

**Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club
2021 Summer Laser & Sunfish Series**

**Notice of Race
May 2021**

RULES

The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 2021-2024 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The series is open to all current members of Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club including junior members who are approved by their coaches to sail.

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.

Eligible sailors may enter by sending an e-mail to Kaitlyn Anderson at kaitlynelaine12@gmail.com by midnight the Thursday before each race, specifying your desire to race.

All sailors must compete in boats provided by Na Hoa Holomoku (which will include private boats of NHH members). The club owns four Lasers, and there are seven privately owned Lasers available for use. Skippers using one of the seven privately owned Lasers must have been checked out on these boats BEFORE signing up to race. The Race Committee reserves the right to allow other boats (non-NHH/Member boats) to participate, but prior approval is required.

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 (Kaitlyn).

We will have two Laser fleets for scoring purposes in this series. One is the Open Laser Fleet, where you are free to choose the appropriate sail for you and the conditions of the day (Standard, Radial or 4.7). The second fleet is the Radial Laser Fleet, where you can choose between Radial or 4.7 sails as desired. You are free to select your fleet for this series without regard to whether you were A or B fleet in past years. You are required to remain in the fleet you chose at the beginning of the season through the end even if you chose to switch sail sizes.

Any sailors on something other than a Laser will be scored against the other boats of your type. Find a friend to sail also, so you have competition in your fleet. This series is not open to Topper sailors, as their series is on another day.

Sailors requesting to race will be notified via e-mail by Friday evening, whether there is space for them or not.

Failure to appear for a race after being accepted will result in your request for the next race day to be considered after everyone else.

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.

FEES

There is a \$10 entry fee for this series. This can be waived based on financial hardship; we don't want the fee to be the reason you don't participate.

SCHEDULE

The Dinghy Series will consist of 4 days of racing open to everyone. These will all be qualifying races for a final day of racing, the Trophy Race Day. We will attempt 6 races for each day of racing.

Racing will be held the fourth Sunday of each month, June through October: June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26. The final regatta will be held on October 24th for the season trophy.

To qualify for the Trophy Race Day, you must finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in one of the four open race days or serve in the Race Committee. It is encouraged that each racer work at least one race committee day on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday. 11 boats will be assigned, first going to 1st place finishers in each fleet, then 2nd place, then 3rd place until all 11 slots are assigned. If there are still boats to be assigned, we will go deeper into the results.

There will be a **skipper's meeting at 10:30am** each race day. Rules, course, boat assignment will all be covered. The skipper's meeting is required for all skippers. If you miss, you don't race.

Rigging of boats will begin at approximately 11:00am.

The first race will begin after the race marks have been set and all boats are in the starting area. We will attempt to get the first race underway by **12:00pm**.

We will attempt to run multiple races each day. **No races will be started after 3:00pm.**

The Race Committee and skippers on the water may jointly decide to cancel further racing for the day based on weather... too heavy or too light.

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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 by around 20-30 minutes. We will end the race at 40 minutes for the first finisher.

All boats must check-in with the Committee Boat before the first race of the day. The Lima flag will be raised when the Race Committee is ready for checkins. 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.

The lowering of the Lima flag after check-in, indicates the Race Committee is ready to begin the start sequence. All boats need to get to the starting area if not already there. The start sequence will begin within 1 minute of the Lima flag being lowered.

The course for the next race will be posted on the Committee Boat by the time the Start Sequence begins.

Penalties – right of way violations, two turn penalty. Hitting a mark, one turn penalty.

Further instructions and/or changes will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

VENUE

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

THE COURSES

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 the port side of the start/finish line.

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.

If we have multiple fleets, with significantly different speeds, the Race Committee may select different courses based on boat type. The Lasers may do two triangles, while the Sunfish complete a single triangle or hotdog course. All fleets will have the same start.

THE START/FINISH

The race start sequence will follow Appendix U of the 'Rules'. This consists of a series of audible (whistle) sound signals. The signals are as follows:

- Attention! - multiple short whistles indicate the start sequence is about to begin
- 3 minutes to start (Warning): 3 long whistles
- 2 minutes to start (Preparatory): 2 long whistles
- 1 minute 30 second: 1 long, 3 short whistles
- 1 minute: 1 long whistle
- 30 seconds: 3 short whistles

- 20 seconds: 2 short whistles
- 10 seconds: 1 short whistle
- Last 5 seconds, 1 short whistle per second (5, 4, 3, 2, 1)
- 0 seconds (Start): 1 long whistle

The start/finish line will be between a pole displaying the Laser logo (or alternative described at the Skipper's meeting) on the Race Committee Boat marking the starboard side of the line and a buoy marking the port side of the line.

Other buoys may be set to provide a buffer zone around the Committee Boat. These will be described at the skipper's meeting.

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.

TIME LIMITS

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.

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.

PROTESTS

Protests will be allowed. Protests must be presented to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee returning to shore. If you plan to protest, please inform the race committee on the water if possible. You will be shown where the protest forms are during the skipper's meetings.

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.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

All competitors shall wear passive personal flotation devices at all times.

A competitor that retires from racing for the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

SCORING

The **Low Point Scoring System** will be used for each day of racing.

Each day, your worst score will be excluded. If 6 races are completed, for the days ranking.

Results for each day's races will be published after the race.

Results for each class will be broken out each day.

The scores of the first four race days will be used to determine slots in the Trophy Race, to be sailed on October 24.

1st place finishers in both the Open Laser and Radial Laser fleets will be guaranteed one of the 11 available spots in the Trophy Race. The other spots are awarded at the end of the three race days. Open spots will go to the 2nd place finishers, then 3rd, and so on, for each of the race days until all 10 boats are awarded. If a sailor is unable to sail the Trophy Race, the boat will be offered to the next eligible sailor.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

PRIZES

The Ha Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club perpetual trophy will be awarded to the NHH club member with the lowest score on the Trophy Race Day (October 31st). An award will also be given to the Open Fleet and Radial Fleet winner of the Trophy Race Day (one of which will have also won the trophy).

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Kaitlyn Anderson at kaitlynelaine12@gmail.com

Additional information and changes to this Notice will be announced at the morning skipper's meeting.

The goal of this series is to give people the opportunity to race, to have fun, and enjoy sailing.