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# Sailing Instructions *Rabbit Island Race*

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

## 1. RULES

1.1. The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS) with US Sailing Prescriptions, excluding the prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, 63.4; and Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated by using stored power.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board downstairs located at Hawaii Yacht Club [HYC] or on the Main Race Committee Boat.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day they will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACING

5.1. Number of Races: One race will be sailed for each class.

5.2. The approximate starting times for each class are provided in the table below:

	<b>Aloha</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Multi</b>
<b>Saturday, March 26</b>					
Warning	0955	1015	1025	1035	1045
Start	1000	1020	1030	1040	1050

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>DETERMINATION</u>
Aloha	Green with "C"	Non-spinnaker
B	Gold with "B"	Spinnaker, PHRF > 111
A	White with "A"	Spinnaker, PHRF 31 - 110
X	Pink with "X"	Spinnaker, PHRF < 30
Multi	Blue with "M"	Multi-Hull

## 7. RACING AREA

The race will be held on the waters between Waikiki and Manana ("Rabbit") Island.

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. A diagram of the course is provided in Attachment A. **Skipper may choose to round both Rabbit Island and Bird Island or go between Rabbit Island and Bird Island.** In the event of a discrepancy, the written description of the course, start, and finish will prevail.
- 8.2. **Course: Start – pass DH(p) – round Rabbit Island (s) – pass DH(s) – R2 Finish.** Course length is approximately 31 nm.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. "DH" is the red Diamond Head buoy.
- 9.2. "Rabbit Island" is Manana Island, aka Rabbit Island.
- 9.3. "R2" is the red Ala Wai Harbor Channel entrance buoy.
- 9.4. "Bird Island" is Kaohikaipu Island.

## 10. 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 disqualification from the race.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the orange flag staff on the Main Race Committee Boat.
  - 11.2.1. In the absence of an orange inflatable buoy, the starting line will be between **R2** and the orange flag staff on the main race committee boat.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finish line will extend 100' seaward from **R2** and a point in the HYC club house with approximate bearing of 017° magnetic. Yachts shall check in with Race Committee on VHF 68 or by calling the Principal Race Officer Ron Uryga 351.7482 or RC Sail Steven Eder at 808-292-3617 after passing Diamond Head Buoy on their final approach to the finish.
- 12.2. Yachts finishing after 1700 hrs shall record their own finish time and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The two turns penalty, in accordance with RRS 44.2, will be in effect.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

There is no time limit for finishing the race.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the race has finished.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

## **16. ARBITRATION**

Arbitration will be offered as described in the Standing Sailing Instructions.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. The low point system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.
- 17.3. The PHRF handicap system will be in effect. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA.
- 17.4. Yachts shall have a current US Sail issued handicap.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. It is *strongly recommended* that skippers and navigators closely review nautical charts for the area around Rabbit Island prior to the race.
- 18.2. **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 18.3. Upon withdrawing from the race, yachts shall inform the race committee via **VHF Channel 68**, or by calling the Principal Race Officer Ron Uryga 351.7482 or RC Sail Steven Eder 808-292-3617. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

## **19. PRIZES**

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

## **20. 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.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Boats that do not submit a copy of their insurance certificate prior to the race start will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.