



NOTICE OF RACE

1 **DATE**

The regatta will take place over three weekends: Sunday 17th, Sunday 24th and **Saturday** 30th August 2008.

A beneficiary race (charity to be advised) will be held on Sunday 31st August, which will not count towards the regatta results.

2 **AUTHORITY**

The regatta is organised by Singapore Management University and Raffles Marina, sanctioned by Singapore Sailing and supported by the Singapore Sports Council.

3 **RULES**

The event will be governed by the **rules** as defined in ***The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005- 2008***, the IRC 2008 Handicap Rule, MPA Pleasure Craft Regulations and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace the ***Racing Rules of Sailing*** between 1900hrs to 0700 hours.

4 **ELIGIBILITY**

This event is open to all self-righting monohull keelboats and beach catamarans belonging to members of Singapore Sailing affiliated clubs and invited sailors of other yacht clubs.

5 **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Regatta entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, boat registration, insurance and 2008 IRC certificate to Raffles Marina Dockmaster's Office by or on 1st August 2008. Entries received after 1st August will be subjected to a late entry fee of SGD\$100.00.

6 **ADVERTISING**

- a) The Regatta will be Category "C" as specified in the RRS 2005 – 2008. Boats are required to display advertising provided by the organizing authority as permitted by ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d)(i).
- b) The Organising Authority reserves the right to reject any entry with advertisements that may conflict with an event sponsor.

7 **ENTRY FEE**

The following fees shall be paid by RML membership account, cash, credit card or cheque on submission of the entry form. They are non-refundable. All fees exclude Singapore Goods and Services tax (7% GST)

- a) Yacht Entry - S\$150 per yacht (include Skipper)
- b) Catamaran Entry - S\$100 per yacht (include skipper)
- c) Per crew member - S\$50 per crew

8 **BERTHING PRIVILEGES**

Complimentary berthing will be offered to all fully paid non-resident participating boats from 1st August 2008 till 7th September 2008.

9 **RACING SCHEDULE**

Following is the proposed schedule; however the Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this schedule.

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Date	Item	Class(es)	Time
17 Aug 2008	Registration	All	From 0900hrs
	Skippers briefing	All	1030hrs
	Racing – windward/leeward	All	1 st warning at 1200hrs
24 Aug 2008	Skippers briefing	All	1030hrs
	Racing – passage	All	1 st warning at 1200hrs
30 Aug 2008	Racing – windward/leeward	All	1 st warning at 1300hrs
31 Aug 2008	Beneficiary race briefing	All	1300hrs
	Racing	All	1 st warning at 1400hrs

There will be no limit to the number of races on 17th and 30th August 2008.

On the 30th August, no warning signal will be made after 1700hrs.

10 COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be windward / leeward course and passage as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 VENUE

Races will be in Johore Straits in front of Raffles Marina.

12 SCORING

The low point scoring system of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 Appendix A will apply. A maximum of 7 races are scheduled. A minimum of 5 races is required to constitute a series. When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

Passage race carries double point and **cannot be discarded for overall score.**

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for all classes as follows:

Regatta Day 1 combined race/s	-	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Placing
SMU President Cup Race	-	1 st to 10 th Placing
Regatta Day 3 combined race/s	-	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Placing
Regatta overall position	-	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Placing

14 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be made available after the closing date at Raffles Marina Dockmaster's Office and Official Regatta Website www.westerncircuit.com.

15 DISCLAIMER

Yachts shall submit the Disclaimer/Media Waiver form no later than 0900 hours on 17th August 2008. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority, officials, members, volunteers and staff will not accept any liability for material damages or losses, personal injuries or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race Committee and Raffles Marina will transmit and receive on VHF 77.