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Sailing Instructions

Friday Night Champagne Series

December 1, 2008 to November 13, 2009

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. 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 boat owners shall provide their own, liability insurance for their vessel in order to race. This to be recorded with Hawaii Yacht Club, and its RC for Sail.
- 1.7. All boats intending to race shall check in with Race Committee either by radio on Channel 68 or by voice hail before 1730 HST.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. All offshore, class, and multi-hull boats over 20' are invited to enter, however, a yachts may be denied entry for safety considerations as determined by the Principle Race Officer (PRO).
- 2.2. Yachts are assigned to a class according to their start time.
- 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 1645 hrs 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 first preparatory signal will sound at 1732 hours. Subsequent preparatory signals will sound at two minutes intervals until the last signal at 1758. 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 adjacent to the Ala Wai Harbor Channel Entrance.
- 6.5. Yachts shall start according to the following schedule (See Appendix "Friday Night Start Times" for more details).

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 preparatory signal for their start time.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. **Course 1:** Start – DH(p) – Finish. Approximately 6 nm. Course 1 will be indicated by a "hotel" flag.
- 8.2. **Course 2:** Start – HH(s) - Finish. Approximately 5 nm. Course 2 will be indicated by a "delta" flag.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. "DH" is the red Diamond Head buoy.
- 9.2. "HH" is the red/white Honolulu Harbor entrance buoy
- 9.3. "R2" is the red Ala Wai Harbor channel entrance buoy.

10. THE START

- 7.1. The starting line will be between the staff of an orange flag on the race committee boat and R2.
- 7.2. Preparatory and Start signals will be a single bell/horn. This modifies RRS26 system1.
- 7.3. The first preparatory signal and prep flag will be displayed at 1732 hours.
- 7.4. The first start will be at 1734 hours. Each starting signal is a red pennant hoisted from the Race Committee boat with a horn.
- 7.5. Yachts racing without a spinnaker shall start two minutes earlier than the time listed in the Appendix but no earlier than 1734 hours.
- 7.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other racers.
- 7.7. 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.
- 7.8. Vessels not listed in the Appendix shall obtain a start time from the Race Committee.
- 7.9. Auxiliary propulsion shall be disengaged at the yacht's preparatory signal and while racing.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1. The Finish Line is the same as the Start Line.
- 8.2. Official time is Greenwich Mean Time minus 10 hours (GMT-10).

9. SAFETY

- 9.1. All vessels shall monitor VHF radio Channel 68 for essential communications otherwise yachts shall monitor Channel 16.
- 9.2. While exiting or entering the Harbor vessels are required to give way to paddlers, surfers, swimmers and stay at least 100' from commercial traffic.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. If during the approach to a mark of the course, a skipper reasonably determines their proper course could interfere with commercial traffic he/she is permitted to round a point up to 75 yards shy of or to one side of the mark. The yacht shall conduct a 360° turn prior to finishing or take a scoring penalty of 10% but not less than 1 place.
- 9.5. 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 denied entry to future races.
- 9.6. Failure to adhere to safety instructions may result in a yacht's denied entry to future races.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall inform the Race Committee within the time limit for filing protests.

11. TIME LIMITS

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

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Competitors shall inform the Race Committee of their intention to protest upon finishing.
- 12.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the protesting boat's recorded finish time.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 12.6. A list of boats taking a penalty under Rule 44, will be posted the Monday following the race.

13. ARBITRATION

- 13.1. 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.

- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 13.3.1. 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.
 - 13.3.2. 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.
 - 13.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.
- 13.4. 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.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. There are three Divisions: Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker and Multihull.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Series Score 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.

15. PRIZES

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.

Prizes: First Place --3 bottles of Champagne or 3 pitchers of mixed drink with ice;

Second Place --2 bottles of Champagne or 2 pitchers of mixed drink with ice;

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

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

16. 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 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.