

KAUA'I CHANNEL RACE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
August 8, 2025
Nawiliwili Yacht Club
Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 World Sailing 2024-2025 Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Any change to the sailing instructions or notices to competitors will be posted on both the Kaua'i Channel Race website (<http://www.kauaichannelrace.com>) and on the official notice boards located at Kāne'ohe Yacht Club by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 The classes consist of PHRF Monohull A, B, X, and Multihull.
- 3.2 The PHRF classes may be combined based on the number of entries.
- 3.3 The Class flag for all classes is a yellow flag.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the 5-minute warning signal is 0655 hours on Friday, August 8, 2025, for all classes.
- 4.2 The start is scheduled for 0700 for all classes.

5. THE RACE AREA

- 5.1 The race will start off the entrance of Kāne'ohe Bay Channel, O'ahu and finish at Nawiliwili Harbor, Kaua'i, Hawai'i.
- 5.2 The distance is 95 nautical miles.

6. THE START

- 6.1 The race will be started using RRS rule 26 with the following addition: An attention signal (a series of long blasts) will be made one minute before the warning signal.
- 6.2 The starting line will be between the Kāne'ohe Bay channel entrance buoy [RW"K"Mo(A)8s], located about N 21° 31' 05", W 157° 48" 14" and the race committee boat. The committee boat will fly the Race Committee flag when on station.

7. THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between the Nawiliwili Harbor Channel Buoy (G"5") and the race committee, ashore on the Nawiliwili mole near buoy (R"6").
- 7.2 Boats are recommended to call the race committee on VHF Channel 68 approximately one (1) hour prior to their anticipated finish.
- 7.3 If contact is not clear, continue attempts until transmission is successful or call the race committee by cell phone at the number to be provided at the skippers meeting to report your impending finish. You may also contact the escort boat if need be by calling the number provided at the skippers meeting.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall so inform the race committee at the finish or at the NYC race office within the protest time limit.

8.2 A boat starting On the Course Side (OCS) at the start and failing to return shall be penalized by having thirty minutes added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS 28.2, 29.1, and Appendix A5.

9. TIME LIMIT

9.1 Boats finishing after 2100 hours on August 8, 2025 shall take their own time and report it to the race committee ashore at the NYC clubhouse or call their time in to (808) 651-0969 if the clubhouse is not open.

9.2 Boats failing to finish by 0900 hours on August 9, 2025, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Protests shall be submitted on forms available at the race tent.

10.2 Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 0900 hours, August 9, 2025. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

10.3 Notices will be posted at the race tent within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

10.4 Hearings will be held near Kauai Sailing Association beginning at 0900 hours, August 9, 2025.

10.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

11. SCORING

11.1 Scoring shall be as specified in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring System. The application of handicaps will be Time-on-Time scoring using $TCF=480/(DWC \text{ HPHRF})$.

11.2 If a boat has an established HPHRF Down-Wind rating, that rating must be used. If the boat does not have an established HPHRF Down-Wind rating, the organizing authority will assign a rating based on all available information.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Boats starting the race shall check in with the race committee prior to the start by way of VHF radio Channel 68.

12.2 Each entrant shall identify their boat by NAME and SAIL NUMBER.

12.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee on Channel 68 as soon as possible. The race committee can also be contacted at the phone number provided at the skippers' meeting.

13. EQUIPMENT

13.1 Each boat shall conform to World Sailing 2024-2025 OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS, Governing Offshore Racing for Monohulls and Multihulls, Category 3.

13.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions by the race committee.

13.3 Conformance to these regulations or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the responsibility or liability of a boat's owner or skipper for the safety of the vessel and crew. Any inspection conducted by the race committee is not intended to be, and in fact does not constitute, any guarantee of such compliance.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 The race committee will broadcast information on VHF Channel 68 regarding individual and general recalls, and any special emergency announcements.

14.2 During the start sequence, race entrants shall not transmit over Channel 68 or attempt to contact the race committee.

14.3 Failure of any radio announcements shall not constitute grounds for redress.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the Kaua'i Channel Race Awards Brunch to be held at Nawiliwili Harbor August 9, 2025.

15.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded for:

First Monohull to Finish – Elapsed Time,

First Multihull to Finish – Elapsed Time,

First Monohull to Finish – Corrected Time in Fleet,

First Multihull to finish – Corrected time.

15.3 The number of individual prizes awarded will be determined by the race committee and will be based on the number of entries in the race.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 race.