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Sailing Instructions *Mesick Regatta*

Friday – Sunday, July 20-22, 2012
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 US Sailing Prescriptions and Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The use of electronic charts and GPS positioning equipment prior to and during the Navigator's Race is prohibited.
- 1.3. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to allow the use of integrally designed Canting Ballast Twin Foil [CBTF] and water ballast technology.
- 1.4. RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated by using stored power.

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 by 0830 on the day they will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 5.1. The approximate starting time for each race is provided in the table below.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the second race on Day 2 will occur approximately 5 minutes after the last boat finishes the first race.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>First Warning</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday	July 20	1930	Navigator's Race
Saturday	July 21	1255	W/L Races (2 races)
Sunday	July 22	1055	Distance Race

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>DETERMINATION</u>
B	Gold with "B"	Spinnaker, PHRF \geq 72
A	White with "A"	Spinnaker, PHRF $<$ 72
M	Blue with "M"	Multihull

7. RACING AREA

The Course will be in the waters offshore Waikiki (Navigator's Race and Mamala Bay Races), and in the waters offshore Waikiki (Distance Race).

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. **Navigator's Race: Start – R2(s) – M1(p) – Finish.** Approximately 12 nm.
- 8.2. **Mamala Bay Race Course 1: Start – round HH(p) – DH(p) – Finish.** Course length is approximately 10 nm. Course 1 will be indicated with a "1" flag (white pennant with red circle).
- 8.3. **Mamala Bay Race Course 2: Start – round DH(p) – HH (p) – Finish.** Course length is approximately 10 nm. Course 2 will be indicated "2" flag (blue pennant with white circle).
- 8.4. **Distance Race: Start – round DH(p) – round HH(p) – round DH(p) – round G1(p) – Finish.** Course length is approximately 22 nm.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. "M1" is RV Machias for the Navigator's Race. The coordinates for M1 will be posted by 1830 hrs on Friday, July 20, 2012.
- 9.2. "DH" is the Diamond Head buoy.
- 9.1. "R2" is the Ala Wai Harbor outer channel marker.
- 9.2. "HH" is the red and white Honolulu Harbor outer channel buoy.
- 9.3. "G1" is the green Keehi Channel outer buoy

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area between and within two of a vessel's hull lengths of the Atlantis Submarine barges, located offshore Waikiki, is designated as an obstruction. The penalty for entering this area is a 20% scoring penalty.

11. STARTS AND FINISHES

11.1. **Navigator's Race**

11.1.1. The starting and finishing lines for the Navigator's Race will be between the flagpole located at Hawaii Yacht Club and an orange inflatable mark in turning basin.

11.1.2. The starting times for the Navigator's Race will be posted by 1700 hrs on Friday, July 20. The starting times will be staggered in a pursuit style.

11.2. **Mamala Bay Races**

11.2.1. The starting and finishing lines for the Mamala Bay Races will be between **R2** and the staff of an orange flag on the race committee boat.

11.3. Distance Race

11.3.1. The starting line for the Distance Race will be between **R2** and the staff of an orange flag on the race committee boat.

11.3.2. The finishing line for the Distance Race will extend 100' seaward from **R2** and a point at HYC with approximate bearing of 017° magnetic.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The two turns penalty, in accordance with RRS 44.2, will be in effect.

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the Navigator's Race is 12 hours and each Mamala Bay Race is 3 hours. The time limit for the Distance Race is 6 hours.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. Protest forms are available from the race committee. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.

14.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the race has finished.

14.3. 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.

14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

15. ARBITRATION

15.1. 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.

15.2. 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.

15.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:

15.3.1. 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.

15.3.2. 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.

15.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.

15.4. 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The low point system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. RRS A2 is modified to allow no throw-outs.
- 16.3. In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.
- 16.4. A minimum of three races is required to constitute a series.
- 16.5. The Navigator's Race counts double.
- 16.6. 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, except for the Navigator's Race, which will be calculated using the Time-on-Distance method.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. **VHF Channel 68** is reserved for essential communications, otherwise yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16.
- 17.2. 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 Marty Loo at 838-9629. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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. Boats that do not submit a copy of their insurance certificate prior to the race start will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.