



**Transpac 2017**  
**Navigator's Debrief**  
**0930 - Friday, July 21, 2017 – Waikiki Yacht Club**  
**Summary Notes**

Ahoy, and thanks to all for a great turnout at this debrief. Below I've attempted to summarize some of the thoughts of the morning. Feel free to email me and let me know if there is more to edit/add. With a couple exceptions, I haven't used names here in the summary – all your input was much appreciated.

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**Daily Position Reports**

- Perhaps modify or extend the strict 0800PDT daily position report to be more flexible on timing, a bigger window to report within. RC uses YB tracking data for daily position reports, email check ins basically a “health and welfare” check in for the boat.
- Review 100NM/25NM (email), and 5NM (VHF/voice) check in reports
- VHF reception extremely poor or non-existent for 5NM report
- Switch all email reporting to one, single email address
- Confirm voice phone calls being answered properly, again perhaps one phone number for RC, to encompass Mainland/Honolulu RC's
- Review, clarify, tighten up, and **enforce** Catalina West End special position reports in the SI's

**Starts**

- July 16th, 2019 is Full Moon, starts will precede that full moon
- “Aloha” class and smaller boats should have more than 2 day advance start on faster fleets/starts
- Multi Hulls should have later start than sleds and fast monohulls

## **AIS and YB tracking**

- AIS required in SER's, but not required to be turned on, review
- YB tracking to remain delayed, 4 hours agreeable, much discussion as there always is. However, near unanimous "straw vote" on this topic to remain delayed
- Language must be added to Race Documents prohibiting any sort of tampering with the YB tracker once activated and installed. No tin/aluminum "pie plates", tin foil, etc. Infractions of this SHALL be protested, and perhaps with a fixed penalty, i.e. DQ, or RRS69 violation
- Added after the debrief – should TPYC require personal AIS devices to be used on each crewmember?

## **Safety and Communications**

- Should we require VHF 16 to be monitored 24/7 while racing?
- Proper PFD/Harness/Tether equipment already spelled out in the SER's. Transpacific YC should require NOR/SI's modified and an affidavit signed on arrival that PFD/Tethers etc. had been worn by all crew sunset to sunrise.

## **Rule 41.c Discussion – Stan Honey**

- Stan updated and requested comment on Rule 41.c which allows "help in the form of information freely available to all boats"
- World Sailing has been in discussions on how to allow or penalize weather information etc. that is "freely" available to all boats. Two World Sailing cases:
  - [Case 120](#)
  - [Case 121](#)
- Describes the rule and how to change it. In general, there was much discussion about what sort of weather, subscriptions to weather, etc. will still be "freely available" and what sorts may be added/modified in NOR/SI's to allow for some other form of weather/wind forecast service might be allowed
- General feeling is that the stricter interpretation of the rule is preferred. Although some competitors might inadvertently cheat, we don't agree with the feeling "Everybody cheats so let's make it legal". General consent we DON'T want to do it that way!
- The group of navigators concluded that we could distribute a best practice outline for navigators. The handout would reduce the likelihood of inadvertent cheating by inexperienced navigators. Suggestions might include to use a separate Predict Wind free account so a navigator does not accidentally download a paid subscription weather forecast. The handout could describe which services are ok, and how to use services in such a way as to not accidentally use paid for data

## **Overall**

One note for competitors that came up after the briefing was a request that we post the Trophy Ceremony program ahead of the ceremony, so no one is surprised too much, and factual errors can be corrected before being called up to the podium.