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Sailing Instructions *Kokohead Race*

Sunday, February 23, 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 Boat.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any 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.

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.

- 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 Sunday, February 23, 2020.

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

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 Kokohead.

9. RACE Q's

Race Q's on and live.

10. THE COURSE **Start – pass DH(p) – round M1(p) – pass DH(s) - Finish.** Course length is approximately 15.4 nm. The use of course A or B for the race will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

11. MARKS

11.1. **Course A (long)**

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

11.1.b. “M1” is an inflatable orange tetrahedron. The approximate GPS coordinates for M1 will be **21° 16.183' N, 157° 43.416' W or within 2 nm of those GPS coordinates.** If M1 is missing or out of position, the race committee boat may substitute for the mark in accordance with RRS 34.

11.1.c. “R2” is the red Ala Wai Harbor Channel entrance buoy.

11.1.d. The starting mark will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the Race Committee Boat. Instruction 11.2 will describe the starting line.

11.1.e. The finishing mark will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the Race Committee Boat. Instruction 12.1 will describe the starting line.

11.1.f. R2 will be used as a starting or finishing mark in the absence of an orange inflatable buoy.

11.2. **Course B (short)**

11.2.a. “DH” is the red Diamond Head buoy.

11.2.b. “M1” is an inflatable orange tetrahedron. The approximate GPS coordinates for M1 will be **21° 15.933' N, 157° 45.755' W or within 2 nm of those GPS coordinates.** If M1 is missing or out of position, the race committee boat may substitute for the mark in accordance with RRS 34.

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

11.2.d. The starting mark will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the Race Committee Boat. Instruction 11.2 will describe the starting line.

11.2.e. The finishing mark will be between an orange inflatable buoy and the Race Committee Boat. Instruction 12.1 will describe the starting line.

11.2.f. R2 will be used as a starting or finishing mark in the absence of an orange inflatable buoy.

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 Race Committee 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. The finish line will be between an orange inflatable buoy on the starboard end and the staff of an orange flag on the Main Race Committee Boat on the port end.
- 13.2. All boats shall record their own finish time and report it to the Race Committee upon request.
- 13.3. Boats finishing after 1700 hours shall record their own finish time and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 13.4. In the event the Main Race Committee 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).
- 13.5. Yachts shall check in with the race committee via phone to Sunny Mills at 757-561-4782 after passing **DH** on their final approach to the finish line.

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 available from the race committee or 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. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the race has finished.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

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 by HYRA.

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 race committee via **VHF Channel 68**, by voice hail, or by calling the principal race officer Sunny Mills at 757-561-4782. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

20. 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.

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.