

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; KAUAI CHANNEL RACE

August 7, 2015

Nawiliwili Yacht Club

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016. The prescriptions of US Sailing and the Hawaii Yacht Racing Association (HYRA) will apply. The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations 2015-2016 for Category 3 with Life Raft Waiver, including the US Sailing prescriptions, will apply.

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.

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.

RACE SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the 5-minute warning signal is 0655 hours on Friday, August 7, 2015 for all classes. The start is scheduled for 0700 for all classes.

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.

THE START

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.
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.

THE FINISH

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.** Boats are **REQUIRED** to call the race committee on Channel 68 approximately one (1) hour prior to their anticipated finish. **If contact is not clear, continue attempts until transmission is successful or call the race committee by cell phone @ 808-264-4845 to report your impending finish. You may also contact the escort boat if need be by calling 808-651-3775.**

PENALTY SYSTEM

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.
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.

TIME LIMIT

Boats finishing after 2100 hours on August 7, 2015 shall take their own time and report it to the race committee ashore at the NYC clubhouse or call their time in to **(808) 264-4845 or (808) 651-0603** if the clubhouse is not open. Boats failing to finish by 0000 hours on August 8, 2014 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be submitted on forms available at the NYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 0900 hours, August 8, 2015. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. 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 8, 2015. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b). 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.

SCORING

Scoring shall be as specified in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring System. The application of handicaps will be Time-on-Time scoring using HYRA PHRF ratings. If a boat has an established HYRA Down-Wind rating, that rating must be used. All Ratings must be established and certified by August 1, 2015.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats starting the race shall check in with the race committee prior to the start by way of VHF radio Channel 68. Each entrant shall identify its boat by name and sail number. The race committee may be hailed on VHF Channel 68 to check in prior to the warning signal. 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 **808-264-4845**.

EQUIPMENT

Each boat shall conform to the January 2014 – December 2015 ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGS-CAT 3 MULTIHULL and MONOHULL, including the US Sailing prescriptions. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions by the race committee. 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. 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.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Kauai Channel Race Awards Party to be held at the NYC clubhouse on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Perpetual trophies will be awarded for First Monohull to Finish – Elapsed Time, First Multihull to Finish – Elapsed Time, First Monohull to Finish – Corrected Time in Fleet, and First Multihull to finish – Corrected time. 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.

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.