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Sailing Instructions *Rabbitt Island Race*

Sunday, August 8, 2020

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

1. RULES

The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* [RRS], US Sailing Prescriptions, Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions and HYC Standing Rules for Offshore Races unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC official notice board by 0830 on the day they will take effect as well as on RegattaNetwork.

3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions that are due to COVID-19 restrictions may be announced as late as the time of the first warning on the day of the race (8 August 2020, 1055 hours). Announcement and/or posting of such changes will be done in a manner that is most feasible to inform all yachts given any short notice time constraints. Yachts should monitor VHF Channel 68 prior to the start of the race as this may be one means by which yachts could be notified.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

HYC's Sailing Program operates on the basic value of the *Corinthian Spirit*.

- Corinthian values are our core. We are grounded in families, friendships, comradery and sportsmanship. This spirit permeates all that HYC does.
- Sportsmanship is of PRIME emphasis to the members and leadership of HYC. It is part of our innate value system. Nothing other than full compliance is the expectation. No tolerance for bad behavior will be accepted. HYC has exemplified a centuries-long set of values and performance. There is no compromise.
- The Corinthian Spirit of sailing is based on the excitement of a common goal – to have *fun* during the thrill of competition.

- While good sportsmanship may be something largely recognized on the water, it extends well beyond competitive activities. It forms a central part of our life as a Club and is the guidance for our Club no matter what the activity.
 - Good sportsmanship is paramount before we hit the water, while on the water and after being on the water.
 - We respect our competitors, push the limits, and race hard while not losing sight of the big picture.
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- The purpose of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* is to keep sailors and boats safe and to provide fair competition. The rules are governed by two basic principles:
 - Sportsmanship and the Rules - 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.
 - Environmental Responsibility -Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.
 - Violations of the HYC Sailing Program Code of Conduct or RRS 69.1(a), or allegations of such, will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of RRS 69 and/or the HYC the by-laws, rules, procedures and guidelines.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

6. SCHEDULE OF STARTS

6.1 Dates of Racing: All classes will race on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

6.2 Number of Races: All classes will compete in one (1) race.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1055 hours for all classes:

	X/A/B/C
Warning	1055
Start	1100

7. CLASS FLAGS

CLASS FLAG X/A/B/C
Pink with "X"

8. RACING AREA

The regatta will be held on the waters between Waikiki and Manana (Rabbit) Island

9. RACE Q's

Race Q's are not required.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 Start – round DH(p) _round Rabbit Island (s) _pass DH(s) R2 (s)

10.2 A Skipper may choose to round both Rabbit Island and Bird Island. In the event of a discrepancy the course start and finish will prevail.

11. MARKS

11.1. “**DH**” is the red Diamond Head buoy.

11.2. “**R2**” is the red Ala Wai Harbor Channel entrance buoy.

11.3. “**Rabbit Island**” is Manana Island.

11.4. “**Bird island**” is Kaohikaipu Island

12. THE START

12.1. The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26.

12.2. The starting line will be between the orange inflatable buoy on the port end and the staff of an orange flag on the Main RC Boat on the starboard end.

12.3. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal for their class will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. **Yachts, upon passing DH buoy on their final approach to the finish line, shall call Sunny Mills, RC Sail, HYC at 808-379-6710.**

13.2. The finish line will be between an orange inflatable buoy on the starboard end and the staff of an orange flag on the Main RC Boat on the port end.

13.3. All boats shall record their own finish time and report it to the RC upon request.

13.4. Boats finishing after 1700 hours shall record their own finish time and report it to the RC as soon as possible.

13.5. In the event the Main RC Boat is not at the finish line, the finishing line will extend 100' seaward from R2 and a point in the HYC clubhouse with approximate bearing of 008 magnetic (pass R2 to starboard).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 If the first boat to reach DH does not do so within two hours of the start time the race will be postponed.

15.2 There is no time limit for finishing the race.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are on the HYC official bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. A Yacht intending to protest shall notify the HYC RC by hail or on VHF channel 68 promptly after finishing the applicable race.

16.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the race has finished.

16.4. Notices of protest will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors. The time and location of hearings for the involved parties and named witnesses will be posted by the on the official HYC RC Sail board by the RC as soon as possible pending arrangement of the hearing officials, date, time and location.

16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6. A list of boats that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

16.7. **Yachts identified by the RC during or after the race as having greater than 10 crew members, or violating other state, county or HYC COVID restrictions/orders, will be protested by the RC for disqualification and the RC will not be subject to the protest time limits listed above. Yachts identified by the RC prior to the start of race as having greater than 10 crew members, or violating other state, county or HYC COVID restrictions/orders, may be denied participation without a hearing by the RC, or protested by the RC for disqualification, either at the discretion of the RC. Any violations of state, county or HYC COVID restrictions/orders may result in denied entry to future races.**

17. ARBITRATION

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

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The low point system of Appendix A will apply as modified in the Standing Sailing Instructions.
- 18.2. In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.
- 18.3. The PHRF handicap system will be in effect for all boats. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted byHYRA.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 19.2. **Upon withdrawing from the race, yachts shall inform the RC via VHF Channel 68, by voice hail, or by calling the principal race officer Sunny Mills, RC Sail, HYC at 808-379-6710.** Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.
- 19.3. **Yachts are only allowed a maximum of 10 crew members in order to comply with state/county COVID restrictions/orders. Yachts are required to comply with all state, county and HYC COVID restrictions/orders.**

20. PRIZES

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

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

22. 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.

Mahalo and see you at the start line!

Sunny Mills
RC Sail, HYC
6 Aug 2020