



**Puerto Galera Yacht Club Inc.**  
**EASTER REGATTA**  
15 - 17 April 2022

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ('SI')**

**IRC Racing and CHS Racer-Cruiser Classes and  
PY Handicap Classes - Cruisers and Multihulls**

**Organising Authority – Puerto Galera Yacht Club ('PGYC')**  
**(in collaboration with the 'Philippine Sailing Association' ('PSA'))**

**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 IRC Rules 2021 Parts a, b and c
  - The CHS Handicap System – established PSA format (as administered by PSA)
  - The PY Handicap System – Portsmouth Yardstick / RYA (as administered by PGYC)
  - The Notice of Race ('NOR')
  - The Sailing Instructions ('SI')
  - In case of conflict between any of the above, the succeeding items shall take precedence:
- 1.2.1 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
- 1.2.2 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.
- 1.2.3 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.
- 1.2.4 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2.5 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.
- 1.2.6 PY Handicap System (Portsmouth Yardstick / RYA), as administered by the Race Committee. Ratings for boats without previously published ratings may be reasonably adjusted after Race 1, at the discretion of the race committee.
- 1.2.7 All PY Handicap Class races will be completed using a pursuit race format. The object of "Pursuit Racing" is that the theoretical slowest boat starts first, and the fastest boats start last. In theory and underlying philosophy, all boats have a fair chance of a placing. The winner is the first yacht to cross the finish line.
- 1.2.8 For PY Handicap Classes, the Racing Rules will be changed as indicated:
  - Rule 26. Starting Races - No starting signals will be given. Races will be run using a pursuit format. Each competitor will receive a start time for the day's race no later than the skippers meeting at



0900 daily. The first start each day of the regatta will not be before 1000, subject to confirmation at the 0900 Daily Skipper’s briefing.

- Rule 27.3 Before the Start Time each day, the race committee may for any reason postpone or abandon the race, via announcement at Skippers briefing and/or cell phone message to skipper.
- Rule 29 Recalls - When at the prescribed start time for a boat, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the vessel will incur a starting penalty.
- Rule 30 Starting Penalties – If any boat breaks rule 29 and is identified, she shall receive without hearing, a penalty equivalent to double the time she was early crossing the line plus additional 10 minutes, added to her finish time.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at PGYC
- 2.2 Notice to competitors will also be announced at the Daily Skipper’s Briefing

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2030 on the day before it will take effect. Changes and Admin matters may be included on the Regatta Vibre Group.
- 3.2 Late changes may be made on VHF Channel 68 prior to the Warning Signal. Code Flag ‘L’ will be displayed on the Signal Boat.
- 3.3 Any change to the sailing instructions for the PGYC Handicap Class will also be announced at The Daily Skipper’s Briefing.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole at end of the PGYC Pier
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The number and style of races each day will be adjusted to suit wind and sea conditions.

- 5.1 IRC Racing and Racer-Cruiser Classes:

**Friday 5 April**

- 0955 Warning Signal
- 1630 No Warning Signal After

**Saturday 6 April**

- 0955 Warning Signal
- 1630 No Warning Signal After

**Sunday 7th April**

- 0955 Warning Signal
- 1355 No Warning Signal After
- 1800 Awarding Ceremony at PGYC Clubhouse

- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.



**5A SCHEDULE OF RACES for PGYC HANDICAP CLASSES**

Only one (1) race each day, but the courses and style of races each day may be adjusted to suit wind and sea conditions.

- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** First Start: Not before 1000 hours
- Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** First Start: Not before 1000 hours
- Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April** First Start: Not before 1000 hours

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
IRC Racing Class	Light Blue
Racer-Cruiser Class	Yellow
Cruiser & Multihull Classes	Red

**7 RACING AREA**

The Racing Area will be within Muelle Bay (Cruiser & Multihull Classes only) and in and around the Verde Island Passage (all Classes).

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses will be displayed at the PGYC Clubhouse, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The number of the course to be sailed will be signalled by numerals or numeral flags displayed with the Class Flag and will be announced on VHF Channel 69
- 8.3 For the PY Handicap Classes, the course to be sailed will be published on the Official Notice Board before 0900 hours each day and announced at The Daily Skippers Briefing.
- 8.4 In the event of necessity to shorten course, a committee boat will be stationed and will fly the S flag.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 The Starting Mark will be a red buoy or a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat
- 9.2 Finishing Mark will be a yellow or red buoy
- 9.3 The Change Mark will be an orange buoy
- 9.4 Other marks of the course will be islands and buoys

**10 THE START – IRC Racing and CHS Racer-Cruiser Classes**

- 10.1 For the first start each day, classes will start in the following order. At subsequent starts classes may be started in any order:
  - 1. IRC Racing Class
  - 2. Racer-Cruiser Class
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end

**10A THE START- PY Handicap Classes**

- 10A.1 All races for the regatta follow a pursuit race format. Each competitor will be given a start time for each race based on their PGYC rating and the length of the course for the day.



- 10A.2 Starting times will be posted no later than 0900 hours the day of the race.
- 10A.3 The starting line, inside Muelle Bay, will be between an orange flag at the end of Lanes Pier (N 13° 30.91' E 120° 57.08') at the Port end, and an orange buoy at the Starboard end.
- 10A.4 Boats are racing from 4-minutes before their published start time. Therefore, engines cannot be run in gear after this time. Please avoid the start line until this time.
- 10A.5 At all times boats must use G.P.S. time for starting and finishing. The PGYC Committee Boat will record Start and Finish times.

## 11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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.

## 12 THE FINISH - IRC Racing and CHS Racer-Cruiser Classes

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying orange and blue flags on the Finishing Boat and the nearby finish mark.

### 12A THE FINISH - PY Handicap Classes

- 12A.1 The finishing line will be in the vicinity of Haligi Beach. (N 13° 31.2' E 120° 56.5')
- 12A.2 The finish line will be between an inflatable orange buoy inshore at the Port end, and an orange flag on a Banca-boat at the Starboard end. NB: Leave the Banca-boat to Starboard.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 For all classes rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced with the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Exoneration Penalty

A boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31.1 or 42 may, after finishing race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3 (c), (except the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under Rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P.

It is not available for a breach of Rule 2 or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her beach. In these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted

- Neither the boat nor the Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty
- The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest Committee decide it was appropriate to the facts found and applicable rules.

- 13.3 For Island Races the following penalty may be applied to a boat found at a hearing to have broken a rule of Part 2, or which is scored OCS in accordance with Rule 29:-  
The worst of:

1. add 5% of elapsed time to corrected time
2. 20% of places rounded up to next whole number

(This changes Rule 29 and RRS Appendix A.)

## 14 TIME LIMITS



- 14.1 The time limit on Friday and Saturday is 1730 and on Sunday 1630
- 14.2 *Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored with the average of the points available to them. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

or

*Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Time Limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.*

#### **14A TIME LIMITS for PY Handicap Classes**

- 14A.1 The time limit for all races is 1700 hours.
- 14A.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored the number of boats in their class plus 1 point. For the Overall Score they will be scored the number in the Regatta Fleet plus 1 point. This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 14A.3 If a boat withdraws from a race there is no requirement to cross the finish line.

#### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Club House. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the location at which the hearing will be held. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the receipt of the Protest Form.
- 15.4 On the last day of the Regatta, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

#### **15A PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS PY Handicap Classes**

- 15A.1 Protests shall be lodged at The PGYC office within the protest time limit. A protest fee of one (1) case of beer shall be paid when the protest is lodged.
- 15A.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 1730 the day of the race
- 15A.3 Notices will be posted within 5 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the PGYC clubhouse office, beginning at 1730.

#### **16 SCORING - IRC Racing and CHS Racer-Cruiser Classes**

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

#### **16A SCORING - PY Handicap Classes (Cruisers and Multihulls)**

- 16A.1 Daily Results for PGYC Handicap System will be scored based on the order of finish.
- 16A.2 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores using the Low Point System.



## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 At the time of registration each skipper shall sign in on the appropriate form with liability waiver.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **18 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 18.1 The Race Committee VHF Channel will be Channel 68
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not under any circumstance put trash/ garbage/ rubbish in the water or elsewhere and must at all times use properly designated disposal places.

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Daily Prizes will be given to the Overall First, Second and Third Places in each class based on the total of the scores for all races completed that day
- 20.2 Class Winners and Overall trophies will be presented at the Awards Party on Sunday afternoon April 21<sup>st</sup> at PGYC club house.
- 20.3 Additional prizes will be given at the discretion of the organising committee

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Puerto Galera Yacht Club Inc., the Organising Committee, the Race Committee, Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, Officers, all staff, 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, for whatever reason or circumstances, shall be held harmless in all respects. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing or otherwise is hers and her skipper's alone (RRS Fundamental Rule 4).