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Sailing Instructions

72th Annual Lahaina to Honolulu Race

Monday, September 7, 2015

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*, including US Sailing Prescriptions and Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to allow the use of integrally designed Canting Ballast Twin Foil [CBTF] and water ballast technology.
- 1.3. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated by using stored power.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors, prior to the race, will be posted on the official notice board located at Lahaina Yacht Club [LYC], RegattaNetwork.com or on the Main Race Committee Boat.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors, after the race, will be posted on the official notice board located at Hawaii Yacht Club [HYC].

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1600 on Sunday, September 6, 2015.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 4.1. Dates of Racing: All classes will race on Monday, September 7, 2015.
- 4.2. Number of Races: One race will be sailed for each class.
- 4.3. The approximate starting times for each class are provided in the table below:

	B	A	X	M	Kaneohe
Warning	0755	0815	0825	0835	0845
Start	0800	0820	0830	0840	0850

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>DETERMINATION</u>
B	Gold with "B"	Spinnaker, PHRF > 111
A	White with "A"	Spinnaker, PHRF 31 - 110
X	Pink with "X"	Spinnaker, PHRF < 30
M	Blue with "M"	Multihull
Kaneohe	Gold with "B"	Kaneohe Bound Yachts

6. RACING AREA

The race will be held on the waters between Honolua Bay, Maui and the Ala Wai Harbor, Oahu as depicted in Attachment A.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the courses in a schematic fashion, but the written descriptions of the course, start, and finish will govern in the case of a discrepancy.
- 7.2. **Start – DH(s) – Finish.** Course length is approximately 70 nm. There are no "rounding marks".
- 7.3. The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 33.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. "DH" is the red Diamond Head buoy.
- 8.2. "R2" is the red Ala Wai Harbor Channel entrance buoy.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area between and within two of a vessel's hull lengths of the Atlantis Submarine barges, located offshore Waikiki, is designated as an obstruction. The penalty for entering this area is a 20% scoring penalty.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting area will be north of Black Rock, the exact position will be determined by the committee boat that morning.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the staff of a blue flag on the Main Race Committee Boat.
- 10.4. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5. Yachts starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.6. Yachts shall check in with the race committee, providing the **boat name** and **sail number** on **VHF Channel 68**. Yachts are encouraged to check in **before the first warning**. However, yachts that arrive at the starting area after the first warning may

also check in between each successive starting signal and the following warning signal. Yachts that attempt to check in during a starting sequence will not be acknowledged.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1.** The finishing line will extend 100' **seaward** from **R2** and a point in the HYC clubhouse with approximate bearing of 017° magnetic (**pass R2 to starboard**).
- 11.2.** Yachts shall check in with the race committee **via text message to 808-561-0034** as they round DH with boat name and DH.
- 11.3.** **After dusk, each yacht shall illuminate their main sail with a flash light approximately 100 yards from R2.** Yachts shall check in upon finish **via text message to 808-561-0034** with boat name and F. They should also record their own finish time and verify it with the Race Committee at HYC as soon as possible.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1.** The two turn penalty, in accordance with RRS 44.2, will be in effect.
- 12.2.** Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 44.1 shall file a written acknowledgement with the race committee prior to the protest time limit.

13. TIME LIMITS

There is no time limit for finishing the race.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1.** Protest forms are available from the race committee or on RC Sail bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2.** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the race has finished.
- 14.3.** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5.** A list of boats that, under instruction 12, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

15. ARBITRATION

- 15.1.** For protests involving two or fewer boats of an alleged breach of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5. Section B.
- 15.2.** After protests are turned in, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 15.3.** After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 15.3.1.** There was no breach of a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees, the matter goes to the jury for a hearing.

15.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40% alternative penalty (calculated in RRS 44.3(c)) or submitting the matter to the jury for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.

15.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing

15.4. When a protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing process, but may offer testimony if requested by the jury

16. SCORING

16.1. The low point system of Appendix A will apply.

16.2. In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.

16.3. The PHRF handicap system will be in effect.

16.4. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.

17.2. Upon withdrawing from the race, yachts shall inform the race committee via **VHF Channel 68**, by voice hail, or by calling the RC Sail Marty Loo at 838-9629 or PRO Frank Lange at 561-0034. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

18. PRIZES

For each class, 1st prize will be awarded if three or more boats enter, 2nd prize will be awarded if five or more boats enter, and 3rd prize will be awarded if seven or more boats enter.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.