

# Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club 2016 Summer Dinghy Series

## Notice of Race

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 2013 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all current members of Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club. Members of other sailing clubs, who have been checked out in the NHH boats are also welcome to participate, on a space available basis or to supply their own boats. You must be a member of some organized sailing club to participate.
- 2.2 You must know your basic right of way rules to participate. If you are on the same tack as another boat, who has the right of way? If you are on different tacks, who has the right away? If you don't know the answers, you will not be permitted to race - this is a safety issue.
- 2.3 We will have multiple divisions for the purpose of awards at the end of the series. All divisions will start and race together. Skippers may choose to race in the A or B division for the series. The top three finishers from the previous years regatta are required to select A division, all others may select the division of their choosing. Sailors under 18 years old will select the division of their choice, but are also competing for youth only awards at the end of the series.
- 2.4 Eligible sailors may enter by sending e-mail to [rgreever@hotmail.com](mailto:rgreever@hotmail.com) by midnight the Thursday before each race, specifying your desire to race.
- 2.5 All sailors must compete in boats provided by Na Hoa Holomoku (which will include private boats of NHH members), boats provided by other clubs or their own private boats. Skippers using one of the six newer Lasers must have been checked out on these boats BEFORE signing up to race.
- 2.6 The number of boats available strictly limits the number of entries. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing committee (Richard).
- 2.7 We expect to have 9 Lasers, 2 Hobie Ones and 8 Sunfish available to sail each race. Lasers may be sailed with either a Standard or Radial sail, at the skippers discretion. Finish times will be adjusted based on standard handicap numbers for the class you are sailing. Lasers will be assigned to specific skippers. Skippers choosing Hobie One's or Sunfish will not be assigned a specific boat, but will be responsible for selecting their own boats and equipment on race day. Double handed boats up to 16 feet will be permitted, but must sail with the same crew for all races to compete for the series awards.

- 2.8 Sailors requesting to race will be notified via e-mail by 6pm on Friday, whether there is space for them or not.
- 2.9 Failure to appear for a race after being accepted will result in being scored as DNS for each race, and your application for the next race will be considered after everyone else.
- 2.10 Unregistered skippers may show up to the skippers meeting on race day and request to participate. If on time and space is available, you will be accommodated. If space is not available, you will not be able to sail, but support on the beach is always welcome.

### **3 FEES**

- 3.1 There is no fee for entry (other than your membership dues). Donations to help cover award costs would be appreciated, a suggested donation is \$10 for the series.

### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 The Dinghy Series will consist of 6 days of racing, with approximately 6 races scheduled for each day.
- 4.2 Racing will be held the second and fourth Sunday of each month, June through August; June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14 and August 28.
- 4.3 There will be a skipper's meeting at 10:30am each race day. Rules, course, boat rotations will all be covered. The skipper's meeting is required for all skippers. If you miss, you don't race.
- 4.4 Rigging of boats will begin at approximately 11:00am.
- 4.5 The first race will begin after the race marks have been set and all boats are in the starting area. It is hoped to start the first race by 12:00.
- 4.6 We will attempt to run multiple races each day. No races will be started after 3:15pm.
- 4.7 The Race Committee and skippers on the water may jointly decide to cancel further racing for the day based on weather... to heavy or too light. The Race Committee may cancel further races for any reason.
- 4.8 A skipper is not required to sail all races. If conditions change and the skipper is not comfortable, the skipper may retire for the day. The Race Committee needs to be notified. There may be other skippers waiting for the opportunity to sail.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 The Race Committee will call the course before each race from the Committee Boat. Shorter courses for light wind, longer courses for higher wind. The goal is that most boats finish in about 20 minutes.
- 5.2 All boats must check-in on the water with the Committee Boat before the first race of the day. The Race Committee will record your name and sail number for that race, and will inform the skippers of the first course to be sailed. All boats should remain close to the start area after checkin.

- 5.3 When the Race Committee is ready to provide the course for the next race, they will raise the preparatory flag. This will happen after the previous race has been completed or abandoned.
- 5.4 The lowering of the preparatory flag after check-in, indicates the Race Committee is ready to begin start sequence. All boats need get to the starting area if not already there. The start sequence will begin within 1 minute of the preparatory flag being lowered.
- 5.5 Further instructions and/or changes will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

## **6 VENUE**

- 6.1 All races will be conducted within Hilo Bay between the beach and the shipping channel.

## **7 THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The course will be announced before each race by the Race Committee. A triangle course will be set, with a start line between the windward and leeward marks. The Committee Boat will mark one side of the start/finish line, a buoy will mark the other.
- 7.2 Courses will normally be Triangles (start, windward, reaching, downwind, finish) or Hotdogs (start, windward, downwind, finish). One or more triangles or hotdogs may be specified. When more than one lap is called, the start/finish line is not restricted.

## **8 THE START/FINISH**

- 8.1 The race start sequence is as follows: 2 minute horn, 1 minute horn, 30 whistle, 20 whistle, 10 whistle, a whistle at 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and the start horn at zero.
- 8.2 The start/finish line will be between a pole displaying the club burgee on the Race Committee Boat on one side and a buoy the other side of the line.
- 8.3 Other buoys may be set to provide a buffer zone around the Committee Boat. These will be described at the skipper's meeting.
- 8.4 Once finished, boats must stay clear of the finish line and the approach to the finish line, until all other boats have finished, or the race has been called due to time.

## **9 TIME LIMITS**

- 9.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored based on the position on the course, as determined by the Race Committee.
- 9.2 Three long blasts of the horn will signal the end of the current race. All boats still on the course should return to the start area as quickly as possible to prepare for the next race.

## **10 PROTESTS**

- 10.1 No protests will be accepted.

- 10.2 Equipment failure that requires a skipper to abandon a race, which is not the fault of the competitor at the time of the breakage, will be grounds for redress. The skipper will not be scored for the race, but the race will count towards the minimum number of races required for ranking in the final series. The damaged boat is counted for computation of the score of the other skippers participating in that specific race.

## **11 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 11.1 All competitors shall wear passive personal flotation devices at all times.
- 11.2 A competitor that retires from racing for the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The [High Point Percentage Scoring System](#) will be used for this series.
- 12.2 If a skipper completes more than 5 races in a day, the worst score for the day will be excluded. The excluded race still counts towards meeting minimum race participation requirements.
- 12.3 Result for each day's races will be published after the race.
- 12.4 Series standings will be updated and published after each race.
- 12.5 To be ranked in the final series standings, you must complete at least 12 races total and participate in at least 3 of the 6 race days. A day supporting the Race Committee will count as one of the required race days. To be eligible for youth awards, you must complete at least 5 races total and race on at least 2 of the race days.
- 12.6 Failure to appear for a race day after applying and being accepted will result in a DNS score for each race run that day. Exception can be made based on circumstances by the Organizing Committee.
- 12.7 Points awarded to finishers for each race will be based on the number skippers who participated that day, regardless whether they participated in a specific race. If 10 boats start the first race, but only 8 sail the remainder races, winning skippers for all races are awarded 10 points.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 Radio transmissions are limited to communication on Channel 69 between racers and the Race Committee. Communication on channels other than 69 or with parties not involved in the race are forbidden. Cell phones may not be used on the course.

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 The Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club perpetual trophy will be awarded to the NHH club member with the highest ranking at the end of the series, regardless as to division

entered. Award subject to minimum of 12 races completed and participation on 3 different race days.

- 14.2 Awards will be presented to the first three finishers in the A division and the first three finishers in the B division at the end of the series. Award subject to minimum of 12 races completed and participation on 3 different race days.
- 14.3 An award will be given to the top youth sailor for the series. Award subject to minimum of 5 races and racing on two different race days.
- 14.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the organizing committee.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 For further information, please contact Richard Greever – [rgreever@hotmail.com](mailto:rgreever@hotmail.com)
- 16.2 Additional information and changes to this Notice will be announced at the morning skipper's meeting.
- 16.3 The goal of this series is to give people the opportunity to race, to have fun, and enjoy sailing.