**Notice of Race**

**Busuanga Cup 2020**

**Version 3**

(incorporating the Punta Fuego to Busuanga Race and the Doni Altura Memorial Race)

**Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 March 2020**

The Regatta Organising Authority is the Philippine Inter-Island Sailing Federation (PHINSAF) under the auspices of Philippine Sailing Association (PSA). The race is supported by Punta Fuego Yacht Club and Busuanga Bay Lodge Resort.

Enquires should be addressed to: Regatta Secretariat – admin@phinsaf.com

**1. Rules**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.2 The following will apply:

● The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 (w/o life-raft) plus VHF radio, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee communications.

● The IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C

● The Cruising Handicap System, as administered by the Organising Committee

● The OMR rating system as Administered by the Organizing Committee for the Ocean Multihull Class

● The Notice of Race

● The Sailing Instructions

● In the case of conflict between any of the above, succeeding items take preference

1.3 IRC boats may carry one more spinnaker than on their IRC Certificate without incurring an increase in penalty. This changes IRC Rule 21.6.1

1.4 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.

1.5 RRS Rule 55 is changed by adding the following: However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.

1.6 RRS Rule 52 will not apply to boats in IRC Classes, which have declared the use of stored power to the Rating Authority (IRC Rule 15) prior to the issue of the current IRC certificate, or to boats in the Cruising Classes, who may use stored power for sail adjustment.

1.7 No national prescriptions will apply

1.8 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), (Steering and Racing Rules) will apply between sunset and sunrise and will replace the rules of RRS Part 2.

**2. Advertising**

2.1 Advertising is permitted on a boat or crew in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code.

2.2 Boats wishing to carry sponsors names or logos on sails, and/or hulls should seek approval from the organizing committee in order to prevent conflicts with Regatta Sponsors.

2.3 The organizing committee may require all boats to display the Regatta sponsors advertising on their boats.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

3.1 The Regatta will have the following classes:

* IRC Racing Class: Keelboats with an IRC rating of 1.03 or greater
* IRC Cruiser / Racer Class: Keelboats with an IRC rating less than 1.200
* Cruising Class: Boats of a cruising nature not currently holding an IRC Certificate
* Ocean Multihull Classes: Ocean Multihulls of a size, type and condition acceptable to the Organising Committee with an OMR Rating Certificate

3.2 The Race Committee may change the above eligibility factors and number of classes based on its analysis of the entries received. The Committee’s decision will be final and is not subject to protest.

3.3 For a Class to be recognised by the Regatta, a minimum of 3 boats must enter the Class.

3.4 Boats will enter by completing the Entry Form and returning it to Secretariat by Wednesday, 4 March 2020

3.5 Registration will be from 1500-1900h at the Barracuda Bar, Punta Fuego on 4h March 2020

3.6 IRC boats shall submit a copy of their latest IRC Certificate to the Regatta Secretariat no later than 1900h Wednesday 4 March 2020. No alteration to a boat’s TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

3.7 Boats entering the Cruising Class shall submit the Cruising Class Handicap form no later than 1900 Wednesday 4 March 2020

3.8 Boats entering the Ocean Multihull Class shall submit their OMR Certificate or their completed measurement form no later than 1900 Wednesday 4 March 2020

**4. Fees**

4.1 Entry Fees, which include entry for the boat, her skipper and two crew, will be P 5,000/boat

4.2 The fee for each crew member who attends the Welcome Party in Punta Fuego and the Arrival Lunch and Awards Party in Busuanga Bay Lodge will be P 2,000/crew

**5. Schedule**

The following is the proposed schedule, but the Race Committee reserves the right to amend this schedule.

**Wednesday 4 March**

1800 Briefing, Registration and Welcome Party Barracuda Bar, Punta Fuego Yacht Club

**Thursday 5 March**

0600 Start Line Opens off PFYC (Competitors to choose their own Starting Time)

1200 Start Line Closes

**Friday 6 March**

1200 Target Time for Finish at South Cay, Busuanga

1200 Barbeque and snorkelling at South Cay

1800 Arrival Party at Marina Del Sol poolside

**Saturday 7 March**

1025 Warning Signal for Island Race.

1800 Awards Party at Busuanga Bay Lodge Resort

**6. Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration

**7. Courses**

7.1 The Punta Fuego to Busuanga Race will start off Punta Fuego Marina and Finish at South Cay off the southwest coast of Busuanga (135nm)

7.2 The Doni Altura Memorial Race will be set around the islands off Busuanga Bay

**8. Results**

8.1 Results will be calculated based on each boat’s elapsed time. (The time from their start to their finish)

8.2 Boats in Non-IRC Classes may at any time no sooner than 1 hour after their start choose to change to the Cruising Sailing / Motoring Class. Results will be calculated accordingly. See Paragraph 13

8.2 Prizes will be awarded to the boats that calculate their passage time to finish closest to 1200 on Friday 6 2020.

**9. Penalty System**

For all Classes the Two Turns Penalty specified in RRS rule 44.1 is replaced by a One Turn Penalty

**10. Radio Communications**

10.1 Communications between the Race Committee and competitors will be on Marine VHF Channel 71

10.2 Except in an emergency, and for position reporting, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10.3 All boats will be required to provide the Race Committee with 2 local cellphone numbers for emergency, SMS position reporting and general communications.

10.4 Powerboats accompanying the fleet to assist with safety will be monitoring Marine VHF Channels 71 and 16

**11. Prizes**

11.1 The Perpetual Punta Fuego to Busuanga Race Trophy will be awarded to the IRC Racing Class winner.

11.2 The Doni Altura Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the combined 2 races based on the lowest points achieved

11.3 Trophies will be awarded to the first-place boats in each class.

11.4 Prizes will be awarded to the boats that finish closest to 1200 on Friday 6 March 2020

**12. Disclaimer of Liability**

The Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life or property, personal injury and damage caused by, or arising out of the Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 4)

**13. Cruising Sailing / Motoring Class**

Boats joining the class after the start will submit the recording sheet provided. Times of motoring and the location of starting and finishing motoring will be recorded. Motoring times will be multiplied by 2 before being added to their sailing times to determine their total elapsed time from which the results will be calculated

**14. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance in their own accord