

**FIFTEENTH BIENNIAL
SINGLEHANDED TRANSPACIFIC YACHT RACE
June 24 to July 15, 2006
San Francisco Bay, CA to Hanalei Bay, HI**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
June 15, 2006**

1. RACING RULES

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the following:
- a) The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 (RRS)
 - b) The United States Sailing Association (USSailing) Prescriptions
 - c) The Notice of Race (NOR)
 - d) These Sailing Instructions (SI)
 - e) The Communications Plan
 - f) Any amendments to items c, d, or e
 - g) The 2006 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Rules and Guidelines, except as modified by items c, d, e, or f
 - h) In the case of a yacht that submits a PHRF One-Design Rating, the relevant One-Design Class Rules
- 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 racing shall stay clear of commercial or other vessels limited in their ability to maneuver in restricted waters.
- 1.4. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions or Communications Plan after the skippers meeting will be distributed in hard copy to all skippers in person if possible. In addition, on the morning of the start, flag L will be flown ashore, and the changes will be announced on VHF Channel 69.

2. SKIPPERS' MEETING

A Skippers' Meeting will be held at 9 AM Friday, June 23, 2006 at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Tiburon CA. Attendance by each skipper is mandatory.

3. DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

For scoring purposes, there will be four divisions of yachts entered. They shall start in two classes as indicated in the following table:

CLASS	DIVISION
1	A: BIG & COMFY
	B: FAST & FUN
2	C: RHUMB - LINER
	D: SMALL PLASTIC CLASSIC

4. ENGINE SEALS AND TOWING

- 4.1. The Race Committee will seal propeller shafts or gear levers on Friday, June 23.
- 4.2. The Race Committee will tow yachts from their berths to the starting area beginning at 1030 hours Pacific Daylight Time on Saturday, June 24. Priority will be given to yachts in Class 1 until the start of that Class.
- 4.3. In case of emergency use of engine propulsion by a yacht on the day of the start, the Race Committee will reseal the shaft or gear lever upon request on VHF Channel 69, if it is reasonably practicable to do so. The yacht shall not start until such Race Committee person has disembarked.

5. ONBOARD ASSISTANCE

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

- a) a Race Committee member resealing the propeller shaft or gear lever per SI 4.3
- b) a person assisting a late starter per SI 11
- c) a person rescued at sea

Such person may not assist in the operation of the yacht except as allowed in SI 11.

6. CHECK IN

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

7. START

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. The schedule of starting signals is as follows. Times are PDT.

TIME	EVENT	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL
1200	Warning, Class 1	Raise flag 1	Gun
1201	Preparatory, Class 1	Raise flag P	Gun
1204		Drop flag P	Horn
1205	Start, Class 1	Drop flag 1	Gun
1210	Warning, Class 2	Raise flag 2	Gun
1211	Preparatory, Class 2	Raise flag P	Gun
1214		Drop flag P	Horn
1215	Start, Class 2	Drop flag 2	Gun

8. POSTPONEMENT

- 8.1. The signal to postpone will be the hoisting of the Answering Pennant 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.
- 8.2. In case of a postponement, the delay between starting sequences may be reduced or eliminated.

9. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

- 9.1. If any yacht crosses the starting line prematurely, the Race Committee will display flag X and/or make one sound, and may notify such yacht(s) by loudhailer and/or VHF radio Channel 69. This modifies RRS 29.2. However, nothing contained in these instructions shall relieve a yacht of its obligation to make a proper start.
- 9.2. A yacht which crosses the starting line before its Preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start will be scored DNS.
- 9.3. A yacht which crosses the starting line prematurely after its Preparatory signal may take the time penalty described in SI 21.3 instead of sailing to the pre-start side of the line. This modifies RRS 29.1.

10. GENERAL RECALL

- 10.1. Recall of an entire division will be signaled by the hoisting of the First Substitute pennant and two sounds. The Warning signal for a new start for the recalled division will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed with one sound, and the start for any succeeding division will follow the new start. In case of a general recall of the first division, the delay between starting sequences may be reduced or eliminated.

11. LATE STARTERS

After its Preparatory signal, a yacht that has not started may receive outside or onboard assistance until it has cleared its mooring *and* is within one mile of the starting line. This modifies RRS 41 and 42.1.

12. RESTARTING

If, on the day of the start, an emergency after the start compels a yacht to use engine propulsion or outside assistance, it may restart by returning completely 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 41 and 42.1.

13. COURSE

The course is from the start, leaving the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge to port, to the finish.

14.RESTRICTED AREAS

Any yacht entering a restricted area may not "unwind" and must retire or face protest and disqualification, unless requesting the alternative penalty under SI 21.4. This modifies RRS 28.1. Restricted areas are:

- a) The area within 100 yards of the starting line for any yacht prior to its Preparatory signal.
- b) The area between Point Belvedere and its marking buoy.
- c) The areas between Alcatraz, Little Alcatraz and its marking buoy.
- d) The area between the San Francisco shoreline and the H beam near St. Francis Yacht Club.
- e) The area between the San Francisco shoreline and the marking buoy for Anita Rock.
- f) The area between Fort Point and the South Tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.

15.COMMUNICATION WITH RACE COMMITTEE AFTER START

15.1. The Race Committee will remain on station, monitoring VHF Channel 69, for at least two hours after the last start.

15.2. For the remainder of the day of the start, yachts may telephone the Singlehanded Sailing Society check-in number at (866) Sail SSS if the Race Committee does not respond to hails on VHF.

16.ROLL CALL

Refer to the Communications Plan for the schedule, radio frequencies, and procedures for roll call. Failure of a yacht to check in at least once each day, during the designated periods, will result in a penalty as described in SI 21.5.

16.1. Competitors shall relay SSB communications when it is apparent that a skipper cannot communicate directly with the communications boat.

16.2. During roll call, all yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 16 and endeavor to relay position reports if requested to do so. Any yacht unable to make contact via SSB should attempt to make contact on VHF Channel 16. Willful disregard of a timely request for relay of roll call information is grounds for disqualification.

17.FINISH

17.1. The finish line is an imaginary line extending at 290 degrees magnetic from Race Committee headquarters located at approximately 22°13'22" N latitude, 159°29'50" W longitude, on the bluff at Pu'u Poa Poa Point on Hanalei Bay, island of Kauai, Hawaii. Yachts shall cross the line south of 22°14' N latitude, leaving the race headquarters to port.

17.2. Each yacht shall hail the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 when within 10 miles 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 ignite a white flare when the yacht reaches the vicinity of the finish line.

17.3. The race committee will inform yachts via VHF Channel 69 when they have crossed the finish line.

18.CALCULATED DISTANCE

The calculated distance for the Race is 2120 miles.

19.TIME LIMIT

- 19.1. The time limit for the Race is 1200 hours Hawaii Standard Time on Saturday, July 15, 2006.
- 19.2. A yacht that fails to finish before the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish". 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.

20. PROTESTS

- 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) Verbally notify the Race Committee of intent to protest within one hour of the protesting yacht's finish.
 - d) File a written protest with the Race Committee within 24 hours of the protesting yacht's finish. Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee as soon as is practical.

21.PENALTIES

- 21.1. A yacht that fails to check in before its Warning signal per SI 6 will receive a time penalty of 5 hours added to its corrected time.
- 21.2. A yacht that violates a rule of RRS Part 2 (or COLREGS, as applicable) will receive the Scoring Penalty as defined by RRS 44.3(c). The 720 degree penalty is disallowed. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 21.3. A yacht that crosses the starting line prematurely after its Preparatory signal and does not return to make a proper start may accept a time penalty of one hour added to its corrected time, in lieu of being scored DNS. This modifies RRS 29.1. A yacht electing to take this alternative penalty shall hail the Race Committee immediately on VHF Channel 69 and so inform the Race Committee.
- 21.4. A yacht that enters a restricted area may accept a time penalty of 5 hours added to its corrected time, in lieu of disqualification. This modifies RRS 44. A yacht electing to take this alternative penalty shall hail the Race Committee immediately on VHF Channel 69 and so inform them.
- 21.5. For every day that a yacht that fails to check in at least once, during the designated roll call periods, it will receive a time penalty of one hour added to its corrected time.