



2015

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

20 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

20.1 Notices to competitors published will be emailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the Transpac web site at 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).

21 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

22 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 13	First Start Monohull Divisions	1255
Thursday, July 16	Second Start Monohull Divisions	1255
Saturday, July 18	Multihull Start	1225
Saturday, July 18	Third Start Monohull Divisions	1255



23 CLASS FLAGS

23.1 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 2015 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

24 THE COURSE

24.1 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.

25 THE START

25.1 The starting line will be located near Point Fermin Buoy at approximately 33° 41.5'N, 118°17.5W.

25.2 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26. (The warning signal will be given 5 minutes before the starting signal)

25.3 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

25.4 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.

25.5 The Race Committee boat will be on station from 1130 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 may not check in by radio.**

25.6 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.

25.7 Each boat shall display both the Transpac 2015 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. This changes RRS 56.



- 25.8 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 25.7. This changes RRS 56.
- 25.9 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 will be protested and may be penalized two hours of elapsed time in lieu of being scored OCS.

26 RECALLS

- 26.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.
- 26.2 A boat subject to recall may be identified by the Principal Race Officer on VHF 71, TRANSMITTED APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES AFTER THE START SIGNAL. 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.

27 POSTPONEMENT

- 27.1 Postponements will be signaled in accordance with RRS 27.3. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify boats on VHF Channel 71.

28 DAILY POSITION REPORTING

- 28.1 Each boat must report her 0600 PDT position daily before 0700 PDT by email or SMS text message. The email address for the Transpac RC Daily Position Reports is found in Appendix 1 of this document. If SMS Text is used it should be sent to the same email address listed in Appendix 1. Per SI 28.6 boats not reporting their 0600 position by 0700 PDT may be penalized.

The Race Committee will provide an automatic response to all emails. Boats not receiving an Auto Response should assume that the most recent email or message has not been received by the Race Committee.



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

Subject line or Header:

0600 PDT Position Report <Boat Name>, <Sail Number> and <Date>
Example: Medicine Man, 97777, July 18, 2015”

Body:

1. 0600 PDT position <Lat> and <Long> in degrees and minutes
Example: 0600 PDT Position is: 22 15 N, 135 41 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 format to minimize message size.

- 28.3 Each boat must send a position report via email using the same system on the boat as will be used during the race to the Transpac 2015 Position Report email address and receive an acknowledging confirmation before 1200 on July 10, 2015.
- 28.4 All boats are required to transmit via email a Special Position Report formatted as described in 28.2 to the **TRANSPAC RC** Position Report Address after their start and prior to the earlier of passing the West End of Catalina Island or sunset. **Transpac RC** will send a return message acknowledging receipt of the report. Any boat unable to perform this email position report must repair the cause and comply before continuing in the race. Failure to successfully transmit the boat’s position at the West End or sunset via email will result in the boat being protested and may be penalized up to and including disqualification.
- 28.5 If a boat cannot successfully communicate her Daily Position Report by email, SMS text, or relay to another boat, she must report her 0600 PDT position to **TRANSPAC RC** by Sat Phone to one of the **TRANSPAC RC** telephone numbers found in Appendix 1.
- 28.6 Any boat whose Daily Position Report is not received by 0700 PDT or who is unable to communicate by email or Sat Phone either a weather or position report when requested by the Transpac Race Committee shall be protested and may 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 RC** 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 0800 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.

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 ETA DIAMOND HEAD REPORTS (HAWAIIAN STANDARD TIME)

- 30.1 **Mandatory 100 Mile ETA Report:** When 100 nautical miles from the finish line, email **TRANSPAC RC 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 RC HONOLULU** will provide a very short email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for ETA position reports are as described below:

Subject line or Header:

100 Mile Report – <Boat Name>, <Sail Number> and <Date>
Example: Medicine Man, 97777, July 25, 2015

Body:

100 Mile position <Lat> and <Long> in degrees and minutes
Example: 100 Mile position is: 24 15 N, 130 41 W

ETA at Diamond Head (HST) at <Date>, <Time HST> Hawaii Standard Time
Example: ETA at Diamond Head July 25, 1845 HST

Optional brief comments if desired

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

If a confirmation message from **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** is not received contact **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** by Sat Phone and identify your boat. **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** will take your position report and ETA in Hawaii Standard Time (HST) at the finish line. *(Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time)*



- 30.2 **Mandatory 25 Mile ETA Report:** When 25 nautical miles from the finish line, email **TRANSPAC RC 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 RC HONOLULU** will provide a very short email response confirming receipt of all email messages.

The format for ETA position reports are as described below:

Subject line or Header:

25 Mile Report – <Boat Name>, <Sail Number> and <Date>
Example: Medicine Man, 97777, July 25, 2015

Body:

25 Mile position <Lat> and <Long> in degrees and minutes
Example: 25 Mile position is: 24 15 N, 130 41 W

ETA at Diamond Head (HST) at <Date>, <Time HST> Hawaii Standard Time
Example: ETA at Diamond Head July 25, 1800 HST

Optional brief comments if desired

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

If a confirmation message from **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** is not received contact **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** by Sat Phone and identify your boat. TRANSPAC RACE HQ Honolulu will take your position report and ETA at the finish line. (*Be Sure to Use Hawaii Standard Time*). 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.

- 30.3 **Mandatory 5 Mile ETA 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. If it is not possible to contact **TRANSPAC DIAMOND HEAD** on VHF 71, call **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU** and report as above. (see Appendix 1 for telephone numbers)
- 30.4 Any boat failing to report at 100 miles, and/or 25 miles, and/or 5 miles will be protested and may be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.

31 THE FINISH

- 31.1 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. The finish line may be illuminated by a searchlight at night.
- 31.2 When finishing between dusk and daylight, the mainsail number shall be illuminated before finishing and long enough afterward to aid in positive identification.



- 31.3 **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 (**TRANSPAC DIAMOND HEAD**) 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!)
- 31.4 **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.
- 31.5 Boats finishing after 1300 hours, Hawaiian Standard Time, July 31, 2015, shall record her own time when Diamond Head Lighthouse bears 023° magnetic and report it to the **TRANSPAC RC HONOLULU**.

32.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 32.1 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).
- 32.2 Any boat being protested by the Race Committee for an infraction during the race will be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction within 24 hours after the time the boat finishes the race.
- 32.3 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.
- 32.4 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.



33 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 33.1 All competitors are urged to carefully review the US Sailing prescriptions to the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls and Multihulls. Your attention is specifically drawn to the amended US Sailing prescription that provides as follows: “US SAILING prescribes that the safety harness may be integrated with an inflatable personal floatation device (see OSR 5.02.4) and recommends that such devices be employed whenever conditions warrant, and always in rough weather, on cold water, or at night, or under conditions of reduced visibility or when sailing short-handed. US SAILING prescribes that safety harnesses and PFD’s shall be worn on Category 0, 1, 2, and 3 races from sundown to sun up while on deck.” (Emphasis added) (see OSR 5.02.4) Skippers, navigators and watch captains will be required to certify compliance with this provision as a part of the skipper’s Compliance Certificate.
- 33.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify **TRANSPAC RC** as soon as possible, or report such act to the Coast Guard, requesting that notification of such retirement be relayed to **TRANSPAC RC**. The owner or skipper shall notify **TRANSPAC RC** as soon as possible upon arriving at their destination following retirement. The owner or skipper then must report the circumstances in writing to the Race Committee chairman no later than July 31, 2015.
- 33.3 **All boats are strongly encouraged to monitor VHF 16 during the race. All boats are required to monitor VHF 16 during the 0600-0700 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.**

34.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 34.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 34.2 After finishing and before the crew can leave the boat, the Transpac Honolulu arrival inspectors may inspect the arriving boat for compliance with OSR Category 1 as per the NOR. The Person In Charge, Navigator, and Watch Captains will be required to sign and verify Compliance Certificates attesting to compliance with all race rules. These affidavits will be filed by the arrival inspectors for the Race Committee.

Before the crew can leave the boat the Transpac Honolulu Pier Operations Committee will collect completed Hawaii official arrival forms and prohibited food.

35 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 35.1 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.