

2008

Transpacific Yacht Club – Tahiti Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Transpacific Yacht Club Tahiti Race *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.*

25.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

25.1. Notices to competitors published prior to June 1, 2008 will be mailed to all owners whose entries have been accepted. Notices to competitors published after May 31, 2008, will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the lower-floor hallway at the Long Beach Yacht Club, and at the Los Angeles Yacht Club. Notices will also be posted on the web site at www.transpacificyc.org.

26.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

27.0 SCHEDULE OF RACE STARTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>
Sunday, June 22, 2008	All Divisions	1255

28.0 CLASS FLAGS

28.1 Class Flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Division 2	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 1	Numeral Pennant 1

28.2 The Start will be signaled by a large Transpacific Yacht Club (Transpac) burgee as the Class Flag on the race committee boat.

29.0 THE COURSE

29.1. 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.

30.0 THE START

30.1. The starting line will be located near Point Fermin Buoy at approximately 33° 41.8'N, 118°18.0W.

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

30.3. 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.

- 30.4. 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 buoy 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.
- 30.5. The Race Committee boat will be on station from 1200 hours. 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.
- 30.6. 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.
- 30.7. Each yacht shall display 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.
- 30.8. 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 30.7.
- 30.9. 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 will be penalized two hours of elapsed time in lieu of being scored OCS.

31.0 POSTPONEMENT

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

32.0 RECALLS

- 32.1. Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. The Race Committee will also attempt to notify recalled boats 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.

33.0 DAILY ROLL CALLS

- 33.1. Each yacht's transponder is scheduled to transmit its 0600 PDT position to Flagship Integration Services. Flagship Integration Services will then forward this information to the scoring committee of Transpac Race Committee. Yachts are required to have email capability and to successfully test this email capability to the Transpac Race Committee prior to the Skippers Meeting. Each yacht shall email her 0600 position and local weather conditions to the Transpac Race Committee prior to 0800 PDT each morning. The Transpac Race Committee will email fleet positions and standings to all yachts prior to 1000 PDT daily. Email addresses to be used and email message format will be included in the skipper's information packet and will be provided to each entrant prior to the Skippers Meeting.

- 33.2. Each yacht will participate in a morning roll call for boats that have started beginning June 23 on one of the following frequencies:

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

Assume primary frequency will be used unless otherwise agreed. All yachts are requested to monitor VHF Channel 71 during roll call for relay of any positions or other information unable to be heard on SSB. The lead yacht will act as moderator for this roll call. Yachts may agree to rotate or reassign the roll call moderator yacht. Each yacht shall log their roll call contacts.

- 33.3. Morning roll call will commence at 0800 PDT. The moderator yacht will call any yacht whose position is not available from Flagship for their position information.

33.3.1. When called for position:

1. Reply with yacht name and call sign, i.e. "UNSINKABLE WYR 5248".
2. For morning roll call give 0600 PDT position in degrees and minutes: 4 digits for latitude, and indicating North or South latitude, i.e., "TWO FOUR (pause) ONE FIVE NORTH." 5 digits for longitude, i.e., "ONE THREE ZERO (pause) FOUR ONE."
3. If you have official traffic, add: "HAVE TRAFFIC"
4. The moderator yacht will acknowledge by repeating back: "UNSINKABLE TWO FOUR (pause) ONE FIVE NORTH, ONE THREE ZERO (pause) FOUR ONE."

- 33.4. Every yacht shall be prepared at each morning roll call to report her 0600 PDT weather. If called respond with sea and sky conditions, wind direction (magnetic) and velocity (knots), and barometric pressure (millibars).

- 33.5. Any yacht failing to respond to a position report request by the Transpac Race Committee or relayed from the Transpac Race Committee, or unable to communicate a weather report will be protested and may be penalized up to 30 minutes for each infraction.

- 33.6. An optional, informal, fleet-wide evening chat period is scheduled every evening for 1900-2000 PDT on 4146.0. This "Happy Hour" or "Liars' Club" has been an interesting part of Transpac races in the past. Weather, performance, position, advice, or other information discussed during "Liars' Club" are not required (or even expected) to be truthful. Communications during "Liars' Club" are considered to be fleet-wide public communications, available to all competitors, and are not restricted by paragraphs 17.3, 20.0 or 39 of the NOR/SIs or by rule 41 of the RRS.

34.0 NAVIGATION

- 34.1. Each navigator shall keep a clear legible plot and log of the yacht's track during the race. In addition, the navigator shall take a minimum of four celestial sights and plot four lines of position and present corresponding worksheets in a sealed envelope to the race committee as soon as possible after finishing. (This may be upon return to the Mainland.) The sights and lines of position can triangulate one position. Not more than two of the sights and plots may be local noon sights. The foregoing shall be attested to on the compliance affidavit by the skipper and navigator. (Note: This changes NOR 19.0)

35.0 THE FINISH

- 35.1. 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.
- 35.2. When finishing between dusk and daylight, the mainsail number shall be illuminated before finishing and long enough afterward to aid in positive identification.
- 35.3. 100 Mile Report: When 100 miles from the finish line, contact Transpac Race Committee by email and on 4146.0 (4A) SSB and identify yourself and announce ETA at the finish.
- 35.4. 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.
- 35.5. Finish at Pointe Venus: Upon crossing the finish line (35.1) 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 the yacht identification and finish time. The Light House Committee may call you on Channel 71 to verify your order of finish and finish time.
- 35.6. After Your Finish: Contact Tahiti Yacht Services on VHF 71 to obtain clearance and mooring instructions. Yachts must be prepared to clear Tahiti Customs and Immigration requirements.

36.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 36.1. Protests for infringement of the Racing Rules or Sailing Instructions shall be reported by email to the Transpac 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 Transpac Race Committee shall advise the protested yacht of the pending protest. Such notification by the Transpac 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 after finishing. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 36.2. Any yacht being protested by the Race Committee will be notified no later than July 28, 2008 at 1800PDT of the protest and infraction.
- 36.3. Protest forms will be included in the Skippers Packet. Procedures to be followed for hearing and resolving any protests will be determined and announced to all affected competitors as soon as possible after the protesting yacht's finish.
- 36.4. Notices will be posted on the Race Committee bulletin board at Los Angeles Yacht Club. Hearings will be held upon return to the Mainland at a mutually agreed location and time. This time is expected to be during the week of July 28, 2008. All affected parties will be notified of the time and place.

37.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 37.1. 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 now provides as follows: “US SAILING prescribes that the safety harness may be integrated with an inflatable personal floatation device (see 5.02.5) 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 and 1 races from sundown to sun up while on deck.” (Emphasis added.) Skippers, navigators and watch captains will be required to certify compliance with this provision as a part of the skipper’s certificate of compliance.
- 37.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Transpac Race Committee as soon as possible. The owner or skipper shall 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 July 11, 2008.

38.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 38.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 38.2. Arrival inspection procedures will be covered in the skipper’s packet.

39.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 39.1 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.