



Hawaii Yacht Club

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Sailing Instructions Sweetheart Race

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Organizing Authority: *Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be conducted according to The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, including 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.
- 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

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 1000 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 first warning is scheduled for 1255 hours. The warning signal for subsequent classes will be ~ 5 minutes after the starting signal for the previous class.
- 5.2. The order of starts will be Class C, Class B, Class A, Class M.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class Flags are as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>DETERMINATION</u>
C	Green with "C"	Couple or Tandem Crew
B	Gold with "B"	Yachts with Wahine Skipper and 40% Wahine Crew
A	White with "A"	Yachts with Wahine Skipper and 40% Wahine Crew
X	Blue with "M"	Yachts with Wahine Skipper and 40% Wahine Crew

7. RACING AREA

The regatta will be held in Mamala Bay, between Honolulu Harbor and Diamond Head.

8. THE COURSE

Start – round DH(p) – round HH(s) – pass G1(p) – Finish. Course length is approximately 8 nm.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. “DH” is the Diamond Head Buoy.
- 9.2. “HH” is the Honolulu Harbor outer channel buoy.
- 9.3. “R2” is the red Ala Wai Channel outer buoy.
- 9.4. “G1” is the green Ala Wai Channel outer buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between R2 and an inflatable orange tetratrone.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be the same as the starting line.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class is 3 hours after the starting signal.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. 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.
- 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. A list of boats that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

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 for all boats. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA, except ratings will be club PHRF ratings.

17.4. Race Committee may adjust a boat's rating for special circumstances upon written request prior to the race. Special circumstances may include (but are not limited to) Dacron sails.

17.5. Club PHRF ratings will be posted by 1200 hrs on the day of the race.

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 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.

19. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.