

# **SINGLEHANDED SAILING SOCIETY**

## **SIXTEENTH BIENNIAL SINGLEHANDED TRANSPACIFIC YACHT RACE**

**Saturday July 12, 2008**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 OBJECTIVE**

1.1 The Race is intended to be a sporting event, and to encourage the development of suitable yachts, gear, supplies and techniques for shorthanded ocean crossings under sail.

#### **2 ORGANIZERS**

2.1 The Race will be under the management of the TransPacific Race Committee of the Singlehanded Sailing Society, which shall have the full power to establish and interpret the rules and conditions governing the Race, to decide all protests and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the preparatory signal of the Race.

#### **3 COURSE**

3.1 The Race will start on Saturday July 12, 2008 at a time to be specified in the Sailing Instructions. The course will be from the starting line located near the Corinthian Yacht Club in San Francisco Bay, leaving the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge to port, then by any course to the finish line located near Pu'u Poa Poa Point on Hanalei Bay, island of Kauai, Hawaii.

3.2 The calculated distance for the Race is 2120 miles.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 The Race is open to seaworthy cruising or racing yachts of any type or nationality, capable of safe ocean passages, provided the overall length on deck is between 20 feet and 60 feet. The Race Committee reserves the right to exclude any yacht that it regards as unseaworthy or a yacht with inadequate equipment.

4.2 Each yacht shall be skippered by one person, who shall be at least 18 years of age by July 11, 2008.

#### **5 RACING RULES**

5.1 The Race will be governed by the 2005-2008 International Sailing Federation [ISAF] Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] as adopted by the United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, the 2008 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines [PHRF], except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race [NOR], the Race Rules and Conditions [RRC], the Sailing Instructions [SI], and any amendments to the RRC or SI. Additionally, the requirements of the appropriate measurement or handicap rules will apply. Also, the associated One-Design Class Rules will apply to a yacht that submits a PHRF One-Design Rating.

5.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea [COLREGS] shall replace part 2 of the RRS.

5.3 For advertising purposes, the Race is Category C as per ISAF 20.

5.4 The Race Rules and Conditions will be made available on or before July 11, 2007.

5.5 The Sailing Instructions will be provided to all skippers on or before July 11, 2008.

5.6 The TransPacific Race Committee reserves the right to amend or add to the racing rules at any time up to the start of the race, such amendments being immediately promulgated to all entrants.

## **6 SPONSORSHIP**

6.1 Entries may be sponsored and/or financed by another person, body or organization. The Singlehanded Sailing Society is appreciative of the help that is given to the competitors, but nevertheless is concerned that this Race remain a sporting event and reserves the right to refuse an entry if it appears that the primary object of the entry is to promote a commercial product not connected with the spirit of the Race. A yacht that displays advertising material by use of its name or through display of names or logos on the sails, spars, hull or other part of the boat between assembly in San Francisco and dispersal in Hanalei Bay, shall be deemed to be a sponsored entrant. Owners intending to display advertising material should clear the project for eligibility with the Race Committee upon application to race.

## **7 RESPONSIBILITY**

7.1 Yachts must be fully independent and capable of carrying out their own emergency repairs at sea. Skippers have no right to expect or demand a rescue operation to be launched on their behalf.

7.2 Full responsibility for any mishap will rest with the owner or skipper under ordinary process of law. The organizers do not accept any responsibility towards the entrants nor toward third parties with whom the entrants may have been involved.

7.3 Any skipper deciding not to continue the Race after starting must notify Race Committee as quickly as possible that he or she is withdrawing.

## **8 DIVISIONS**

8.1 Division assignments will be announced by the Race Committee by May 31, 2008, and promulgated to all current entrants.

## **9 RACE ENTRY CONTACT**

9.1 Entry Packets, Race Rules and Conditions, and Sailing Instructions may be obtained from:  
[www.sfbaysss.org](http://www.sfbaysss.org)

The mailing address for the Race Committee is:

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