

Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club 2019 Summer Dinghy Series

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 2017-2020 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 an 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 soling2003@hotmail.com by midnight the Thursday before each race, specifying your desire to race and what type of boat you are going to sail.*
- 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 (Gary).
- 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 Portsmouth 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. We will also have Toppers available for junior sailors. Sailors requesting to race will be notified via e-mail by 6pm on Friday, whether there is space for them or not.

- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. 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 a \$5 fee for entry (in addition to your membership dues). Please submit this the morning of your first race. This is to help cover award costs for the series. Mahalo.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The Dinghy Series will consist of 5 days of racing, with approximately 6 races scheduled for each day.
- 4.2. Racing will be held the fourth Sunday of each month, May through Sept. The dates are as follows: May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25 and Sept. 22, 2018. 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 the skippers meeting, you don't race.
- 4.3. Rigging of boats will begin at approximately 11:00am.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. We will attempt to run multiple races each day. No races will be started after 3:15pm.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. 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 must be notified if you go in for any reason. There may be other skippers waiting for the opportunity to sail and we want to keep track of all sailors.

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 stronger 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 check-in.
- 5.3. The lowering of the “come within hail” flag after check-in, indicates the Race Committee is ready to begin the start sequence. All boats need get to the starting area if not already there. The start sequence will begin within 1 minute of the “come within hail” flag being lowered.
- 5.4. 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. The course will be set, with a start line between the windward and leeward marks. The Committee Boat will mark the starboard side of the start/finish line, a buoy will mark the port side. All marks will be left to port unless otherwise specified.
- 7.2. Courses will normally be Triangles (start, windward, reaching, reaching, finish) or Hotdogs (start, windward, downwind, finish). One or more triangles or hotdogs may be specified. The start/finish line is not restricted. (You can go thru the start and finish line if you want).

8. THE START/FINISH

- 8.1. We will be using US Sailing’s Audible-Signal racing system as outlined in Appendix U of the Rules of Racing. The new starting system is as follows: 3 minutes, 3 long horns, 2 minutes, 2 long horns, 1 min. and 30 sec. , 1 long and one short, 1 minute, 1 long horn, 30 sec., 3 short, 20 sec., 2 short, , 10 sec., 1 short at 1 second intervals at 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 seconds and then a long start horn at zero. Basically it is just giving us 3 minutes instead of 2 for the starting sequence. We are planning on having flags for the start sequence, which will help sailors even when they can’t hear the horns.
- 8.2. The start/finish line will be between a flag on the Race Committee Boat on the starboard side and a buoy on the port side of the line. Further instructions and/or changes will be announced at the skipper’s meeting.

- 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. Protests will be accepted again this year. The purpose of this change is to provide education about the protest process and the Racing Rules of Sailing to all sailors, and to ensure that all rules are followed. We will have some instruction about the Racing Rules of Sailing open to all NHH members before the first race. Also, all members are encouraged to visit [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-\[20946\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-[20946].pdf) and read the Racing Rules of Sailing or purchase the latest (2017-2020) edition of these rules.
- 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.

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. Scoring will be according to The Rules of Racing Appendix A and the Low Point system as per Appendix A4.
- 12.2. If a skipper completes 6 or more races during a race day, the worst score for the day will be excluded. Each skipper's race scores will be added, and boats will be ranked with the lowest scoring boat in first place.
- 12.3. If a skipper participates in 3 or more race days, the best 3 daily scores will be counted for the series overall score. The best 3 daily scores will be added together and the skipper

with the lowest total will score first place for the series, next lowest will be scored 2nd place, etc.

- 12.4. Ties will be broken as in Appendix A8 –Series Ties, excepting instead of using individual races, we will be using daily scores for scoring purposes.
- 12.5. Results for each day's races will be published at the end of the race day, or as soon as practical, on the NHH web page.
- 12.6. Series standings will be updated and published after each race day, or as soon as practical, on the NHH web page.
- 12.7. To be eligible for the NHH Summer Series Dinghy Championship in A Fleet or B Fleet , you must complete at least 10 daily races and participate in at least 3 of the 5 race days. A day supporting the Race Committee will count as one of the required race days and 5 daily races. To be eligible for the Youth Fleet awards, you must complete at least 5 races total and race on at least 2 of the race days. (A day supporting the Race Committee also counts as 1 race day and 5 daily races)
- 12.8. 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.
- 12.9. The series will be using Portsmouth Handicaps as posted by US Sailing as the handicap system for scoring each race.

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 overall ranking at the end of the series, regardless as to the division entered. Award subject to minimum of 10 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 10 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 Gary Morgan – soling2003@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.