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Sailing Instructions

71th Annual Lahaina to Honolulu Race

Monday, September 1, 2014

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)*, including 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.
- 1.3. RRS 55 is modified to add the following: "However, material used for banding sails may be discarded while setting sails".

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] 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].
- 2.3 Notice to competitors, who will be finishing their race in Kaneohe, all vessels Kaneohe bound will have one start under K Class.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1600 on Sunday, August 31, 2014.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 4.1. Dates of Racing: All classes will race on Monday, September 1, 2014.
- 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:

	Aloha	B	A	X	K	M
Warning	0730	0745	0800	0815	0830	0845
Start	0735	0750	0805	0820	0835	0850

5. 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
M	Blue with "M"	Multihull
K	Blue with "F"	Kaneohe Bound Boats (Includes all classes)

6. RACING AREA

The race will be held on the waters between Honolulu Bay, Maui and the Ala Wai Harbor, Oahu.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. 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". **Molokai may be taken on either side.**
- 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 disqualification.

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 approximately 0.5 nm west of Honolulu Bay, Maui.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between an inflatable tetrahedron and 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.
- 11.2. Yachts shall check in with the **Principal Race Officer, Frank Lange via phone 808-561-0034** as they round DH.
- 11.3. All yachts shall **record their own finish time and verify their finish with the Principal Race Officer, Frank Lange, 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. 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 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

15. ARBITRATION

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

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The low point system of RRS 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. 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 by calling the **Principal Race Officer, Frank Lange at 808-561-0034**. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

18. PRIZES

For each class, 1st Place prize will be awarded if three or more boats enter, 2nd Place prize will be awarded if five or more boats enter, and 3rd Place 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 theirs 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 \$300,000 per event or the equivalent