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Sailing Instructions Mesick Regatta Long Distance

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Organizing Authority: Hawaii Yacht Club (HYC)

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, including the US Sailing Prescriptions, Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions and HYC Standing Sailing Instructions for Offshore Races unless otherwise amended in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices of Race to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at HYC and on Regatta Network.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HYC official notice board by 0800 hours on the day of the race.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

HYC's Sailing Program operates on the basic value of the *Corinthian Spirit*.

- Corinthian values are our core. We are grounded in families, friendships, comradery and sportsmanship. This spirit permeates all that HYC does.
- Sportsmanship is of PRIME emphasis to the members and leadership of HYC. It is part of our innate value system. Nothing other than full compliance is the expectation. No tolerance for bad behavior will be accepted. HYC has exemplified a centuries-long set of values and performance. There is no compromise.
- The Corinthian Spirit of sailing is based on the excitement of a common goal – to have *fun* during the thrill of competition.
- While good sportsmanship may be something largely recognized on the water, it extends well beyond competitive activities. It forms a central part of our life as a Club and is the guidance for our Club no matter what the activity.
- Good sportsmanship is paramount before we hit the water, while on the water and after being on the water.
- We respect our competitors, push the limits, and race hard while not losing sight of the big picture.

- The purpose of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* is to keep sailors and yachts safe and to provide fair competition. The rules are governed by two basic principles:
 - ✦ Sportsmanship and the Rules - Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.
 - ✦ Environmental Responsibility -Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.
- Violations of the HYC Sailing Program Code of Conduct or RRS 69.1(a), or allegations of such, will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of RRS 69 and/or the HYC the by-laws, rules, procedures and guidelines.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

6. **SCHEDULE OF STARTS**

- 6.1 Dates of Racing: All classes will race on , September 1, 2022.
- 6.2 Number of Races: one race will be sailed for each class.
- 6.3 The scheduled start time will be posted on Wednesday August 31 @ 1800:
- 6.4 This is a pursuit race and each boat will be assigned a start time based on their PHRF rating.

7. **RacingArea**

The regatta will be held on the S. Shore of O'ahu accross the Kaiwi Channel and ending at the entrance of Hale O Lono, Moloka'i.

8. **RACE Q's**

Race Q's is not required for participating yachts.

9. **THE COURSES AND MARKS**

- 10.1 Start Line – The start/finish line is between the HYC flag pole and a buoy set by Magic Island (Friday Night Race start/finish line) in the Ala Wai channel.
- 10.2 The course is 36.5 nm Start - R2 (P) - DH (P) - Finish (center of the Hale O Lono channel). The range finders indicate the channel center. Must pass within 300' of the breakwater.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Each boat will start on or after their assigned time using the HYC clock.

- 11.2 Prior to their start, yachts shall check in by hailing the RC on VHF channel 68 or texting Joe Bardouche at (808)256-7168.

- 11.3 The starting sequence will conform to RRS 26.

- 11.4 Recalls will be signaled in accord with Rule 29. The RC may attempt to hail premature starters on VHF channel 68 but it is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly. A failure of the RC to hail a yacht shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line will be the center of the Hale O Lono channel. The range finders indicate the channel center. Boats must pass within 300' of the breakwater. Boats will report their finish time via text to Joe Bardouche as soon as possible (once in cell range).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 shall be in effect.

- 13.2 Yachts that take a penalty or retire under RRS 44.1 shall file a written acknowledgment with the RC prior to the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS

There is no time limit for this race.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the HYC official bulletin board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the HYC RC within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2 A Yacht intending to protest shall notify the HYC RC by hail or on VHF channel 68 promptly after finishing the race.
- 15.3 The protest time limit shall be within 24 after the completion of the Lahaina Return race.
- 15.4 Notices of protest will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors. The time and location of hearings for the involved parties and named witnesses will be posted by the on the official HYC RC Sail board by the RC as soon as possible pending arrangement of the hearing officials.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 A list of yachts that, under instruction 13, have acknowledged taking a penalty or retiring, will be posted before the protest time limit.

16. ARBITRATION

Arbitration will be offered as described in the Standing Sailing Instructions.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 This is pursuit race and boats will be scored in the order they finish by class and overall.
- 17.2 In the event of a tie, RRS A7 will apply.
- 17.3 The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicap system will be in effect for all yachts. Race handicaps will be calculated using the Time-on-Time method as adopted by HYRA.
- 17.4 Each boat shall have a valid U.S. Sailing Association PHRF handicap certificate or be assigned a temporary handicap for this race only, due to the COVID pandemic. Previous years' PHRF handicap certificates will be accepted for those boats that don't have a current certificate.

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 promptly inform the RC via **VHF Channel 68**, by hail, or by calling the principal race officer, Sunny Mills, at 808-3796710, and they must receiving and acknowledgement from the RC. Failure to do so may result in denied entry to future races.
- 18.3 The current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Extract for Race Category 4, with US Sailing modifications, shall apply.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. For each class a first prize will be awarded if at least three boats enter, second prize will be awarded if at least five boats enter, and third prize will be awarded if at least seven boats enter.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of certificate will be required at time of registration.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION can be obtained from the Rear Commodore for Sail, Joe Bardouche at 808-256-7168, or by emailing rcsail@hawaiiyachtclub.org.