



**2011**

## ***Transpacific Yacht Race***

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Transpac *Notice of Race* and the *Notice of Race Amendments* are integral parts of these Sailing Instructions. To avoid confusion, *the numbering of the paragraphs in the Sailing Instructions continues from the Notice of Race. Starting times and daily position report times noted are Pacific Daylight Time [GMT -7], Hawaiian Standard Time [GMT -10] is used for reporting all ETA's and finish times.*

### **20 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

20.1 Notices to competitors published prior to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 will be sent to all owners whose entries have been accepted. Notices to competitors published after June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, will also be posted on the official Notice Board located at Shoreline Yacht Club, at the Los Angeles Yacht Club, and at the Race Committee headquarters in Honolulu. Notices will also be posted on the web site at [www.TranspacRace.com](http://www.TranspacRace.com).

### **21 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

21.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 2000 hours (PDT) on the day before it will take effect.

### **22 SCHEDULE OF RACE STARTS**

Class and Division start assignments will be announced as soon as possible after the close of entries.

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Class</u></b>    | <b><u>Warning Signal</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday, July 4     | First Start Divisions  | 1255                         |
|                    | Multihull Class        | 1305                         |
| Friday, July 8     | Second Start Divisions | 1255                         |



**23 CLASS FLAGS**

23.1 Class Flags will be:

Class and Division flag assignments will be announced as soon as possible after the close of entries.

| <u>Class</u>      | <u>Flag</u>     |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Assigned Division | Numeral Pennant |
| 1 thru 8          | 1 thru 8        |
| Multihull         | 0               |

**24 THE COURSE**

24.1 The course will be from the starting line near Point Fermin, California to the finish line off Diamond Head, Honolulu, Hawaii, leaving Catalina Island to port.

**25 THE START**

25.1 The starting line will be located near Point Fermin Buoy at approximately 33° 41.5'N, 118°17.5W.

25.2 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26. (The warning signal will be given 5 minutes before the starting signal)

25.3 To draw attention that the race starting sequence is about to begin, multiple sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the first warning signal

25.4 The starting line will be between a staff supporting an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable tetrahedron on the port end. There may be limiting buoy to protect the Race Committee boat. No yacht shall sail between this limiting buoy and the Race Committee boat if so set.

25.5 The Race Committee boat will be on station from 1130 hours. Each yacht shall pass close by the Race Committee boat and be visually identified prior to the warning signal. Yachts may not check in by radio.

25.6 Upon entering the starting area each yacht shall guard VHF Channel 71 for transmissions from the Race Committee to the competitors and shall continue to do so until 10 minutes after starting.

25.7 Each yacht shall display both the Transpac 2011 pennant (contained in the skipper's package and issued at the skipper's meeting) and their class flag from the backstay during the start period and for at least 30 minutes after the yacht's start and again at least 30 minutes prior to the yacht's finish.

25.8 Should a special class, as a group, elect to display a special class flag, in addition to the Transpac pennant and the class flag, it may provided it has received prior approval from Transpac as to size and design. This special class flag shall fly during the times stated in 25.7.



25.9 Any yacht that is on the course side at her starting signal and which does not return to the pre-start side of the line to properly start will be protested and will be penalized two hours of elapsed time in lieu of being scored OCS.

**26 POSTPONEMENT**

26.1 Postponements will be signaled in accordance with RRS 27.3. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify yachts on VHF Channel 71.

**27.0 RECALLS**

27.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify recalled yachts on VHF Channel 71. Failure of the Race Committee to make the attempt to notify, failure of the competitor to hear the notification, delay in notification, or the sequence of such notification shall not constitute grounds for redress.

**28 DAILY ROLL CALL**

28.1 It is mandatory for each yacht that has started to report their 0600 PDT position to ALASKA EAGLE by 0700 PDT each day. ALASKA EAGLE will accept email positions sent to the Daily Position Report email address before 0700 PDT. The Race Committee will attempt to provide a short automatic email response confirming receipt of all email messages. Race HQ telephone numbers and email addresses will be included in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions. Per SI 28.6 yachts not reporting their 0600 position shall be penalized.

28.2 The format for email positions are as described below:

**Subject line or Header:**

0600 Position Report Boat Name, Sail Number and Date "Medicine Man, 97777 – July 12, 2011"

**Body:**

1. 0600 PDT position Lat and Long in degrees and minutes: "0600 PDT Position is: 24 15 N, 130 41 W"
2. Sea and sky conditions, wind direction (magnetic) and velocity (knots), and barometric pressure (millibars) (Optional unless requested by ALASKA EAGLE.)
3. Optional brief comments if desired

**All messages should be sent using plain text to minimize message size.**



- 28.3 ALASKA EAGLE may request weather information from several yachts in each class. Requests will be sent by email between 0600 PDT and 0615 PDT each day. Be prepared to report sea and sky conditions, wind direction (magnetic), wind velocity (true knots), and barometric pressure (millibars) by email, if requested by ALASKA EAGLE.
- 28.4 At 0700 PDT ALASKA EAGLE will call on SSB any yachts whose position information has not been received by email and request 0600 PDT position information on SSB. Yachts who have reported their positions by email are not required to report their positions by SSB. It is the responsibility of each yacht to ensure that their 0600 position is reported to ALASKA EAGLE.

SSB roll call for yachts that have started will be taken each day by the Communications Vessel ALASKA EAGLE beginning July 5 on one of the following frequencies:

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Primary   | 4146.0 kHz (4A) |
| Secondary | 8294.0 kHz (8A) |

- Assume primary frequency will be used unless otherwise directed. All yachts shall monitor VHF Channel 71 during roll call for relay of any positions or other information unable to be heard on SSB. This roll call is for ALASKA EAGLE to gather any unreported position reports and weather information from yachts in the fleet.
- 28.5 If a yacht cannot successfully communicate her position by email, SSB, or VHF then she must report her position to TPYC by SAT Phone to one of the Race HQ telephone numbers. (Race HQ telephone numbers and email addresses will be included in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions.)
- 28.6 Any yacht whose position report is not received by ALASKA EAGLE by the end of roll call or who is unable to communicate by SSB or SAT Phone either a weather or position report when requested by ALASKA EAGLE will be protested and may be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.
- 28.7 Any yacht whose transponder signals are not received by the tracking service will be contacted by Email or SAT Phone by ALASKA EAGLE who may request additional position reports at 6 hour intervals.
- 28.8 As soon as possible after morning roll call a report consisting of each yacht's reported position, distance to go, corrected time, and fleet and class position will be emailed to each yacht. ALASKA EAGLE will read out all positions and standings on SSB at this time to conclude the Roll Call process. ALASKA EAGLE will remain on the SSB roll call frequency for any missed information at the conclusion of roll call.
- 28.9 Each yacht must send a position report via email to the Transpac 2011 Position Report email address and receive an acknowledging confirmation before 1200 on July 2, 2011.

## **29 NAVIGATION**

- 29.1 Each navigator shall keep a plot and log of the yacht's track during the race.



**30 THE FINISH**

- 30.1 The finish line is the seaward projection of a line bearing 203° magnetic from Diamond Head Lighthouse to the approximate area of a red flashing buoy R “2”, three quarters of a mile offshore. The line must be crossed within one hundred (100) yards of the buoy, leaving it to starboard. The finish line may be illuminated by a searchlight at night.
- 30.2 When finishing between dusk and daylight, the mainsail number shall be illuminated before finishing and long enough afterward to aid in positive identification.
- 30.3 **Mandatory 100 Mile Report:** When 100 nautical miles from the finish line, email TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu (see Appendix 1 for email addresses and telephone numbers) giving your yacht’s identification, position, and ETA in Hawaii Standard Time (HST) at the finish. *(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time)* The Race Committee will provide a very short automatic email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for email positions are as described below:

**Subject line or Header:**

100 Mile Report –“ Boat Name, Sail Number and Date “Medicine Man, 97777 - July 18, 2011”

**Body:**

100 Mile position Lat and Long in degrees and minutes: “100 Mile position is: 24 15 N, 130 41 W”

ETA at Diamond Head (HST)

Optional brief comments if desired

All messages should be sent using plain text to minimize message size.

If a confirmation message from TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu is not received contact TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu on 4146.0 (4A) SSB or Sat Phone and identify your yacht. TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will take your position report and ETA in Hawaii Standard Time (HST) at the finish line. *(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time)*. If unable to contact TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu, contact Communications Vessel ALASKA EAGLE.



- 30.4 **Mandatory 25 Mile Report:** When 25 nautical miles from the finish line, email TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu (see Appendix 1 for email addresses and telephone numbers) giving your yacht's identification and ETA at the finish. (*Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time*) The Race Committee will provide a very short automatic email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for email positions are as described below:

**Subject line or Header:**

25 Mile Report – Boat Name, Sail Number and Date "Medicine Man, 97777 - July 18, 2011"

**Body:**

ETA at Diamond Head (HST)

Optional brief comments if desired

All messages should be sent using plain text to minimize message size.

If a confirmation message from TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu is not received contact TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu on 4146.0 (4A) SSB or Sat Phone and identify your yacht. TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will take your position report and ETA at the finish line. (*Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time*). If unable to contact TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu, contact Communications Vessel ALASKA EAGLE. Any required assistance (tow, etc.) is to be reported at this time. After completing your 25 mile report, monitor marine VHF Channel 71 until instructed to shift to VHF Channel 68 after finishing.

- 30.5 **Mandatory Makapuu Point Report:** When Makapuu Light bears 345° magnetic, call TRANSPAC DIAMOND HEAD on VHF Channel 71 and report your updated ETA at the finish. Monitor Channel 71 through the finish line.
- 30.6 Any yacht failing to report at 100 miles, 25 miles, and Makapuu Point will be protested and may be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.
- 30.7 **Finish at Diamond Head Buoy:** Upon crossing the finish line (30.1) each yacht will record their finish time (HST) in the yacht's log and on the Compliance Certificate. The Light House Committee will call you on Channel 71 to verify your order of finish and finish time.
- 30.8 **After Your Finish:** Switch to VHF Channel 68 after clearing with the Lighthouse. The Transpac Committee boat assigned to escort you to Ala Wai Harbor will contact you on Channel 68. Should you need any special assistance (need a tow) please notify the committee boat at this time.
- 30.9 Yachts finishing after 1300 hours, Hawaiian Standard Time, July 22, 2011, shall take her own time and report it to the Race Committee.



**31.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 31.1 Protests for infringement of the Racing Rules or Sailing Instructions shall be reported to the Race Committee aboard the Communications Vessel, indicating the name and sail number of the yacht protested and if the protested yacht has been notified of said protest. Upon acknowledgment of the protest report by the Race Committee, the protesting yacht may strike her protest flag until one hour before finishing. At the next morning roll call after receiving the protest report from the protesting yacht, the Communications Vessel shall advise the protested yacht of the pending protest. Such notification by the Communications Vessel shall not relieve the protesting yacht of its obligation under RRS 61.1(a) to inform the protested yacht at the first reasonable opportunity. One hour before finishing, the protesting yacht shall again display her protest flag conspicuously in the rigging and keep it flying until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 31.2 Any yacht being protested by the Race Committee will be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction within 24 hours after the time the yacht finishes the race.
- 31.3 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee and Transpac Race headquarters in Honolulu. Protests shall be delivered there within eight (8) hours of the protesting yacht's finish.
- 31.4 Notices will be posted at the window of the Transpac Race headquarters to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing locations and times will be posted.

**32 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 32.1 All competitors are urged to carefully review the US Sailing prescriptions to the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls and Multihulls. Your attention is specifically drawn to the amended US Sailing prescription that provides as follows: "US SAILING prescribes that the safety harness may be integrated with an inflatable personal floatation device (see OSR 5.01.4) and recommends that such devices be employed whenever conditions warrant, and always in rough weather, on cold water, or at night, or under conditions of reduced visibility or when sailing short-handed. US SAILING prescribes that safety harnesses and PFD's shall be worn on Category 0 and 1 races from sundown to sun up while on deck." (Emphasis added.) (see OSR 5.02.4) Skippers, navigators and watch captains will be required to certify compliance with this provision as a part of the skipper's Compliance Certificate.
- 32.2 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, report such act by radio to the Communications Vessel or to the Coast Guard, requesting that notification of such retirement be relayed to the Transpac Race Headquarters in Honolulu. The owner or skipper shall notify the race committee as soon as possible upon arriving at their destination following retirement. The owner or skipper then must report the circumstances in writing to the Race Committee chairman no later than July 22, 2011.
- 32.3 All yachts are requested to monitor VHF 16 during the race.



**33.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

33.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

33.2 Arrival inspection procedures will be covered in the skipper's packet.

**34 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

34.1 Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Transpacific Yacht Club, and its host organizations and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this race.



**APPENDIX 1 COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION**

1.0 Listing of all Race HQ Email Addresses and Telephone Numbers

[PosReport@transpacrace.com](mailto:PosReport@transpacrace.com) (for Daily Position Reports, will be automatically forwarded to Alaska Eagle & Race Committee)

[RaceHQHonolulu@transpacrace.com](mailto:RaceHQHonolulu@transpacrace.com) (for 100 Mile and 25 Mile Reports will be automatically forwarded to Race HQ, the Shack & Race Committee)

Transpac Mainland (310) xxx-xxxx (Backup voice for Position Reports, other essential traffic)

Race HQ Honolulu (808) xxx-xxxx (Backup voice for 100 Mile and 25 Mile Reports and other essential traffic.)

SSB Frequencies to contact ALASKA EAGLE or Transpac Race HQ Honolulu

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|-----------|-----------------|
| Primary   | 4146.0 kHz (4A) |
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VHF 71 Diamond Head Lighthouse Finish

VHF 71 Race HQ Honolulu at The Shack

VHF 68 Ala Wai Escort after the Finish

(To Be completed/finalized later.)