



FIREBIRD TROPHY

The organizing authority is the Royal Varuna Yacht Club

Saturday 17th January 2026

Pattaya, Thailand

Notice of Race (NOR)

History

The Firebird Trophy was donated by HRH Prince Bira in 1970. Originally, it was a long-distance race sailed by Fireball class. In 1992, the race was open to all classes due to the lack of fireball boats. It is the longest distance race held at the club. The classic route is to be sailed around Koh Rin.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national 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. SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the ONB located at Veranda by 09:00 on Saturday 17th January.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official notice board (ONB) is located on the RVYC Veranda.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to RVYC members.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to RVYC members of following classes:
 - a) Monohull of the rating number equal to or lower than 952 on the 2023 RYA Portsmouth handicap list.
In another words, boats those are at least as fast as a fireball.
 - b) Multihulls.

4. FEES

- 4.1 No entry fee.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Classes	Briefing	First Start Time
Saturday 17 st	All Classes	10:30	12:00

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the water immediately off the Royal Varuna Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Long distance course around Koh Rin. Detailed course configuration will be displayed at the ONB prior to start time.



9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS 44.1 changes to stop your boat, stand up and bow nicely. Politely apologize to your fellow sailors before moving on.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Portsmouth Yardstick and Small Catamaran Handicap Ratings PYLA will be used to calculate finishing places of all boats.

11. PRIZES

11.1 To be announced depending on entries.

12. PRIVACY POLICY

12.1 By registering for the race, you allow RVYC to use your personal information, including photographs, for administrative, instructional and safety purposes. You also agree that RVYC may share photographs of you with you and the other participants of your course and also within the RVYC community, including on our social media. (If you do not wish to have your photograph shared, please notify our reception when you register.) RVYC will never use your personal information or photograph for advertising purposes without your prior explicit permission.

13. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

13.1 The Organizing Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.

13.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of their boats before, during and after the championship.

13.3 Competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.

13.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing the dinghy in open water in all conditions, including strong winds.

13.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the competitor. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to ensure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.

13.6 A competitor is advised to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.

13.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold, the Host, organizing authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, members, volunteers, committee persons and race officials, acting in their official capacities, harmless from any claim arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact Nattawut Vongrak (Oat) e-mail: sailcoach@varuna.org