



**2017**

## ***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 (PDT) [GMT -7], Hawaiian Standard Time (HST) [GMT -10] is used for reporting all ETA's and finish times.*

### **21 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

21.1 Notices to competitors published will be sent to all owners whose entries have been accepted. Notices to competitors published will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the Transpac web site at [www.TranspacYC.com](http://www.TranspacYC.com). Copies of the Notices may also be posted at Shoreline Yacht Club, at the Los Angeles Yacht Club, and at the TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu (The Shack).

### **22 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

### **23 SCHEDULE OF RACE STARTS**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Order</u>	<u>First Warning Signal</u>
Monday, July 3	First Start Monohull Divisions	1255
Wednesday, July 5	Second Start Monohull Divisions	1255
Thursday, July 6	Third Start Monohull Divisions	1255
	Multi-Hull Divisions	30 minutes after Monohull Start



**24 CLASS FLAGS**

- 24.1 Class Flags will be:  
Class and Division flag assignments will be announced as soon as possible after the close of entries. For the purpose of signaling the start, a large Transpac 2017 Race flag will be used in lieu of the class flags.

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

**25 THE COURSE**

- 25.1 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.

**26 THE START**

- 26.1 The starting line will be located near Point Fermin Buoy at approximately 33° 41.5'N, 118°17.5W.
- 26.2 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 26.3 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
- 26.4 The starting line will be between 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 a limiting buoy to protect the Race Committee boat. No boat shall sail between this limiting buoy and the Race Committee boat if so set. Any boat sailing between the limiting buoy and the Race Committee boat shall be deemed OCS.
- 26.5 The Race Committee boat will be on station from 1130 PDT hours on the days of the starts. Each boat shall pass close by the Race Committee boat and be visually identified prior to the warning signal. Boats not checking in may be protested.
- 26.6 Upon entering the starting area each boat 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.
- 26.7 Each boat shall display both the Transpac 2017 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 boat's start and again at least 30 minutes prior to the boat's finish. Boats not displaying these pennant(s) may be protested.
- 26.8 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 26.7.
- 26.9 Any boat 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 shall be protested and shall be penalized two hours of elapsed time in lieu of being scored OCS.

**27 RECALLS**



- 27.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify recalled boats 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 POSITION REPORTING**

- 28.1 Each boat shall report her 0800 PDT position daily before 0900 PDT by email or SMS text message as described below. The email address for Daily Position Reports is found in Appendix 1 of this document. Per SI 28.6 boats not reporting their 0800 PDT position by 0900 PDT may be protested.

The Race Committee will provide an automatic response to all emails. Boats not receiving an Auto Response should assume that the Race Committee has not received the most recent email. Note – this only applies to email reports; SMS text will not provide an Automatic Response.

- 28.2 The preferred format for email position reports is as described below:

### **Subject line or Header:**

0800PDT Position Report Boat Name, Sail #, Date i.e.: “MyBoatName, 99999 - July XX, 2017”

### **Body:**

- 1) 0800PDT position Lat/Long in degrees, minutes: “0800 PDT Position is: 33° 4 N, 118° 117 W”
- 2) Sea and sky conditions, wind direction (magnetic) and velocity (knots), and barometric pressure (millibars)
- 3) Optional brief comments if desired

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

- 28.3 Per NoR 4.3.4 each boat shall send a position report via email or text messaging using the same system on the boat as will be used during the race to the Transpac 2017 Position Report email address ([PosReport2017@TranspacYC.com](mailto:PosReport2017@TranspacYC.com)) and receive an acknowledging confirmation beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> and, without penalty, prior to two days before their scheduled start, or the boat may be protested.
- 28.4 All boats are required to transmit via email a Special Position Report formatted as described in 28.2 to the TRANSPAC RACE HQ after their start and prior to the earlier of passing the West End of Catalina Island or sunset. Transpac Race HQ will send a return message acknowledging receipt of the report. Should the boat be unable to perform this email position report she shall repair the cause and comply before continuing in the race. Failure to successfully transmit the boat’s position at the West End via email may result in the boat being protested.
- 28.5 If a boat cannot successfully communicate her Daily Position Report by email or relay to another boat, she must report her 0800 PDT position to TRANSPAC RACE HQ by Sat Phone to one of the TRANSPAC RACE HQ telephone numbers found in Appendix 1.
- 28.6 Any boat whose Daily Position Report is not received by 0900 PDT or who is unable to communicate by email or Sat Phone either a weather or position report when requested by the Transpac Race HQ shall be protested and will be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.



- 28.7 Any boat whose transponder signals are not received by the tracking service will be contacted by email or Sat Phone and shall be required to transmit additional position reports at 4 hour intervals and may be protested for failure to do so.
- 28.8 As soon as possible after Daily Position Reports are received by TRANSPAC RACE HQ a report consisting of each boat's reported position, distance to go, corrected time, and fleet and class position will be emailed to each boat.

The Daily Standings and Position Report is planned to be sent at or before 1000 PDT. It will also include a list of any boats whose email position reports have not been received by the Race Committee and notification of any boats with transponder failures.

- 28.9 Access to yellow brick delayed tracker is allowed. Access to yellow brick real time live tracker except in the last 100 miles is a violation of rule 41 and subject to protest.

## **29 NAVIGATION**

- 29.1 Each navigator shall keep a plot and log of the boat's track during the race. Computer plots or logs will be accepted.

## **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 "R2", three quarters of a mile offshore. The line must be crossed within one hundred (100) yards of the buoy, leaving it to starboard. A searchlight may illuminate the finish line 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 boat's identification, position, and ETA in Hawaii Standard Time (HST) at the finish. *(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time)* TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will provide a very short email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for email positions are as described below:

#### **Subject line or Header:**

100 Mile Report - "MyBoatName, 99999 - July XX, 2017"

#### **Body:**

- 1) 100 mile report Lat/Long in degrees, minutes: "100 Mile Position is: 21° 20 N, 157° 81 W"
- 2) ETA Diamond Head Finish **(HST)**
- 3) 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 by Sat Phone and identify your boat. 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)***

- 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 boat's identification and ETA at the finish. **(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time)** TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will provide a very short email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for email positions are as described below:

**Subject line or Header:**

25 Mile Report - "MyBoatName, 99999 - July XX, 2017"

**Body:**

- 1) 25 mile report Lat/Long in degrees, minutes: "25 Mile Position is: 21° 20 N, 157° 81 W"
- 2) ETA Diamond Head Finish **(HST)**
- 3) 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, the boat shall contact TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu (808-946-9065) by Sat Phone and identify your boat and position. TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will take your position report and ETA at the finish line. **(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time UTC/GMT – 10 hours)**. 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 5 Mile Report:** When 5 Nautical Miles from the Diamond Head Light call TRANSPAC DIAMOND HEAD on VHF Channel 71, identify your boat and report your updated ETA **(HST)** at the finish. (Note – Be sure to use the fixed VHF with masthead antenna for these reports. Handheld VHF transmissions may not be heard!) Monitor Channel 71 through the finish line.
- 30.6 Any boat failing to report at 100 miles, 25 miles, and 5 miles shall be protested by the Race Committee 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 boat will record their finish time **(HST)** in the boat's log and on the Compliance Certificate. The Diamond Head Lighthouse Committee will call you on Channel 71 to verify your order of finish and finish time. (Note – Be sure to use the fixed VHF with masthead antenna for these reports. **Handheld VHF transmissions may not be heard!**)
- 30.8 **After Your Finish:** Switch to VHF Channel 68 after clearing with the Lighthouse. The Transpac Honolulu Committee boat assigned to escort you to the vessel's pre-designated mooring location, will contact you on Channel 68. Should you need any special assistance (need a tow) please notify the Transpac Honolulu Committee boat at this time.
- 30.9 Boats finishing after 1300 hours, Hawaiian Standard Time, July 21, 2017 shall take her own time and report it to the TRANSPAC RACE HQ.
- 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, indicating the name and sail number of the boat protested and if the protested boat has been notified of said protest. Upon acknowledgment of the protest report by the Race Committee, the protesting boat may strike her protest flag until one hour before finishing. At the next morning's email report after receiving the protest report from the protesting boat, the Race Committee shall advise the protested boat of the pending protest. Such notification by the Race Committee shall not relieve the protesting



boat of its obligation under RRS 61.1(a) to inform the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. One hour before finishing, the protesting boat 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 boat being protested by the Race Committee will be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction within 24 hours after the time the boat finishes the race.
- 31.3 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee and Transpac Race headquarters in Honolulu. (The Shack) Completed protest forms shall be delivered there within eight (8) hours of the protesting boat's finish.
- 31.4 Notices will be posted on the bulletin board at the Transpac Race headquarters in Honolulu 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 A boat that retires from the race shall notify TRANSPAC RACE HQ immediately and continue doing so every four hours until a response is received, continue to make daily position reports per SI 29 and keep clear of the finish line. The owner or skipper shall notify TRANSPAC RACE HQ as soon as possible upon arriving at their destination following retirement and provide a written report of the circumstances to the Race Committee chairman no later than 11 August 2017.
- 32.2 **All boats are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF 16 during the race. All boats are required to monitor VHF 16 during the 0800-0900 PDT Position Reporting period while racing and to relay any position reports they may hear from other competitors unable to report by email or Sat Phone. All boats are reminded of the requirement of NOR 14.1 that satellite telephones shall be powered and configured at all times to receive calls. Boats without satellite phones are required to monitor VHF 16 at all times.**

## **33.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 33.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 33.2 After a boat finishes, no member of her crew shall leave the boat, until
  - (a) The Transpac Honolulu arrival inspectors have inspected the boat for compliance with the US SERs for Ocean races as per the NOR, and the Person In Charge, Navigator, and Watch Captains have signed and verified Compliance Certificates attesting to compliance with all race rules (These affidavits will be filed by the arrival inspectors with the Race Committee.), and
  - (b) The Transpac Honolulu Pier Operations Committee has collected completed Hawaii official arrival forms and any prohibited food.
- 33.2.1 Failure to comply with 33.2 shall be grounds for protest of the boat by the Race Committee
- 33.2.2 Boats shall follow all post race instructions for their safety and the safety of all involved. Failure to follow a post race command of the Race Committee shall be grounds for protest.



**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

[PosReport2017@transpacyc.com](mailto:PosReport2017@transpacyc.com) (for Daily Position Reports, will be automatically forwarded to Race Committee)

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

Transpac Race Committee: **424-352-6588** Backup voice/SMS for Position Reports, other essential traffic. Also to be used for any emergency calls to the Race Committee.

Transpac Race HQ: **808-946-9065** Backup voice for 100 Mile and 25 Mile Reports and other essential traffic. After July 21, 2017 use this voice number to report finish times per 30.9

***Please use the boat's fixed VHF with masthead antenna for all VHF transmissions.***

VHF 71 Transpac Race Committee at the Start

VHF 71 Diamond Head Lighthouse Finish

VHF 71 Race HQ Honolulu at The Shack

VHF 68 Ala Wai Escort after the Finish