



## ***Transpacific Yacht Club***

### ***2012 Los Angeles to Tahiti 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 [GMT -7], Tahiti Time [GMT -10] is used for reporting all ETA's and finish times.*

#### **20 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 20.1 Notices to competitors published prior to April 19, 2012 will be emailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted at the email address provided on the entry. Notices to competitors will also be posted on the official Notice Board located at the Los Angeles Yacht Club. Notices will also be posted on the official web site at [www.TranspacRace.com](http://www.TranspacRace.com).

#### **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.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Warning Signal</u></b>
Friday, April 20	All 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.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Flag</u></b>
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1



**24 THE COURSE**

The course will be from the starting line near Point Fermin, California to the finish line off Pointe Venus, Tahiti, leaving the West End of Catalina Island to Port and leaving the Mataiva Atoll in the Tuamotus 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 a staff supporting 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 limiting buoy to protect the Race Committee boat. No yacht 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. Each yacht shall pass close by the Race Committee boat and be visually identified prior to the warning signal. Yachts may not check in by radio.

25.6 Upon entering the starting area each yacht 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 Should a special class, as a group, elect to display a special class flag, in addition to 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.

25.8 Any yacht 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 will be penalized two hours of elapsed time in lieu of being scored OCS.

**26 POSTPONEMENT**

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

**27.0 RECALLS**

27.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify recalled yachts 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 ROLL CALL**

28.1 Each yacht's Yellowbrick tracker is scheduled to transmit its 0600 PDT position. This position will be forwarded to Transpac Race HQ. **Yachts are required to have email capability and to successfully test this email capability to the Transpac Race Committee as described in 28.9.** Each yacht shall email her 0600 position and local weather conditions to the Transpac Race Committee prior to 0700 PDT each morning. The Transpac Race Committee will email fleet positions and standings to all yachts as described in 28.8.

28.2 It is mandatory for each yacht that has started to report their 0600 PDT position to Transpac Race HQ by 0700 PDT each day. Transpac Race HQ will accept email positions sent to the Daily Position Report email address before 0700 PDT. The Race Committee will attempt to provide a short automatic email response confirming receipt of all email messages. Race HQ telephone numbers and email addresses will be included in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions. Per SI 28.6 yachts not reporting their 0600 position shall be protested and may be penalized.

28.3 The recommended format for email positions are as described below:

**Subject line or Header:**

0600 Position Report Boat Name, Sail Number and Date "Sailing Fast, 12345 – April 22, 2012"

**Body:**

1. 0600 PDT position Lat and Long in degrees and minutes: "0600 PDT Position is: 24 15 N, 130 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 formatting to minimize message size.**

28.4 As soon as possible after 0700 PDT Transpac Race HQ will notify any yachts whose position information has not been received and request 0600 PDT position information. It is the responsibility of each yacht to ensure that their 0600 position is reported to Transpac Race HQ.

28.5 If a yacht cannot successfully communicate her position by email, then she must report her position to TPYC by Sat Phone to one of the Race HQ telephone numbers. (Race HQ telephone numbers and email addresses will be included in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions.)



- 28.6 Any yacht whose position report is not received by Transpac Race HQ by 0900 PDT or who is unable to communicate by email or Sat Phone either a weather or position report when requested by Transpac Race HQ will be protested and may be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.
- 28.7 Any yacht whose transponder signals are not received by the tracking service will be contacted by Email or Sat Phone by Transpac Race HQ who may request additional position reports at 6 hour intervals.
- 28.8 As soon as possible after morning roll call a report consisting of each yacht's reported position, distance to go, corrected time, and fleet and class position will be emailed to each yacht.
- 28.9 Each yacht must send a position report via email to the Transpac Position Report email address and receive an acknowledging confirmation before 1200 PDT on April 19, 2012.

## **29 NAVIGATION**

- 29.1 Each navigator shall keep a plot and log of the yacht's track during the race.

## **30 THE FINISH**

- 30.1 The finish line is the seaward projection of a line bearing 270° magnetic from the Pointe Venus Lighthouse, on the island of Tahiti, extending one and one half mile offshore. The Pointe Venus Lighthouse is located at approximately 17° 30'S, 149° 30'W. The line must be crossed at least one half mile offshore to avoid a fringing reef surrounding Pointe Venus. Each yacht is requested to follow the radio procedures below to assist the finishing committee and inform other yachts in the race.
- 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.
- 30.3 100 Mile Report: When 100 miles from the finish line, contact Transpac Race Committee by email and identify yourself and announce ETA at the finish. The Race Committee will relay this email to other competitors.
- 30.4 10 Mile Report: When 10 miles from the finish line, call Transpac Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 and report your updated ETA at the finish. Monitor Channel 71 through the finish line.
- 30.5 Finish at Pointe Venus: Upon crossing the finish line (30.1) each yacht will record their finish time in the yacht's log and on the Race Affidavit. Contact Transpac Race Committee by email and announce on 4146.0 (4A) SSB or VHF 71 the yacht identification and finish time. The Race Finish Committee may call you on Channel 71 to verify your order of finish and finish time.
- 30.6 After Your Finish: Follow instructions of the Follow Me boat for escort in to Papeete Harbor. Yachts must be prepared to clear Tahiti Customs and Immigration requirements.



**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 yacht protested and if the protested yacht has been notified of said protest. Upon acknowledgment of the protest report by the Race Committee, the protesting yacht may strike her protest flag until one hour before finishing. At the next morning roll call after receiving the protest report from the protesting yacht, the Race Committee shall advise the protested yacht of the pending protest. Such notification by the Race Committee shall not relieve the protesting yacht of its obligation under RRS 61.1(a) to inform the protested yacht at the first reasonable opportunity. One hour before finishing, the protesting yacht 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 yacht being protested by the Race Committee will be notified of the protest and the alleged infraction within 24 hours after the time the yacht finishes the race or within 24 hours of the Race Committee learning of an infraction should that occur after finish..
- 31.3 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee and Transpac Race headquarters in Papeete. Protests shall be delivered there within eight (8) hours of the protesting yacht's finish.
- 31.4 Hearings will be conducted as soon as possible and may make use of telephone conference or other methods to convene a jury.

**32 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 32.1 All competitors are urged to carefully review the US Sailing prescriptions to the ISAF 2012-2013 Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls and Multihulls (OSR). 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 PFDs shall be worn on Category 0 and 1 races from sundown to sun up while on deck." (Emphasis added.) (see OSR 5.02.4) The US SAILING prescription to OSR 5.01 requiring all personnel on deck to wear PFDs while starting and finishing is not in force for this race.

Skippers, navigators and watch captains will be required to certify compliance with this provision as a part of the skipper's Compliance Certificate.

- 32.2 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. The owner or skipper shall also notify the Race Committee 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 May 3, 2012.
- 32.3 All yachts are requested to monitor VHF 16 during the race.



**33.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

33.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

33.2 Arrival inspection procedures will be covered in the skipper's packet.

**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

[PosReport@transpacrace.com](mailto:PosReport@transpacrace.com) (for Daily Position Reports, will be automatically forwarded to Transpac Race HQ & Race Committee)

Transpac Mainland 213-500-3545 (Backup voice for Position Reports, other essential traffic)

SSB Frequencies to contact other race boats.

Primary	4146.0 kHz (4A)
Secondary	8294.0 kHz (8A)

VHF 71 Pt Venus/Tahiti YC Lighthouse Finish