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Sailing Instructions

68th Annual Lahaina to Honolulu Race

Monday, September 5, 2011

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* [RRS], including the 2010 updates, US Sailing Prescriptions and Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to allow the use of integrally designed Canting Ballast Twin Foil [CBTF] and water ballast technology.
- 1.3. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated by using stored power.

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 HYC.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1600 on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

4. SCHEDULE OF THE RACE

- 4.1. Dates of Racing: All classes will race on Monday, September 5, 2011.
- 4.2. Number of Races: All classes will compete in one (1) race.
- 4.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 0755.
- 4.4. The Schedule of Starts is as follows:

	C	B	A	M
WARNING	0755	0815	0825	0835
START	0800	0820	0830	0840
FLAG	"C"	"B"	"A"	"M"

5. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags are as follows:

CLASS	FLAG	DETERMINATION
C	Green with "C"	Non-Spinnaker
B	Gold with "B"	Spinnaker, PHRF ≥ 72
A	White with "A"	Spinnaker, PHRF < 72
M	Blue with "M"	Multihull

6. RACING AREA

The race will be held on the waters between Honolua Bay, Maui and the Ala Wai Harbor, Oahu as depicted in Attachment A.

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the courses in a schematic fashion, but the written descriptions of the course, start, and finish will govern in the case of a discrepancy.
- 7.2. **Start – DH(s) – Finish.** Approximately 70 nm. There are no "rounding marks."
- 7.3. The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 33.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. "DH" is the Diamond Head Buoy.
- 8.2. "R2" is the red Ala Wai Harbor outer channel buoy.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting area will be approximately 0.5 nm west of Honolua Bay, Maui.
- 9.3. The starting line will be between an inflatable buoy and the staff of an orange flag on the Main Race Committee Boat.
- 9.4. Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.5. Yachts starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 9.6. 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.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will extend 100' **seaward** from **R2** and a point in the HYC club house with approximate bearing of 020° magnetic (**pass R2 to starboard**).
- 10.2. Yachts shall check in with the race committee on **VHF Channel 68** or by calling Principle Race Officer Johanna Katzman at **808-358-8438** as they round DH.
- 10.3. All yachts shall record their own finish time and verify it with the race committee as soon as possible.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The two turns penalty, in accordance with RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2, will be in effect.

- 11.2. Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 31.2 or 44.1, shall file a written acknowledgement with the race committee prior to the protest time limit.

12. TIME LIMITS

There is not time limit for finishing the race.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 11.2, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

14. ARBITRATION

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 14.3.1. 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.
 - 14.3.2. 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.
 - 14.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.
- 14.4. 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.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The low point system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. In the event of a tie, RRS A7 and A8 will apply.
- 15.3. The PHRF handicap system will be in effect for all boats. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method. HYRA off-wind ratings will be used.
- 15.4. The ORR handicap system will be in effect for boats that enter the ORR class.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 16.2. 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 Johanna Katzman at 808-358-8438. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

17. 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.

18. 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 regatta.

19. 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.

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Course Diagram

