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Standing Sailing Instructions For Offshore Races

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1. RULES

Races will be conducted according to *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* [RRS], including the US Sailing Prescriptions, Hawaii Yacht Racing Association [HYRA] Prescriptions, and these sailing instructions, unless otherwise amended in the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions. Competitors are advised that non-competing boats are not governed by RRS and that International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea (72 COLREGS) and the Inland Navigation Rules govern meetings with non-competing boats. See <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/> for more information.

2. SAFETY

Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified who endanger their own safety, or that of a recreational, commercial, or government vessel will be subject to protest by Race Committee (RC) or contestant and face possible disqualification. RRS 60.3 is modified to add (d) to read: *A hearing for allegations of the above will be instigated by a protest committee if notified by a government, commercial, or individual vessel of possible infraction. It shall also extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 to accept the information. A DSQ for a safety violation shall be considered as a disqualification not excludable (DNE).*

2.1 EQUIPMENT

Boats must comply with the United States Coast Guard's requirements for recreational vessels, RRS 1.2, and HYRA Prescriptions.

3. ENTRIES

Races are open to boats whose skippers are members of Hawaii Yacht Club. Other boats may be invited to enter by the Race Committee.

4. RESTRICTED AREAS

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of any boat whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats shall not cross the Start or Finish line except when preparing to start, starting, or finishing. Boats observed by the Race Committee to be in violation of this instruction may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

5. SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY

If a Small Craft Advisory is in effect on the day of the race the Race Committee will make a determination two hours prior to the scheduled starting time to conduct or postpone the race. When gale force winds are posted for inter-island channels two hours prior to the scheduled start, the race will automatically be postponed. Notice of rescheduling of postponed races will be posted on the Official Race Bulletin Board.

6. ARBITRATION

- 6.1. For protests involving two or fewer boats of an alleged breach of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5. Section B.
- 6.2. After protests are turned in, one representative (conforming to RRS 63.3(a)) of each boat may appear before an arbitrator. No witnesses are permitted.
- 6.3. After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall reach one of the following conclusions:
 - 6.3.1. There was no breach of a rule. If the representatives agree, the protest is withdrawn and cannot be reopened. If any representative disagrees, the matter goes to the jury for a hearing.
 - 6.3.2. There was a breach of a rule by one or more of the boats involved. The representative(s) of the offending boat(s) have the option of accepting a 40% alternative penalty (calculated in RRS 44.3(c)) or submitting the matter to the jury for a hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter cannot be reopened or made the subject of a redress request.
 - 6.3.3. The matter should go to the jury for a hearing.
- 6.4. When a protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing process, but may offer testimony if requested by the jury.

7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area between and within two of a vessel's hull lengths of the Atlantis Submarine tenders, located offshore Waikiki, is designated as an obstruction. Vessels that enter this area are subject to protest by other competitors or the Race Committee.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. In accordance with RRS 83.3 and Appendix A, DNC and DSQ will be scored points one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 8.2. DNS, OCS, DNF, & RAF will be scored points equal to the number of boats ranking as starters in that race. This modifies RRS A4.2.
- 8.3. Series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8, with the following exception: In handicap racing, if a tie still remains after applying RRS A8.1, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest total corrected time, modifying RRS A8.2.

9. INSURANCE

Boats shall carry liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000. Boats that are unable to provide proof of insurance coverage will be automatically disqualified from any event that was sailed without insurance.