Authority"), co-organised by the SAF Yacht Club ("SAFYC") and supported by the Singapore Sailing Federation ("SSF").

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

- 2.1. The following rules will apply:
 - The IRC Rules 2024
 - The OA Rating System for Non-IRC classes
 - This Notice of Race
 - The Sailing Instructions
 - Protocols relating to Covid - 19 may be published at any time and will state if it has the stature of a rule.
 - The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) Regulations wherever they might apply.
- 2.2. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS63.7).
- 2.3. There will be no maximum limitation on crew numbers or weight except as required for boats racing under IRC class and a one-design class rating where class limitations may apply.

- 2.4. The use of a spare Spinnaker as a replacement for a damaged sail is allowed provided it is carried on-board at ALL times while racing ALL races. All boats shall obtain permission from the race committee before replacing damaged sails. In granting permission, the race committee may limit the races for which a replacement sail may be used.
- 2.5 This Regatta is run over two consecutive days and the sails carried shall remain the same and remain on board for all races.
- 2.6. IRC Rule 15 is amended to permit the use of Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering. For Non-IRC classes RRS 52 will not apply and the use of automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted.
- 2.7. Automatic Identification System (AIS) and GPS Device
AIS transponders are compulsory for all participants. All boats shall carry an identifiable sail number on their main sails and foresails. All boats are encouraged to carry a GPS device or any device that have the ability to record the time when crossing a line of latitude/longitude, or rounding a Mark or Waypoint or Gate.
- 2.8. International Regulations For Preventing Collisions at Sea
Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG), or by government right of way rules, between the times of local sunset and sunrise. A boat may take a time penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions when she may have broken the rule when racing.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The soft copy of the Sailing Instructions will be published online on the Changi Sailing Club website on the 5th of February 2024. The hard copies will also be displayed at the various Race Secretariat Counters of the official clubs supporting the event during race days.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at: - <https://csc.org.sg>
All links on this page, which open to subsidiary pages of the event, are also a part of the Official Notice Board. Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race.

- 4.1 Notices may also be posted on a secondary physical notice board, which will be nearby the Race Secretariat desk at the respective race venues. Failure to post a notice on the physical notice board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted online by 11.59pm a day before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8.00pm on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. [NP] All boats shall carry at least one set of VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all current international VHF channels.
- 4.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. The OA may position official vessels at strategic locations during the race.
- 4.4 A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made. Rule 41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of an example and interpretation, downloading

charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information, which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat, is not permitted.

5. ELIGIBILITY

The event is opened to all Racing and Cruising Keelboats and Multihulls. The regatta will be divided into the following classes or divisions:

- 5.1a IRC – Open to all flagged yachts holding a valid IRC Certificate. The hard copy or clear image of the certificate shall be made available upon request at the Regatta Secretariat during Skippers Briefing registration. For boats rating 0.850 and greater. IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions. The minimum crew for any IRC boats shall be three.
- 5.1b PY - Boats entering under the standard Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) will be given a Handicap rating issued by the OA, no redress will be allowed. The allocated PY rating may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the OA. Especially if the rating previously granted is considered unrealistic with reference to the rest of the fleet. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for in-shore sailing. The minimum crew for any PY vessels shall be three.
- 5.1c Multihulls - Multihulls will be given a Handicap rating issued by the OA, no redress will be allowed. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for in-shore sailing. The minimum crew for any multihulls shall be two.
- 5.1d Beach Catamaran - Beach Catamarans will be given a Handicap rating issued by the OA, no redress will be allowed. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for in-shore sailing. The minimum crew for any Beach Catamaran is one.
- 5.1e One Design – Cutter / SB20 / J24
Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat/dinghy is appropriately prepared for in-shore sailing. The minimum crew for the Cutter shall be five, the SB20 and J24 shall be three.
- 5.2. Boat Size - There is no maximum size for keelboats or multihulls in the Singapore Regatta. The minimum size for PY vessels and Multihulls is 6.04 metres /20ft (LOA). The OA may make exceptions on application.
- 5.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify boats to other classes in the interests of fair competition and to decide in which Class a boat shall compete. The OA may split Classes into Divisions or combine Classes.
- 5.4 OA may cancel a class from racing if a minimum of (3) entries has not been received before the final registration day for the event.
- 5.5. ICA, CIQP & Insurance - All foreign boats participating must be adequately and suitably insured before registering for the regatta. Any foreign boats that require for ICA/CIQP check-ins for inbound or outbound documentation and clearance, must seek assistance from their respective agents prior to registering for the regatta.
- 5.6. Emergency Contact and Crew List - The nominated Emergency Contact must be available to be contacted for the duration of the race and cannot be a Competitor in the race. The Skipper of each boat shall supply a crew list complete with full Emergency Contact details, to OA. OA will hold full details of each crew member and Emergency Contact for the race.

- 5.7 First Aid - At least one member of the boat's crew shall be familiar with First Aid procedures and they are familiar with executing necessary first aid when required onboard. It is recommended that crews should practice safety routines or man-overboard drills in preparation for the event.
- 5.8 [NP] Experience Qualification - The Singapore Regatta is a race for both professional and novices. However, every crew member must have the experience of sailing a boat and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. Competitors may be required to provide evidence of at least SSF Level 1 Sailing Proficiency or any keelboat competency certification. The competitors minimum experience requirement is to have the competency to skipper or crew a keelboat for cruising or for club racing.

6. REGISTRATION

Registration opens at 0900 on Saturday, 25th November 2023. Links to the online registration and payment system is available at this link: -

<https://singaporesailing.eventsmart.com/events/the-singapore-regatta-2024/>

Submission of an entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the OA.

- 6.1 Participant Fee (Skipper or Crew) per pax - SGD \$ 87.20. There is no boat entry fee.
- 6.2 The Closing Date for registration is 4th February 2024.
- 6.3. Cancellations before 30 days of the Closing Date (4th January 2024) will be eligible for a 50% refund of the Skipper and Crew fees. No refunds for cancellations thereafter. Refunds will be made via Paynow. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim form (obtainable from the Race Secretariat) received no later than 16th February 2024. If there are national or regional restrictions in place that make the event impossible, a full refund will be given.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertisements chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
25 Nov 2023	0000	Registration Opens	Online
04 Feb 2024	2359	Registration Closing Date	Online
16 Feb 2024	1800	Skippers Briefing	SAF Yacht Club
16 Feb 2024	1930	Opening Ceremony & Cocktail	SAF Yacht Club
17 Feb 2024	0855	First Possible Warning Signal for Passage Race: IRC, PY, Multihull & J24	Off Felkin Buoy
17 Feb 2024	0955	First Possible Warning Signal for Passage Race: SB20	Off Raffles Marina
17 Feb 2024	0955	First Possible Warning Signal for Passage Race: Beach Catamaran & OBS Cutter	Off Changi Sailing Club

17 Feb 2024	1900	Light Dinner for All Participants at their respective finishing venues.	Changi Sailing Club Raffles Marina
18 Feb 2024	1055	First Possible Warning Signal for Fleet Race: IRC, PY, Multihull, J24, Beach Catamaran & OBS Cutter	Off Changi Sailing Club
18 Feb 2024	0955	First Possible Warning Signal for Fleet Race: SB20	Off Raffles Marina
18 Feb 2024	1900	Closing Dinner & Award Ceremony	Changi Sailing Club

8.1 Number of Races

Class/Division	Race Date	Races Per Day Scheduled	Races Per Day Maximum
IRC, PY, J24 and Multihull	17 Feb	01 Race	01 Race
	18 Feb	03 Race	04 Race
SB20	17 Feb	01 Race	01 Race
	18 Feb	04 Race	05 Race
Beach Catamaran	17 Feb	01 Race	01 Race
	18 Feb	04 Race	05 Race
OBS Cutter	17 Feb	01 Race	01 Race
	18 Feb	02 Race	03 Race

8.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs for all classes.

9. VENUE

The main venues of the event are as follows: -

Occasion	Venue
Skippers Briefing & Opening Ceremony	SAF Yacht Club at 43, Admiralty Road West (S 759962)
Closing & Award Ceremony	Changi Sailing Club at 32, Netheravon Road (S 508508)

The race venues of the various classes or divisions are as follows: -

Class/Divisions	Race Format	Start	Finish
IRC, PY, J24 & Multihull	Passage	SAFYC	CSC
	Fleet	CSC	CSC
SB20	Passage	RM	RM
	Fleet	RM	RM
OBS Cutter & Beach Catamaran	Passage	CSC	CSC
	Fleet	CSC	CSC

10. FORMAT

The format of the regatta will be a single passage race on Day 1 and a series of coastal fleet racing on Day 2 for all classes. Details about routes, course and number of races shall be reflected in the Sailing Instructions.

10.1 Race Day 1 – Passage Racing

10.2 Race Day 2 – Fleet Racing

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 42.1 is amended such that a boat may use its engine to move from the path of a commercial craft or to ensure that a safe working distance is kept from that craft or such that a boat that is aground or has fouled an object may use its engine to get free. The engine shall be used for the minimum time and distance and without gaining a significant advantage in the race. A boat that uses its engine in this circumstance shall submit a detailed report to the Protest Committee within the protest time limit. If the Protest Committee so decides, additional time may be added to its elapsed time for that race.

11.1 Unless otherwise described in the Sailing Instructions, the protest may apply to any penalty, including no penalty, for a break of rule. This changes RRS 64.2

11.2. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by one turn penalty.

11.3. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS Appendix N.

12. SCORING

One race is required to be completed to constitute the event.

12.1. The Passage Race is non-discardable.

12.2 The PY/CHN numbers for each boat will be adjusted after each race. Adjustment will be as follows:

First place – drop 1 point

Second place – drop 0.5 point

Second last place – add 0.5 point

Last place – add 1 point

The above applies to the PY Keelboat Class only.

12.3 When more than 3 races are completed in the series, a boat's score for the series shall be her total score excluding her worst score.

13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENTS

Substitution of competitors is allowed. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13.1 Repairs or replacements may be made on the water before or during the race provided that the Race Committee afloat is notified. After the end of the day's racing, the substitution is still subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

- 13.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
- 13.3 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

14. WET BERTHING

Limited complimentary berthing for participating keelboats will be made available from 10th to 17th February at SAF Yacht Club or Changi Sailing Club and from 17th to 25th February at Changi Sailing Club. Participating boats will be advised of their mooring upon confirmation of entry on a first come first serve basis. There will be no up-slip of visiting boats at the hosting clubs during the regatta.

15. RISK STATEMENT

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 and crew agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seastate, 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.**

16. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the OA, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy, the Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

LINE HONORS CHALLENGE TROPHIES (For Passage Race)

First Boat Crossing the Finish Line for: IRC, PY, SB20 and Multihull.

DIVISION TROPHIES (Overall Results of passage and fleet races after corrected time)

IRC	- 1st to 3rd	SB20	- 1st to 3rd
PY	- 1st to 3rd	Beach Catamaran	- 1st to 3rd
J24	- 1st to 3rd	OBS Cutter	- 1st to 3rd
Multihull	- 1st to 3rd		

SPECIAL NOVELTY CHALLENGE TROPHIES

- CSC Cup - Best Perseverance Yacht (For PY Division Only)
- RSYC Cup - Best Veteran Skipper (For any Skipper from All Divisions)
- SSF Trophy - Best Visiting Yacht (For any foreign yacht in the IRC, PY-A, PY, Multihull Divisions)
- SAFYC Cup - Best Youngest Skipper (For any Skipper from All Divisions, except Cutter)
- Deborah Barker Trophy - Best Female Skipper (For any Skipper from All Divisions, except Cutter)

SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE TROPHY

Awarded to the Overall Winner in the IRC Division who have participated in the S.E.A. Yachting Circuit which must include Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta 2023 (RMSIR), Royal Langkawi International Regatta 2024 (RLIR) and The Singapore Regatta 2024 (SR24)

17. CHARTERS & CREWS

Participants seeking SB20 boats to charter may send their request on a first come first serve basis to SSF official SR24 email at: singaporeregatta@singaporesailing.org.sg.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in the Singapore Regatta are entirely at their own risk as in Item 15. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or illness or death sustained or any consequential loss in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19.FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please email or call and attention all queries to Changi Sailing Club at: enquiry@csc.org.sg / 6545 2876