



Kaneohe Yacht Club

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2023 Standing Sailing Instructions

- 1. RULES:** All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US Sailing prescriptions, excluding the prescriptions to rules 63.2, except as modified by a Notice of Race [NOR] or Sailing Instructions [SI] specific to an event. The organizing authority is Kaneohe Yacht Club.
- 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the North wall of the main entry way to the KYC clubhouse.
- 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours prior to the first start on the date it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it takes effect. Signals made ashore will be used to inform competitors there is a change to the sailing instructions.
- 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be flown from the KYC flagpole. Code flag L will be displayed to signal that a change to the Sailing Instructions has been posted.
- 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
 - 5.1** The current published schedule of KYC races for the current year applies unless modified by a NOR.
 - 5.2** Unless otherwise stated in a NOR or SI, the number of daily scheduled races for each class will be three with the first warning signal at 1155.
 - 5.3** A class qualifies for a start only when three or more boats of that class are recognized by the RC prior to their warning signal. Once a class has been established, the minimum requirement will not apply for subsequent races of that event. I-14's and 29ers to make up a Skiff class.
- 6. CLASS FLAGS:**

Melges 24	Class Insignia (alternatively numeral 1)
J-80	Class Insignia (alternatively numeral 2)
Soling	Class Insignia (alternatively green)
J-24	Class Insignia (alternatively 2 nd substitute)
I-14	Class Insignia (alternatively red)
Cal 20	Class Insignia (alternatively yellow)
Laser	Class Insignia (alternatively 3 rd substitute)
El Toro	Class Insignia (alternatively green)
Inshore Racing Fleet (IRF)	Class Flag (alternatively yellow)

Ocean Racing Fleet (ORF)

Class Flag (alternatively green)

**The Regatta Chair or Principal Race Officer may assign Class Flags for a given race day as necessary.*

7. RACING AREA:

- 7.1** The Inshore Racing Fleet and Class Boats will race on Kaneohe Bay (see Appendix A - Racing Area).
- i** Red/Green navigational buoys and white can buoys marking the MCBH off-limits/Buffer zone will be honored while racing.
 - ii** Alternatively, for pursuit or distance races the Racing Area may be extended to the greater Kaneohe Bay area which may include for example a rounding of Coconut Island.
- 7.2** The ORF race area will be identified in the NOR and/or Sailing Instructions for each event.

8. COURSES:

- 8.1** The course for IRF and Class Boat races on Kaneohe Bay will be displayed on the RC signal boat with the warning signal for each race. A series of block letters will designate the marks of the course, unless modified by the race committee. A number following a group of one or more letters indicates that marks in that group must be rounded in order two or more times. The number has no meaning with respect to any following mark letter.
- 8.2** All marks will be left to port unless: (a) the letter "S" follows a mark letter, in which case that mark must be left to starboard or (b) the Sailing Instructions for the event state otherwise.
- 8.3** ORF courses will be described in a NOR and Sailing Instructions specific to each event.

9. MARKS:

- 9.1** Marks A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are permanent white/yellow buoys (see Appendix A).
- 9.2** Marks X, Y, Z and O are temporary orange or yellow inflatables. If used, mark X will be set to weather of the starting line; mark Y abeam to port; and mark Z to leeward. Mark O, if used, will be offset from the windward mark approximately 50 yards at relative bearing of 255 to 270 degrees from the course axis in order to avoid congestion around the weather mark. Disregard any letters or numbers on these marks.
- 9.3** The starting/finishing line will be marked by a white flag with the letters "LINE" or an orange flag on the RC signal boat, and by an orange flag on a staff or an orange shape opposite the RC signal boat. The latter mark, i.e., the pin, may be designated as mark "L."
- 9.4** A buoy and line attached to the transom of the RC signal boat are part of the starting/finishing mark.
- 9.5** After the start, the starting/finishing line has no significance unless code flag D[elta] with yellow-blue-yellow horizontal bands is displayed with the warning signal for a class. In which case the line becomes a restricted area for all boats of that class who must remain clear of it after starting until preparing to finish.

10. THE START:

- 10.1** Prior to a boat's first race of the day, that boat shall sail near the RC boat prior to the warning signal to be recognized and inform the RC of any change from the entry information, e.g. a change of sail number. A boat that fails to do so may be subject to a 20% penalty.

10.2 After the first warning signal, any boat whose class signal has not yet been displayed shall remain at least thirty (30) yards from any point of the starting line, and shall clearly yield right-of-way to any boat of another class whose warning or starting signal has been made.

10.3 A boat that does not start properly within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) or OCS. This modifies the definition of *start*.

11. STARTING RECALLS:

11.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, the RC may attempt to hail the boat(s) but failure to make or hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62.1.

11.2 In addition to flag and sound signals, the RC may announce Individual Recalls for the IRF and ORF on VHF channel 68.

11.3 General Recalls will be signaled in accord with Rule 29.2 but also may be accompanied by other sound signals from one or more RC boats.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: The RC may signal a change of course by displaying code flag C [Charlie] with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark before the leading boat has begun that leg of the course, and by making additional signals in accord with Rule 33. The next mark may not yet be in the new position. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration without further signaling.

13. FINISHING:

13.1 After finishing and sailing clear of the line, boats shall remain clear of the last leg of the course and well away from the line.

13.2 Boats finishing after the RC has retired from the course shall report their order of finish, or in handicap racing, their time of finish to the RC Chair or Principal Race Officer for that race.

13.3 In order to start the next race without unnecessary delay, the last boat in a non-handicap class on the next to last or final leg of the course may return to the starting area, or may be directed to do so by an oral instruction from the Race Committee. In either case the boat will be scored in last place.

14. TIME LIMITS: The RC may abandon an IRF or Class Boat race in which the leading boat has not finished within 90 minutes of its start. The time limit for all races is 30 minutes before sunset.

15. ABANDONED RACES: Races not sailed during an event will be rescheduled only as provided by the NOR or SI.

16. PROTESTS:

16.1 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted to the RC within 45 minutes after the RC signal boat docks and will be heard as soon as possible in the order of receipt.

16.2 Protest and Requests for Redress notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires to inform competitors and witnesses of the time and place for a hearing.

16.3 In the absence of a protest committee, protests will be heard on Wednesday of the week following the race at 1900 hours, or at another time that is agreed to by all parties.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system [Rule A4] will apply except that no scores will be discarded unless the NOR or Sailing Instructions for the event state otherwise. This modifies Rule A2.

17.2 In an event which is part of a seasonal series, points will be scored in accord with Rule A9.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

The penalty for breaking any part of SSI 18 may be disqualification or DP (The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification).

18.1 While racing, personal flotation devices must be worn by the crew of all single-handed boats and doublehanded dinghies.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18.3 All competitors must comply with current City & County of Honolulu COVID-19 safety regulations.

18.4 18.2 shall be waived if a boat, competitor or support person comes to the aid or rescue of a person or vessel in danger (RRS1.1).

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS: A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class and safety rules and may be instructed by a RC or fleet measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

APPENDIX A

Kaneohe Bay Permanent Yellow Buoys

