**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*

1.2 In addition, the following documents:

(i) The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016,

(ii) The Singapore Maritime Port Authority Pleasure Craft Regulations,

(iii) The IRC Rules 2016,

(iv) SB20 Class Rules,

(v) J24 Class Rules,

(vi) Corsair Dash 750 Class Rules,

(vii) International Access 2.3 Class Rules,

(viii) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea,

(ix) This Notice of Race,

(x) The Sailing Instructions.

will apply to the regatta.

**2. ADVERTISING**

2.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

2.2 Boats and windsurfing sails will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

2.3 Boats and windsurfing sails shall not display advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of a club affiliated to Singapore Sailing Federation, a member of a One-Design class association that has been invited to this regatta or in the case of international entrants, are members of a club affiliated to their own national authority. The regatta is open to all windsurfers who are currently matriculated to local tertiary institutions (inclusive of post-secondary institutions) on the first day of the regatta (13 August 2016), have yet to officially complete their academic term, or file for graduation.

3.2 Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, entrants should be aware that there is a possibility that classes with fewer than 7 boats registered may be started together, but scored separately.

3.3 The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion.

3.4 For the purpose of class development, the Organizer may allow fewer than 6 entries to form a class.

3.5 For the IRC classes, the IRC A class will comprise boats with a TCC of 1.00 and higher, and the IRC B class will comprise boats with a TCC of below 1.00.

3.6 For the Windsurfing class, the following race categories will be open for the Inter-Tertiary Windsurfing Championship (ITWC) 2016 title. The respective restrictions per academic institution applies:

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| Tertiary Championship Races | | |
| **Race Category** | **Max. entries** | **Other restrictions** |
| 4.0m2 Novice (Women) | 2 | Participant must be within 1 year of their first registered windsurfing regatta. Participants of ITWC 2015 are ineligible. |
| 4.0m2 Novice (Men) | 2 |
| 4.7m2 Intermediate (Women) | 2 | - |
| 5.5m2 Intermediate (Men) | 2 | - |
| 6.2m2 Intermediate (Mixed) | 2 | - |

3.7 For the Windsurfing class, there will be a fun race open to all students and alumni representing a local tertiary institution. The results of this race will not be counted toward the ITWC 2016 title.

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| Fun Race | | |
| **Race Category** | **Max. entries** | **Other restrictions** |
| 7.8m2 NeilPryde RSOne Open (Mixed) | No limit | Maximum of 10 participants in this category due to equipment limitations |

**4. ENTRY FEE**

4.1 The following fees:

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| (IRC A, IRC B, PY, J/24) | S$300 per boat (including Skipper) |
| (SB20, Catamaran, Trimaran) | S$200 per boat (including Skipper) |
| Crew members | S$50 per crew |
| Access dinghy entry | No Charge |
| Windsurfing | $50 per windsurfer |

Shall be paid by either RML membership account, cash, credit card or cheque on submission of the entry form. They are non-refundable. All fees are subjected to prevailing Singapore Goods and Services tax.

4.2 Eligible boats and windsurfers may enter by completing the Official Regatta Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, for boaters: a copy of valid boat registration & insurance, PPCDL or equivalent and valid 2016 IRC Certificate; for windsurfers: a copy of your Level 1 Windsurfing Proficiency certification or the PA Basic Certification or equivalent to Raffles Marina Dockmaster’s Office by or on **17 July 2016**. Entries received after will be charged an additional entry fee of $50.00.

**5. SCHEDULE**

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| Date | Item | Classes | Time | |
| Saturday  13.08.2016 | Registration  (Late registration by prior arrangement only)  Equipment check for Windsurfers | All | From 0900hrs | |
| Regatta Briefing | 1000hrs | |
| Racing | 1st warning at  1200hrs for All except Windsurfing.  1st warning signal for Windsurfing at 1300hrs | |
| Dinner + Prize Giving | 1830hrs | |
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| Sunday  14.08.2016 | Registration  Equipment check for Windsurfers | All | | From 0900hrs |
| Racing  SMU President’s Cup  SB20 International Cup | 1st warning at  1200hrs for All except Windsurfing.  1st warning signal for Windsurfing at 1300hrs |
| Dinner + Prize Giving | 1830hrs |
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| Saturday  20.08.2016 | Racing | All except Access 2.3 & Windsurfing | | 1st warning at 1200hrs |
| Gala Dinner + Prize Giving  + Charity Auction | All | | 1800hrs |

5.1 A maximum of 5 races is scheduled on each day.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1630hrs on each day.

5.3 The Regatta Organizer may alter the course, change the racing area or nominate an alternative course by posting a notice in accordance with the sailing instructions.

# 6. MEASUREMENTS & EQUIPMENT

6.1 Measurement is not required for boaters, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

6.2 The OA shall not be responsible for conducting or administrating weigh-ins.

6.3 Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

6.4 All windsurfing participants are required to use the equipment provided by the organizers (rental fees are included in entry fee) and will be responsible for any equipment damages after the issue and before the return of equipment. All tertiary teams are to send a representative to ballot for equipment before the actual race day. More information will be provided at a later date.

**7. RACE VENUE**

7.1 Races will be held at waters off Raffles Marina (10 Tuas West Drive, Singapore 638404) and Johor West Straits.

**8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be short courses and distance racing as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

9.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

9.2 Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

**10. SCORING**

10.1 A maximum of 9 races is scheduled for Club Racer & IRC class. A maximum of 15 races is scheduled for the rest of the boat classes. A maximum of 9 races is scheduled for the ITWC 2016.

10.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a windsurfer’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4 When more than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 4 or more have been completed, a windsurfer’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.5 When more than 10 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. When 7 or more races have been completed, a windsurfer’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

# 11. BERTHING

11.1 Complimentary berthing will be offered at Raffles Marina Ltd to all visiting participating boats from 6th August till 28th August 2016. Extended berthing till 11th September 2016 will be provided for boats racing in the Pesta Sukan Regatta.

11.2 Boats wishing to arrive earlier or depart later, should contact Raffles Marina Dockmaster’s Office to make reservations.

11.3 No hard stand is available for visiting yachts.

**12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Race Committee, support boats and Raffles Marina Ltd will transmit and receive on VHF Ch77.

12.2 Except in an emergency, 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.

# 13. PRIZES

13.1 Series prizes will be awarded by class. The number of series prizes will depend on the number of class entries.

13.2 Prizes will be given as follows:

1. **13 Aug 2016** – Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in the Day 1 overall results with exception of the IOM, Access 2.3 and Windsurfing Class.

ii) **14 Aug 2016** – Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in the Day 2 overall results. IOM, Access 2.3 and Windsurfing will be awarded for their Regatta overall results.

iii) **14 Aug 2016** – SB20 International Cup will be awarded to the top boats in the Day 1 & Day 2 overall results.

iv) **20 Aug 2016** – Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in the Day 3 overall results.

v) **20 Aug 2016** – Prizes will be awarded to the top boats in the Regatta overall results.

**14. PHOTOGRAPHER AND TV RIGHTS**

14.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, officials, members, volunteers, sponsors and staff will not accept any liability for material damages or losses or personal injuries or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**16. INSURANCE**

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of S$25,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 Further information regarding the regatta may be obtained from the regatta website at [www.westerncircuit.com](http://www.westerncircuit.com). Interested participants or entrants should check the site periodically for the latest information.

17.2 For any other enquiries, please contact Raffles Marina through email at [justin.koh@rafflesmarina.com.sg](mailto:justin.koh@rafflesmarina.com.sg) or telephone at +65 6861 9000.