



Waikiki Yacht Club
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Sailing Instructions

Waikiki Opening Day Beer Can Bash

February 15, 2026

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US SAILING, pertinent Class/Fleet Rules, the Hawaii Yacht Racing Association Season Points Notice of Series, the Waikiki Yacht Club Standing Sailing Instructions, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Rule 52 is changed to allow the use of powered winches for double-handed racers, single handed racers, and cruising class only
 - 1.2.2. Rule 52 is modified to allow the use of autopilot for doubled-handed racers, and single-handed racers only.
 - 1.2.3. Rule 63.1 prescriptions are not in effect

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the WYC on the regatta board.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the WYC flagpole

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING:

- 5.1. Skippers meeting at 0845 Sunday February 15th at Waikiki Yacht Club
- 5.2. The first warning will be after the fleet blessing and boat parade, approximately 1330. Any alteration to the start time and/or sequence will be announced on Channel 68. Subsequent starts will be in five-minute intervals or longer in the following order: B, A, X.
- 5.3. In the event that there are not enough boats to constitute a class, the subsequent fleet will start in its place with the remaining starts in the stated order

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Any alteration to class flags will be announced on Channel 68

PH X – Pink with X

PH A – Black with 1

PH B – Cal20

Multi – Multi Class Flag

7. RACING AREA: The attachment shows the location of the racing area

8. THE COURSE:

- 8.1. Start – DH buoy to Port - HH buoy to Starboard – Finish

8.2. Course length is approximately 8 nm.

9. The Start and Finish:

9.1. The starting line will be between an orange or yellow inflatable tetrahedron and the race committee boat positioned near the Ala Wai

9.2. The finish will be within 100 feet seaward of Ala Wai Channel R2. Vessels shall radio Race Committee on channel 68 when approaching the finish

10. M.O.B. Drill:

10.1. Each boat shall conduct a Man Overboard Drill during the race. A floating object must be thrown overboard (not attached to the boat) and then recovered before racing is resumed.

10.2. At least one turn (one tack and one jibe) shall be conducted during the MOB Drill

10.3. The MOB Drill can occur at any time during the race except for the area around the start/finish line and the 3-boat length zone around marks of the course.

11. PROTESTS: Protests shall be delivered to WYC within 45 min. after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at WYC.

12. SCORING: A, B and X yachts will be scored in a class under PHRF system as endorsed by HYRA. Multi will be scored using the Low Point System.

13. PRIZES: Awards will be at WYC after the event

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 regatta

15. INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. The Cal 20s meet this requirement under the clubs insurance policies.

16. REQUIREMENTS FROM DNLR:

16.1. All boats shall follow all navigational rules at all times while in the ocean waters.

16.2. Each boat operator shall have passed the boater safety education class and have their boater safety education card on them during the use of the motorized vessels.

