

# **Technical review of the International Platu Class rules & recommended amendments for the Thai National Platu Class for the 2009 Season.**

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## **Background**

There are several items in the 2008 International Beneteau 25/Platu Class rules, which are not explained clearly, cannot apply to original Platu hulls or are impractical to apply to the Thailand fleet at this point in time.

**The logic for the recommended amendments is to make sure that it is possible for all Thailand Platu's to conform to Class rules for the remainder of 2009 races and enable fair competition within the fleet.**

There are a number of issues that will be discussed with the International Platu Class President during the World titles in October 2009 that need to be resolved in order for the local Thai boats to conform 100% with the International rules.

It is planned that another review of the Class rules will be carried out prior to the 2010 season which will include all the necessary changes agreed with the International Class to allow Thai Boats to conform.

In some cases the International rules may be amended at the next review to accommodate the original McDell Marine Platus.

**The Thailand NPCA is committed to providing a set of Class rules that allow all original Thai Platus to compete on a local level and conform as closely as practical to the International Class rules.**

It will take time to implement some of the changes necessary, however the Committee intends to assist owners and subsidise where possible.

## **The Amendments**

The amendments are listed in full in the attached file and the full copy of the Platu 25 International Class rules can be found on our website [www.omycsailing.com](http://www.omycsailing.com)

Two of the most important amendments that need to be made for the remainder of the 2009 season are listed below. **These amendments will ensure that all visiting overseas Teams for our remaining major Platu events on the 2009 calendar will be eligible to compete.**

Rule B 1.1 (b, c, &d) Temporarily delete the rule which requires each boat to have an NCA member on board . This is not practical at this point in time for the Thai Fleet but will be resolved for the 2010 racing season after discussions with the International President this coming October and a program to be introduced by the Thai NPCA to arrange registration of all owners and skippers for the 2010 season

*Rule B.2.1 Delete the need for sail buttons until we can explain to owners the need for them and possibly introduce them over a period of time .*

*Buttons cost about 1000 baht per sail and are mandatory in the International class 1 events  
Until now we have excluded the need for them in the NOR's.  
This issue will also be discussed during the Worlds in October and an action plan agreed.*

*Most of the remaining amendments are relatively minor and are designed to allow all the boats in the Thailand Platu fleet to be eligible to compete in National Class events for the remainder of 2009.*

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