



Hawaii Yacht Club

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Sailing Instructions

81st Annual Lahaina to Honolulu Race

Monday, September 1st, 2025

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.1.1. RSS 52 is modified to allow the use of autopilot for double and single-handed racers only.

1.1.2. RSS 52 is modified to allow the use of powered winches.

1.1.3. RSS 63.1, prescriptions are not in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors, prior to the race, will be posted on the official notice board located at LYC.US, RegattaNetwork.com 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].

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1600 on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

4. MOORING

4.1. Mooring in and around Fleming Beach and Honolua Bay for the purposes of this race is prohibited. Boats should not approach this area before 5am the day of the race (9/1/25).

4.2. Boats reported as having anchored overnight will be disqualified.

5. COMMUNICATION

5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Hawaii Yacht Club.

5.2. RC for Sail, Scott Allen, can be reached via call/text at (808) 312-2249.

5.3. On the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 71.



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6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

6.1. Dates of Racing: All classes will race on Monday, September 1, 2025.

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

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

	B	A, X	Multihull	Kaneohe
Warning	0755	0810	0820	0830
Start	0800	0815	0825	0835

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class Flags are as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
B	B
A, X	A
M	O
KANEOHE	R

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The race will be held on the waters between Black Rock, Maui, and the Ala Wai Harbor, Oahu.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. Start – DH (S) – Finish

9.1.1.1. There are no “rounding marks.”

9.1.1.2. Molokai **is not** a mark on the course.



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10. MARKS

- 10.1. **"DH"** is the red Diamond Head Buoy.
- 10.2. **"R2"** is the red Ala Wai Harbor Channel entrance buoy.

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 area will be around Fleming Beach. The exact position will be determined by the committee boat that morning.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between an inflatable buoy and the staff of the RC flag on the Main Race Committee Boat.
- 11.4. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. Yachts shall check in with the race committee, providing the **boat name** and **sail number** on **VHF Channel 71**. 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 shall avoid checking in anytime that ANY start sequence is in progress.** Yachts that attempt to check in during a starting sequence will not be acknowledged.



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12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will extend **100' seaward** from **R2** and a point in the HYC clubhouse with approximate bearing of 017 ° magnetic (**pass R2 to starboard**).
- 12.2. Yachts shall **check in with and be acknowledged by the race committee via text message (808-312-2249) as they round DH with boat name and DH. After dusk, each yacht shall illuminate their main sail with a flash light approximately 100 yards from R2.** Yachts shall check in upon finish **via text message to Scott Allen (808) 312-2249** with boat name and finish time. They should also record their own finish time and verify it with the Race Committee at HYC as soon as possible. Yachts finishing after 2200 shall record their own finish time and send a text message to Scott Allen (808) 312-2249 with boat name and finish time.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The two turn penalty, in accordance with RRS 44.2, will be in effect.
- 13.2. 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.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. 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 or on the HYC official bulletin board. 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. Any list of boats that, under instruction 12, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.



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16.ARBITRATION

- 16.1. For protests involving two or fewer boats of an alleged breach of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5. Section B.
- 16.2. After protests are turned in, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 16.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 16.3.1. There was no breach of a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees, the matter goes to the jury for a hearing.
 - 16.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40% alternative penalty (calculated in RRS 44.3(c)) or submitting the matter to the jury for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.
 - 16.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.
- 16.4. When a protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing process, but may offer testimony if requested by the jury

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.
- 17.4. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA.

18.SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. **VHF Channel 71** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 18.2. Upon withdrawing from the race, yachts shall inform the race committee via **VHF Channel 71**, by voice hail, or by calling RC Sail **Scott Allen (808) 312-2249**.
- 18.3. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.



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19. PRIZES

- 19.1. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. 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

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

22. KANEOHE RACE

- 22.1. Kaneohe bound boats shall take their own time as they pass R2 (sanpan) channel marker to starboard within 100' in line with pyramid rock. Text finish time with boat name to Scott Allen (808)-312-2249.