



RULE RLIR 2015



Photography by Scott Murray

Oi! skippered by Peter Ahern of Australia blew the competition away with 10 straight wins in the Racing Class to take it her second Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy.

Setting Up

The 13th Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR) 2015 welcomed yachts from around the world to take part in their regatta from 12th to 17th of January. And for the second straight year, good winds welcomed the competitors; ever since organizers moved the regatta back a week the winds have been strong and continuous.

Since its inception in 2003, the RLIR has become a popular event and one of the most-anticipated regattas by the sailing community in the region and beyond. This 13th edition saw 40 entries; 12 from Malaysia, 7 from Great Britain, 5 from Australia, 4 from

Thailand, 2 each from Singapore and Russia, and 1 each from Austria, Denmark, China, Hong Kong, Italy, New Zealand and Japan, as well as 1 with dual Great Britain and Australian registration.

Many of the RLIR regulars returned to Langkawi, including *My Toy*, *Foxy Lady VI*, *Oi!*, *Jelita of Langkawi*, *Mata Hari*, *Eveline* and *Andaman Cabriolet Nina*.

The RLIR 2015 Organizing Chairperson Y.M Tunku Soraya Dakhlah binti Tunku Tan Sri Abdullah said, "I was thrilled to welcome back many familiar

faces. Many of us crossed paths at our first regatta in 2003 and have remained friends since. We are also pleased to welcome many new faces, joining us for the very first time. This is an indication that our regatta is gaining more recognition and attracting more competitive sailing teams from around the world to Langkawi."

Making their debut at the RLIR 2015 were *Alakaluff*, *Umineko*, *VG Offshore*, *Easy 8 Free*, *Island Fling* and *Invictus Rewcard*.

Teams competed for the Prime Minister's Challenge Trophy – for Racing