

18TH BIENNIAL
SINGLEHANDED TRANSPACIFIC YACHT RACE
June 30 to July 21, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES

1.1. The Race will be governed by the following:

- a) The International Sailing Federation "Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012" (RRS)
- b) The United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) Prescriptions to the RRS
- c) The Notice of Race (NOR)
- d) The SSS Race Rules and Conditions (RR&C)
- e) These Sailing Instructions (SI)
- f) The Communications Plan
- g) Any amendments to items c, d, e or f
- h) The 2012 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Rules

and Guidelines, except as modified by items c, d, e, f or g

1.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) will replace part 2 of the RRS.

1.3. Yachts shall stay clear of commercial or other vessels limited in their ability to maneuver in restricted waters.

1.4. Amendments to these Sailing Instructions or the Communications Plan after the skippers meeting will be distributed to all skippers in person, if possible. In addition, on the morning of the start, flag L will be flown ashore and any Amendments will be announced on VHF channel 69.

2. SKIPPERS MEETING

2.1. A skippers' meeting will be held at 2 p.m., on Friday, June 29, 2012, at Servino Bistro in Tiburon, CA. Attendance by each skipper is mandatory.

3. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

3.1. For scoring there will be six Divisions of yachts: Plastic Classics; 30 Somethings; Big & Comfy; Fast & Fun; Spare Hull; Sled.

FLAG	DIVISION	BOAT NAME	SAIL #	SKIPPER	TYPE
C	Plastic Classics	Bela Bartok	632	Derk Wolmuth	Vindo 40
C	Plastic Classics	Darwind	107	Tom Watson	Triton 28.5
C	Plastic Classics	Tortuga	207	Randy Leasure	Westsail 32
D	Thirtysomethings	Bandicoot	28530	Al Germain	Wyliecat 30
D	Thirtysomethings	Flight Risk	50530	John Lubimir	Quest 30
D	Thirtysomethings	Harrier	77564	Ken "The General" Roper	Finn Flyer 31
D	Thirtysomethings	Moonshadow	8675	Dave Morris	Wylie 31
D	Thirtysomethings	Red Sky	28340	Brian Boschma	Olson 34
D	Thirtysomethings	Slacker	213	Whitall Stokes	Tartan Ten 33
E	Big & Comfy	Champ	60380	David Liaño Gonzalez	IP 380
E	Big & Comfy	Frolic	47462	Steve Hodges	Islander 36
E	Big & Comfy	Galaxsea	28743	Daniel Willey	Nauticat 44
E	Big & Comfy	Green Buffalo	8538	Jim Quanci	Cal 40
E	Big & Comfy	Mouton Noir	1102409	Mike Jefferson	Passoa 47
E	Big & Comfy	Scaramouche V	74434	Peter Heiberg	PJ 50
F	Fast & Fun	Idefix	74296	Adrian Johnson	Olson 30
F	Fast & Fun	RushMoore	133	Ruben Gabriel	Moore 24
F	Fast & Fun	Taz!!	8100	George Lythcott	Express 27
		Team Open			
F	Fast & Fun	Sailing	806	Jerome Sammarcelli	Pogo 21
F	Fast & Fun	Turbo Camper	87574	Brian VanderZanden	Hobie 33
F	Fast & Fun	US 101/Hope for the Warriors	101	Ronnie Simpson	Moore 24
G	Spare Hull	Rainbow	KA-1	Cliff Shaw	Crowther 10m 35
J	Sled	Truth	USA 101	Alex Mehran	Open 50

4. ONBOARD ASSISTANCE

4.1. No person other than the skipper shall be on board while the yacht is racing, with the following exceptions:

- a) A person assisting a late starter per SI 10.1
- b) A person rescued at sea. Such person may not assist in the operation of the yacht.

5. CHECK IN PRIOR TO START

5.1. Each yacht shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 on the morning of the start, prior to its Warning signal, advising the Race Committee of the yacht's name and sail number. The yacht shall receive an acknowledgment from the Race Committee. A yacht failing to check in successfully before its Warning signal will be penalized according to SI 21.1.

6. START

6.1. The start line is between the orange panel on the Corinthian Yacht Club race deck and the orange inflatable mark immediately off the Corinthian Yacht Club, leaving the mark to port.

6.2. Unless postponed, the schedule of starting signals is as follows. Times are Pacific Daylight Time.

6.3 In the event of a gun malfunction, a short horn will replace the gun signal.

TIME	EVENT	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL
1200	Warning, Plastic Classics	Raise C flag	Gun
1201	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1204	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1205	Start, Plastic Classics	Drop C flag	Gun
1210	Warning, 30 Somethings	Raise D flag	Gun
1211	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1214	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1215	Start, 30 Somethings	Drop D flag	Gun
1220	Warning, Big & Comfy	Raise E flag	Gun
1221	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1224	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1225	Start, Big & Comfy	Drop E flag	Gun
1230	Warning, Fast & Fun	Raise F flag	Gun
1231	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1234	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1235	Start, Fast & Fun	Drop F flag	Gun
1240	Warning, Spare Hull	Raise G flag	Gun
1241	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1244	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1245	Start, Spare Hull	Drop G flag	Gun
1250	Warning, Sled	Raise J flag	Gun
1251	Preparatory	Raise P flag	Gun
1254	One Minute Signal	Drop P flag	Long Horn
1255	Start, Sled	Drop J flag	Gun

7. POSTPONEMENT

7.1. The signal to postpone will be the hoisting of the Answering Pennant (AP flag) and two sounds. The postponement period will end with the lowering of the Answering Pennant and one sound. One minute after the end of the postponement period, the Warning signal will be made, signifying the resumption of the starting sequence. The Race Committee may clarify the sequence on VHF Ch. 69.

8. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

8.1. If any yacht crosses the starting line prematurely, the Race Committee will display flag X with one sound and may notify such yacht(s) by loudhailer or on VHF Channel 69. This modifies RRS 29.1. Nothing contained in these instructions shall relieve a yacht of its obligation to make a proper start.

8.2. A yacht that crosses the starting line before its Preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start will be scored DNS. (Have a nice cruise to Hawaii because you aren't racing!)

8.3. A yacht that crosses the starting line prematurely after its Preparatory signal may take

the penalty described in SI 21.3 instead of sailing to the pre-start side of the line. (Modifies RRS 29.1)

9. GENERAL RECALL

9.1. Recall of an entire class will be signaled by the hoisting of the First Substitute pennant, with two sounds. The Warning signal for a new start for the recalled class will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed with one sound, and the start for any succeeding class will follow the new start. This procedure is consistent with RRS 29.2 and is stated here for convenience.

9.2. In case of a general recall, the Race Committee may make an announcement on VHF Channel 69.

10. LATE STARTERS

10.1. After its Preparatory signal, a yacht that has not started may receive outside help, including onboard assistance, until it has cleared its mooring or the yacht club basin. This modifies RRS 41.

11. RESTARTING

11.1. On the day of the start, if an emergency after the start compels a yacht to use engine propulsion or outside assistance, it may restart by returning to the prestart side of the starting line, then recrossing. If either end mark of the starting line has been moved, the yacht shall cross an imaginary line between the marks' original locations. This modifies RRS 42.

12. COURSE

12.1. From the start, leaving the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge to port, to the finish.

13. RESTRICTED AREAS

13.1. A yacht entering a restricted area may not "unwind" and must retire or face protest and disqualification, unless requesting the alternative penalty under SI 13.2. This modifies RRS 28.1.

Restricted areas are:

- a) The area within 50 yards of the starting line for any yacht prior to its Warning signal.
- b) The areas between Alcatraz, Little Alcatraz and its marking buoy.
- c) The area between the San Francisco shoreline and the H beam near St. Francis Yacht Club.
- d) The area between the San Francisco shoreline and the marking buoy for Anita Rock.
- e) The area between Fort Point and the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.

14. COMMUNICATION WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE AFTER THE START

14.1. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 69 for at least two hours after the last start.

14.2. For the remainder of the day of the start, skippers may telephone (503) 490-3305 or (541) 981-0000, if the Race Committee does not respond to hails on VHF channel 69.

15. ROLL CALL

Refer to the Communications Plan for the schedule, radio frequencies, e-mail addresses and other information for Roll Call.

16. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

16.1. No physical contact except for the passing of written messages may be made with other vessels at sea, and no stores may be received from any ship or aircraft during the Race, except for the passing of medical supplies.

16.2. During the Race, no yacht may receive private or publicly available internet-distributed information regarding weather, currents, course routing or other tactical advice, with the following specific exceptions:

- a) Receipt of publicly available radio weather broadcasts
- b) Diagrams commonly referred to as “weatherfax” generated by the U.S. National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, or corresponding agencies of other countries.
- c) Communication on open radio channels [without encryption] with other competitors, which may consist of information such as current position, weather and sea conditions.
- d) Solicitation and receipt of information solely about the repair of any equipment on board, but not including routing advice.
- e) Weather data commonly referred to as “grib” files, derived from weather models operated by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.
- f) The information about each yacht listed in RR&C Rule 6.02 (but no other competitor data).

16.3. During the Race, a yacht may put in anywhere and anchor or moor for any purpose. She may be towed for a distance not exceeding two miles into, and for a distance not exceeding two miles out of any harbor or anchorage, provided the result of such towing does not advance the yacht in the direction of the finish line. This modifies RRS 41. A yacht that accepts outside assistance beyond the above-mentioned exceptions shall withdraw.

17. FINISH

17.1. The finish line is an imaginary line extending at 0 degrees true from the deck of the Race Committee’s condo, located at approximately 22°13.3’ N latitude, 159°29.8’ W longitude, on the bluff at Pu’u Poa Point near Hanalei Bay, island of Kauai, Hawaii. Yachts shall cross the line south of 22°14’N latitude, 159°29.8’ W longitude, leaving Pu’u Poa Point to port.

17.2. Each yacht shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 when within radio range of the finish line. If a yacht finishing at night does not have a radio capable of contacting the Race Committee, the skipper shall illuminate their sails with their spotlight when the yacht reaches the vicinity of the finish line.

17.3. The Race Committee will inform yachts on VHF channel 69 when they have crossed the finish line.

17.4. Finishing yachts should be prepared to take their own finish time if they do not receive radio confirmation from the Race Committee.

18. CALCULATED DISTANCE & SCORING

18.1. The calculated distance for the Race is 2,120 nautical miles.

18.2. Scoring will be time-on-distance.

19. TIME LIMIT

19.1. The time limit for the Race shall be 1200 hrs Hawaii Standard Time on Saturday, July 21, 2012.

19.2. Yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored "Finished After Deadline." This modifies RRS 35.

19.3. If 50% of the yachts that started have not finished by the time limit, the deadline may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee. Yachts still racing will be notified of any extension of the time limit by the Communications Boat. This modifies RRS 35.

20. PROTESTS & REDRESS

20.1. This modifies RRS 61.1(a). A protesting yacht shall:

a) Display a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keep it displayed for one hour or until the protested yacht can no longer be seen, whichever occurs later.

b) Display a protest flag as it approaches the finish and continue to display it until anchored in Hanalei Bay.

c) Within one hour of finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest.

d) Within 24 hours of finishing, file a written protest with the Race Committee.

20.2. This modifies RRS 62.2. A yacht requesting redress shall:

a) Within one hour of finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to request redress.

b) Within 24 hours of finishing, file a written request for redress with the Race Committee.

20.3. Protests and requests for redress will be heard by a Protest Committee as soon as practicable.

21. PENALTIES

21.1. A yacht that fails to check in before its Warning signal per SI 5.1 will receive a penalty of two hours added to its corrected time.

21.2. A yacht that breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 (or COLREGS, as applicable) will receive the Scoring Penalty as defined by RRS 44.3 (The 720° Turns Penalty in RRS 44.2 shall not be used.)

21.3. In lieu of being scored OCS, a yacht which crosses the starting line prematurely after its Preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start shall accept a time penalty of one hour added to its corrected time. This modifies RRS 29.1.

21.4. In lieu of disqualification, a yacht that enters a restricted area may accept a time penalty of two hours added to its corrected time. This modifies RR&C 17.03 and RRS 44.3. A yacht electing to take this alternative penalty shall hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 69 and so inform them.

21.5. In lieu of disqualification, the Race Committee may impose a penalty for infractions of the NOR, the RR&C's, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) or these Sailing Instructions, in an amount of 1 to 96 hours added to the yacht's corrected time.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS