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# Sailing Instructions

## ***Mesick Short Distance Race***

*Saturday, July 18, 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 of Race to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at HYC and on Regatta Network.

### **3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC official notice board by 0800 hours on the day of the race.

### **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 yachts 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, July 18, 2020.

**6.2** Number of Races: A maximum of three races will be sailed for each class.

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

	<b>X/A/B/C</b>
<b>Warning</b>	<b>1055</b>
<b>Start</b>	<b>1100</b>

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

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

## 8. RACING AREA

The regatta will be held on the waters of Mamala Bay between Waikiki and Magic Island.

## 9. RACE Q's

Race Q's is not required for participating yachts.

## 10. THE COURSES AND MARKS

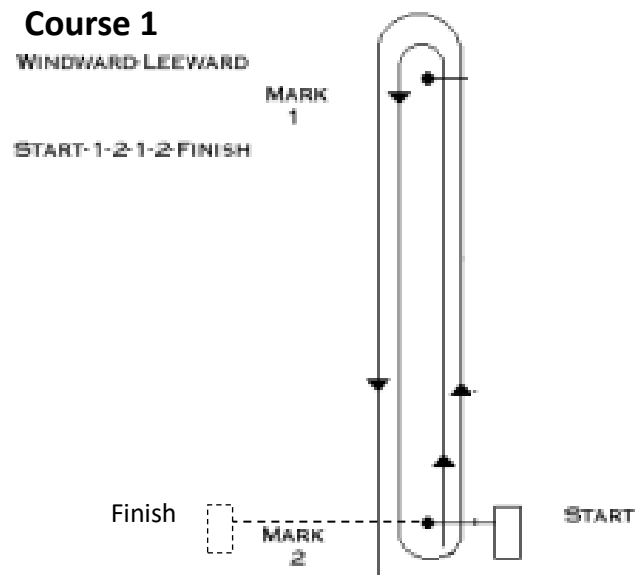
**10.1 Start Area** – The primary start area will be approximately 2.5 nautical miles from R2 of the Ala Wai channel.

**10.2** The use of courses 1, 2 and 3 for the races will be indicated by numeral pennants one, two or three, respectively, displayed from the main or secondary race committee (RC) boat at least 10 minutes prior to the start of each race.

**10.3 For all courses:** Leaving all marks (large orange or yellow inflatable buoys) to port.

**10.4 For all classes:** Start Line, large orange or yellow inflatable buoy to windward (about 2.0 nautical miles), to marks and finish lines as indicated in diagrams below. The approximate distances for the courses are 4.0 to 8.0 nautical miles. The approximate magnetic course of the mark to windward may be indicated by the RC.

**10.4.1 Course 1:** Indicated by numeral pennant one.

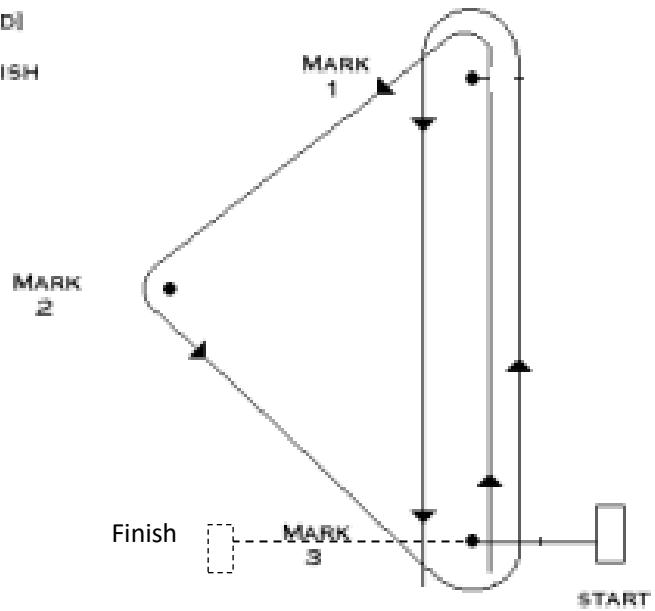


**10.4.2 Course 2:** Indicated by numeral pennant two.

### Course 2

OLYMPIC [TRIANGLE-  
WINDWARD-LEEWARD]

START-1-2-3-1-3-FINISH

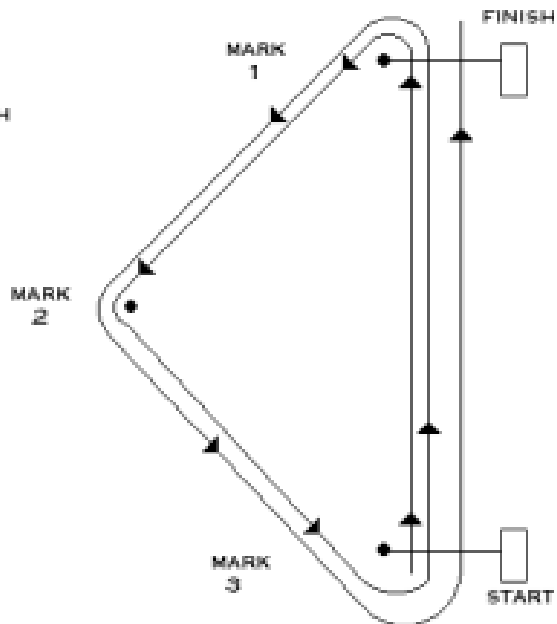


10.4.3 Course 3: Indicated by numeral pennant three.

### Course 3

TRIANGLE-  
TWICE AROUND

START-1-2-3-1-2-3-FINISH



## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the orange or yellow inflatable buoy on the port end and the staff of an orange flag on the main or secondary RC boat on the starboard end.
- 11.2 Prior to their warning signal, yachts shall check in by hailing the RC boat on VHF channel 68 or approaching the RC boat and being acknowledged.
- 11.3 The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26.
- 11.4 Recalls will be signaled in accord with Rule 29. The RC may attempt to hail premature starters on VHF channel 68 but it is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly. A failure of the RC to hail a yacht shall not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 11.5 Yachts 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.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange or yellow inflatable buoy on the starboard end of the line and the staff of an orange flag on the main or secondary RC boat on the port end of the line (from the last mark).

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 shall be in effect.
- 13.2 Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 44.1 shall file a written acknowledgement with the RC prior to the protest time limit.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

Any yacht not finishing a race within 60 minutes of the first yacht crossing the finish line will be scored as Did Not Finish.

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

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the HYC official bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the HYC RC within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 A Yacht intending to protest shall notify the HYC RC by hail or on VHF channel 68 promptly after finishing the applicable race.
- 15.3 The protest time limit shall be within 60 minutes after the main RC boat docks at HYC after the completion of all races.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 A list of yachts 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 as modified in the Standing Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2 In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.
- 17.3 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicap system will be in effect for all yachts. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA.
- 17.4 Each boat shall have a valid U.S. Sailing Association PHRF handicap certificate or be assigned a temporary handicap for this race only, due to the COVID pandemic. Previous years' PHRF handicap certificates will be accepted for those boats that don't have a current certificate.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 18.2 Upon withdrawing from the race, yachts shall promptly inform the RC via **VHF Channel 68**, by hail, or by calling the principal race officer, Sunny Mills, at 808-379-6710, and they must receive and acknowledgement from the RC. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.
- 18.3 The current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Extract for Race Category 4, with US Sailing modifications, shall apply.

## **19. PRIZES**

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

## **20. 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.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of certificate is required at time of registration.