

## Hawaii Yacht Club

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# Sailing Instructions

## Friday Night Champagne Series

November 13, 2015 to November 4, 2016

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* [RRS,] including US Sailing Prescriptions, Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions, and HYC Standing Sailing Instructions, unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Category 4 (Safety) and Category C (Advertising) shall apply.
- 1.3 Double headsails are not permitted in the non-spinnaker division.
- 1.4 RRS 51 and 52 are modified to allow the use of integrally designed Canting Ballast Twin Foil [CBTF] and water ballast technology.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is modified to allow the use of winches operated by using stored power.
- 1.6 All boats intending to race shall check in with Race Committee by radio on VHF Channel 68 before 1718 HST.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All offshore, class, and multi-hull boats over 20' are invited to enter, however, a yacht may be denied entry for safety considerations as determined by the Principle Race Officer (PRO).
- 2.2 Yachts are assigned a start time according to their handicap.
- 2.3 The Race Committee shall assign handicaps based on the PHRF system.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1615 hours on the day that the racing will take place.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing will be held every Friday night, regardless of holidays.
- 6.2 The preparatory/first warning signal will be made at 1718 hours. Subsequent signals will be at two-minute intervals. Each signal will indicate a start for that scheduled sortie and a preparatory/warning for the next sortie until the last signal at 1742. This modifies Rule 26.
- 6.3 In the event of postponement, resumption of the start sequence will be in order.
- 6.4 The Starting Area is the Ala Wai Harbor Turning Basin.
- 6.5 The Alternate Starting Area is offshore adjacent to the Ala Wai Harbor Channel Entrance.
- 6.6 Yachts shall start according to the schedule in Appendix A: "Friday Night Start Times."

### 7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1 There are three divisions – spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and multihull.
- 7.2 Monohulls that intend to sail in the non-spinnaker division shall display a yellow (quebec) flag prominently from the backstay before the warning signal for their start time.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1** Course 1(primary): Start – R2(p), DH(p), R2(s) - Finish. Approximately 6.5 nm. Course 1 will be indicated by a “Delta” flag.
- 8.2** Course 1a (alternate): Start – DH(p) – Finish. Approximately 6 nm. Course 1(a) will be indicated by a “Delta” flag.
- 8.3** Course 2 (primary): Start – G1(s), HH(s), G1(p) – Finish. Approximately 5.5 nm. Course 2 will be indicated by a “Hotel” flag.
- 8.4** Course 2a (alternate): Start – HH(s) – Finish. Approximately 5 nm. Course 2(a) will be indicated by a “Hotel” flag.
- 8.5** Course 3 (primary): Start – Gate, Mark A (p), Gate – Finish. Approximately 5 nm. Course 3 will be indicated by a “Romeo” flag. See Appendix B for Course 3 diagram.
- 8.6** Course 3a (alternate): Start – Mark A (p) – Finish. Course 3(a) will be indicated by a “Romeo” flag.
- 8.7** Course 4 (primary): Start – Gate, Mark A (p), G1(p), Mark A (p), Gate – Finish. Approximately 6 nm. Course 4 will be indicated by “Romeo” flag with pennant “Two.” See Appendix B for Course 4 diagram.
- 8.8** Course 4a (alternate): Start – Mark A (p), G1 (p), Mark A (p), -- Finish. Approximately 5.5 nm. Course 4a will be indicated by “Romeo” flag with pennant “Two.”
- 8.9** The Primary Courses will be used unless government (DLNR, USCG, NOAA, City & County, HPD, et alia) requirements preclude use of the Turning Basin for racing.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1** “DH” is the red Diamond Head buoy.
- 9.2** “R2” is the red Ala Wai Harbor channel entrance buoy.
- 9.3** “HH” is the red/white Honolulu Harbor mid-channel entrance buoy.
- 9.4** “G1” is the green Ala Wai Harbor channel entrance buoy.
- 9.5** “A” is an inflatable buoy placed offshore from the Ala Wai Harbor with a stake boat nearby. In the absence of Mark A, the stake boat will become the mark, will display a “Mike” flag (in accordance with Rule 34,) and may stream a clearance float or buoy for vessel safety. Contact with the mark, the stake boat or clearance float will require compliance with Rule 44.1.
- 9.6** “Gate” is the fairway between “R2” and “G1.”

## 10. THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between the mast of the Hawaii Yacht Club and the tall coconut tree in approximate position 21°-17.219’ N, 157°-50.675’ W, (Turning Basin Start) or between the staff of an orange flag on the race committee boat and R2 (Off Shore Start.)
- 10.2** The RRS26 system1 is modified as follows:
- 10.3** The preparatory/first warning signal (Papa flag with a horn) will be displayed at 1718 hours.
- 10.4** The first start will be at 1720 hours. Successive starts will be at two minute intervals. Each starting signal is a red flag hoisted at the HYC mast (with a bell,) or the race committee boat (with a horn.) Each starting signal is a preparatory/warning signal for boats in the next start.
- 10.5** Yachts racing without a spinnaker shall start two minutes earlier than the time listed in the Appendix but no earlier than 1720 hours.
- 10.6** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 10.7** Boats 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.
- 10.8** Vessels not listed in Appendix A shall obtain a start time from the Race Committee.
- 10.9** Auxiliary propulsion shall be disengaged at the yacht’s warning signal and while racing.

## 11. THE FINISH

**11.1** The Finish Line is the same as the Start Line.

**11.2** Official time is Greenwich Mean Time minus 10 hours (GMT-10).

## 12. SAFETY

**12.1** All vessels shall monitor VHF radio Channel 68 for essential communications; otherwise yachts shall monitor Channel 16.

**12.2** While exiting or entering the Harbor vessels are required to give way to paddlers, surfers, swimmers and stay at least 100' from commercial traffic.

**12.3** When rounding HH or DH buoys, vessels shall give way to commercial traffic - see preamble to RRS Part 2 "When Boats Meet": 3 boat lengths at marks.

**12.4** If during the approach to a mark of the course, any skippers reasonably determine their proper course could interfere with commercial traffic they are permitted to round a point up to 75 yards shy of or to one side of the mark. Those yachts shall conduct a 360° turn prior to finishing or take a scoring penalty of 10% but not less than 1 place.

**12.5** Upon leaving the course prior to finishing, yachts shall inform the Race Committee via VHF channel 68, or voice hail to the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in denial of entry to future races.

**12.6** The prudence of having auxiliary propulsion available while transiting the Ala Wai Channel Entrance is an inarguable safety precaution. Yachts that find it necessary to use auxiliary propulsion for safety reasons shall notify the Race Committee as soon as is practicable that they have withdrawn from the race.

**12.7** Failure to adhere to safety instructions may result in denial of a yacht's entry to future races.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall inform the Race Committee within the time limit for filing protests.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

There is no time limit for finishing. Should the race committee not be on station at the finish, yachts are required to report their finish time the following week.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the Official Race Notice Board or from the Race Committee.

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee within the appropriate time limit.

**15.2** Competitors shall inform the Race Committee of their intention to protest upon finishing.

**15.3** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the protesting boat's recorded finish time.

**15.4** Notices to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted by 1800 HST the Monday following the race.

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

**15.6** A list of boats taking a penalty under Rule 44, will be posted the Monday following the race.

## 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:

**16.4** 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.

**16.5** 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. **16.6** The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.

**16.7** 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** There are three Divisions: Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker and Multihull.

**17.2** For weekly races, within each division, first to finish earns a first place; second to finish earns second place and so on; last to finish earns last place.

**17.3** There are four Series in the racing year: The Winter Solstice Series from November 13, 2015, to February 5, 2016; the Vernal Equinox Series from February 12 to May 6, 2016; the Summer Solstice Series from May 13 to August 5, 2016; and the Autumnal Equinox Series from August 12 to November 4, 2016.

**17.4** Series and Annual Scores and shall be determined according to RRSA4 low point without regard to division system with no exclusions. A yacht's start time reflects its handicap allowance with respect to all boats regardless of Division.

## 18. PRIZES

**18.1** Division prizes are awarded after each weekly race for each division (Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker, Multihull) and must be claimed at the HYC bar prior to HYC closing on the night of the race.

**18.2** Prizes: First Place --3 bottles of Champagne or 3 pitchers of mixed drink with ice.

**18.3** Second Place --2 bottles of Champagne or 2 pitchers of mixed drink with ice.

**18.4** Third Place --1 bottle of Champagne or 1 pitcher of mixed drink with ice.

**18.5** Series and Annual prizes are awarded at the annual HYC Awards Banquet as determined by the HYC Rear Commodore for Sail.

## 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 regatta.

## 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 to the HYC Rear Commodore for Sail prior to the race start will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.