

Kauai Channel Race
August 10, 2012
Nawiliwili Yacht Club
Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing and the Hawaii Yacht Racing Association (HYRA) will apply.
- 1.3 The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations 2012-2013 for Category 4, including the US Sailing prescriptions, will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any change to the sailing instructions or notices to competitors will be posted on both the Kauai Channel Race website (<http://www.kauaichannelrace.com>) and on the official notice boards located at Nawiliwili Yacht Club (NYC) and at Kaneohe Yacht Club by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

The classes consist of PHRF Monohull A and B, PHRF Multihull, and Cruising Class.
The Class flag for all classes is a white flag.

4 RACE SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the 5-minute warning signal is 0655 hours on Friday, August 10, 2012 for all classes. The start is scheduled for 0700 for all classes.

5 THE COURSE

The race will start off the harbor entrance of Kaneohe Bay Channel, Oahu and finish at Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, Hawaii. The distance is 95 nautical miles.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The race will be started using RRS rule 26 with the following addition:
An attention signal (a series of long blasts) will be made one minute before the warning signal.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between the Kaneohe Bay channel entrance buoy #K and the race committee boat. The committee boat will fly the Race Committee flag when on station.

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between the Nawiliwili Harbor Channel Buoy G#5 and the race committee ashore on the Nawiliwili mole (near R#6). See attached diagram.
- 7.2 **Boats are REQUIRED to call the race committee on Channel 68 approximately one (1) hour prior to their anticipated finish. The race committee can also be contacted at telephone number: (808) 645-0362.**

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall so inform the race committee at the finish or at the NYC race office within the protest time limit.
- 8.2 A boat starting On the Course Side (OCS) at the start and failing to return shall be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS 28.2, 29.1, and Appendix A5.

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 Boats finishing after 2100 hours on August 10, 2012 shall take their own time and report it to the race committee ashore at the NYC clubhouse or call their time in to (808) 645-0362 if the clubhouse is not open.
- 9.2 Boats failing to finish by 0000 hours on August 11, 2012 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rule 35.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protests shall be submitted on forms available at the NYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 10.2 The protest time limit is 0900 hours, August 11, 2012. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 10.3 Notices will be posted at the NYC clubhouse within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the NYC clubhouse beginning at 1000 hours, August 11, 2012.
- 10.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 10.5 Breaches of instructions 8.1, 12, 13 and 14 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Scoring shall be as specified in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring System.
- 11.2 The application of handicaps will be Time-on-Time scoring using PHRF ratings.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Boats starting the race shall check in with the race committee prior to the start. Each entrant shall identify its boat by name and sail number.
- 12.2 The race committee may be hailed on VHF Channel 68 to check in prior to the warning signal.
- 12.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee on Channel 68 as soon as possible. The race committee can also be contacted at telephone number (808) 645-0362.

13 EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 Each boat shall conform to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations 2012-2013 for Category 4 including the US Sailing prescriptions.
- 13.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions by the race committee.
- 13.2 Conformance to these regulations or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the responsibility or liability of a boat's owner or skipper for the safety of the vessel and crew.
- 13.3 Any inspection conducted by the race committee is not intended to be, and in fact does not constitute, any guarantee of such compliance by the race committee.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 The race committee will broadcast information on VHF Channel 68 regarding individual and general recalls, and any special emergency announcements.
- 14.2 The race committee will use VHF Channel 72 if Channel 68 is unavailable.
- 14.3 During the start sequence, race entrants shall not transmit over Channel 68 or attempt to contact the race committee.
- 14.4 Failure of any radio announcements shall not constitute grounds for redress.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the Kauai Channel Race Awards Party to be held at the NYC clubhouse on Saturday, August 11, 2012.
- 15.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded for First Monohull to Finish – Elapsed Time, First Monohull to Finish – Corrected Time, first Multihull to Finish – Elapsed Time, and First Multihull to finish – Corrected time.
- 15.3 The number of individual prizes awarded will be determined by the race committee and will be based on the number of entries in the race.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.