



The organizing authority is the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pattaya, Thailand

NOTICE OF RACE

French Cup 2026- January 10th and 11th

1 RULES

1.1 The sailing race part of the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Other activities will be governed by the organization team of the French Cup 2026

1.2 No national or class prescriptions will apply.

1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7 2.

2 ADVERTISING

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Members of the RVYC and their invited guests are more than welcome to join.

3.2 Anyone who was involved directly or indirectly in the battles of Trafalgar or Agincourt is definitely not invited.

3.3 There will be 4 fleets; Open multihulls, Open monohulls, Optimist and Keel boat (Need minimum 4 boats). All classes except optimist will be sailed under RYA Portsmouth handicap scheme.

4 FEES

4.1 French community will take care of our sailing friends for 2026

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: Eligible boats must enter by complete entry forms by 11:00 on Saturday 10th February 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

5.2 Racing:

Date	Class	Time	Event
		10:00	Briefing
	Optimist	11:00	First Warning Signal
		15:00 (TBC*)	Pétanque Game on back lawn
Sat 10 January		11:30	Briefing
	All other Classes	12:30	First Warning Signal for Long distance or Short course (TBC* depends on wind condition)
		17:00 (TBC*)	Pétanque & Pastis with French imported good food <i>French Rules of STPC (Saint Tropez Petanque Club) applied</i>
		19:00	Blind Wine Tasting Championship
		10:00	Briefing
Sun 11 January	All Classes	11:00	First Warning Signal for Long distance or Short course (TBC* depends on wind condition)
		After racing ~ 15:30	Prize giving

*TBC = To be confirmed

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00



6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1 Sailing Race, Petanque Competition and Wine tasting Competition are defined as race in this regatta.
6.2 Handicap racing for all classes shall be run using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme (PY). The current PY list can be found through this website <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/technical/handicap-systems/portsmouth-yardstick>
6.3 There will be separate starts for eligible classes if the minimum entrants is met.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board (ONB) located at club house's veranda by Saturday 10th January 2026 at 10:00.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses and their exact configuration will be displayed on the ONB.
8.2 The organizer reserves the right to adjust schedule and courses to be sailed on the days of racing.
8.3 Use of electronic devices is authorized however GPS information is only for reference and cannot be used neither for any protest against the race committee and/or organizers, nor for request for redress.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
9.2 Result of Long distance race will be counted as result of 2 races
9.3 Result of Pétanque competition shall be calculated based on the best ranking of a team member in the case that the sailing team comprised of 2 persons or more.
9.4 The result from Master of French Wine championship will be calculated by low point system; which means the person who can correctly identify the most amount of wine shall earn score of 1 point, the second best shall earn score of 2 points and so on. Participants who choose not to join the wine testing shall earn score of DNS
9.5 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be announced at the Prize Giving

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Oat at sailcoach@varuna.org