Singlehanded Sailing Society
2011 GREAT PACIFIC LONGITUDE RACE
("The LongPac")
July 6 – July 12, 2011
Notice of Race

The LongPac Race is a 400 mile race from San Francisco to any point on Longitude 126°40' West and return, open to singlehanded and doublehanded yachts.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
1.1 The Race will be under the management of the Race Committee of the Singlehanded Sailing Society, which shall have the full power to establish and interpret the rules and conditions governing the Race, to decide all protests, and to reject the entry of any yacht at any time prior to the preparatory signal of the Race.

2. RULES
2.1 The Race will be governed by the 2009-2012 International Sailing Federation [ISAF] Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] as adopted by the United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, the 2011 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines [PHRF], except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race [NOR], the Sailing Instructions [SI], and any amendments to the SI. Additionally, the requirements of the appropriate measurement or handicap rules will apply. Also, the associated One-Design Class Rules will apply to a yacht that submits a PHRF One-Design Rating.

2.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea [COLREGS] shall replace part 2 of the RRS.

2.3 The Singlehanded Sailing Society reserves the right to amend or add to the racing rules at any time up to the start of the Race, such amendments being immediately promulgated to all entrants.

3. ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES OF SAILING
3.1 RRS 35 Time Limit and Scores: Yachts not finishing by 2400 hours PDT Tuesday, July 12th shall be scored DNF. If 50% of the yachts that started have not finished by that time, this deadline may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.2 RRS 50.2 Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles: One or more whisker poles may be used to pole out headsail(s). The length of the whisker poles may not exceed the LP of the largest rated headsail, and may not be used for setting the spinnaker.

3.3 RRS 51 Movable Ballast: Transferable water ballast is allowed. Refer to 2011 LongPac Race Rules and Conditions for specifics regarding requirements of movable ballast.

3.4 RRS 52 Manual Power: Mechanical or electric self-steering devices may be employed.

4. ADVERTISING CATEGORY
4.1 For advertising purposes, the Race is a Category C event, as per ISAF Regulation 20.

5. EQUIPMENT RULES
5.1 Yachts shall conform to the SSS 2011 LongPac equipment requirements as specified in the LongPac 2011 Race Rules and Conditions. Equipment requirements are available upon request as part of the LongPac race packet, and at www.sfbaysss.org.

6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 The Race is open to seaworthy cruising or racing yachts of any type or nationality, capable of safe ocean passages, provided the overall length on deck is between 20 feet and 60 feet. The Race Committee reserves the right to exclude any yacht that it regards as unseaworthy, or a yacht with inadequate equipment.

6.2 Each singlehanded yacht shall be skippered by one person, who shall be at least 18 years of age by July 6, 2011.

6.3 Each doublehanded yacht shall consist of one skipper and one crew, at least one of whom shall be at least 18 years of age by July 6, 2011.

6.4 The entrant (and/or crew of a doublehanded entry) shall have sailed in the entered yacht on a qualifying cruise of not less than 40 miles aboard the entered vessel. The qualifying cruise must be completed entirely under sail. For singlehanded entries, the qualifying cruise must have been singlehanded; for doublehanded entries, the qualifying cruise may have been either singlehanded or doublehanded.

6.5 All entered boats must pass an inspection laid out in the RRC by June 15, 2011.

7. ENTRY

7.1 A Singlehanded entry shall consist of a yacht plus a named Skipper who is at least 18 years of age by the start of the Race.

7.2 A Doublehanded entry shall consist of a yacht plus a named crew of two people, at least one of whom is at least 18 years of age by the start of the Race.

7.3 Entries must be made on the appropriate application forms and received and accepted by the Race Committee no later than June 15, 2011. The following items are required at the time application is submitted:
[a] A completed entry form,
[b] A signed waiver form,
[c] A completed sailing experience form,
[d] A copy of the entered yacht's 2011 San Francisco Bay Northern California Performance Handicap Rating (PHRF) for monohulls, or the 2011 Multihull Performance Rating (MPHRF) for multihulls,
[e] Details of the qualifying cruise.
[f] Digital photo of the boat.

7.4 The following item must be received no later than Sunday July 3, 2011:
[a] 406 MHz EPIRB registration number and emergency contact information.

7.5 All entered boats must carry a transponder provided by the SSS at no charge to the skipper.

8. SPONSORSHIP

8.1 Entries may be sponsored and/or financed by another person, body, or organization. The Singlehanded Sailing Society reserves the right to refuse an entry if it appears that the intent of the entry is to promote a commercial product not connected with the spirit of the Race. A yacht that displays advertising material by use of its name or through display of names or logos on the sails, spars, hull, or other part of the boat between the start and finish of the Race shall be deemed to be a sponsored entrant. Owners intending to display advertising material should clear the project for eligibility with the Race Committee upon application to race.

9. RESPONSIBILITY

9.1 Yachts must be fully independent and capable of carrying out their own emergency repairs at sea. Skippers have no right to expect or demand a rescue operation to be launched on their behalf.

9.2 Full responsibility for any mishap will rest with the owner or skipper under ordinary process of law. The organizers do not accept any responsibility towards the entrants nor towards third parties with whom the entrants may have been involved.

9.3 Any skipper deciding not to continue the Race after starting must notify the Race Committee as quickly as possible that he or she is withdrawing.

10. FEES

10.1 The entry fee shall be $75 for members of the Singlehanded Sailing Society, and $85 for non-members. Please deduct $10 if member of US Sailing. Sponsored entries will be surcharged $100.

11. SCHEDULE

June 15, 2011 @ 19:30	Entries are due
June 29, 2011 @ 19:30	Mandatory skippers meeting at Oakland Yacht Club
July 6, 2011	Race start
July 12, 2011 @ 2400	Race time limit expires
July 20, 2011 @ 19:30	Trophy presentation at Oakland Yacht Club

12. RATING CERTIFICATES

12.1 Each monohull yacht shall have a valid Northern California PHRF Certificate.

12.2 Each multihull yacht shall have a valid Bay Area Multihull Association MPHRF Certificate.

13. COURSE

13.1 The Start will be located in San Francisco Bay at the Golden Gate Yacht club, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

13.2 Competitors shall start, then cross the line of Longitude 126°40' West at any point, and then to the finish.

13.3 The Finish will be located in San Francisco Bay at the Golden Gate Yacht club, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

13.4 The handicap course distance is 400 nautical miles.

14. DIVISIONS AND SCORING

14.1 Singlehanded and Doublehanded divisions will be determined after the close of entries on June 15, 2011.

14.2 Scoring will be calculated using the time on distance allowance for the standard PHRF and MPHRF. The LongPac will not use the DW rating system.

15. TROPHIES

15.1 Singlehanded: First to finish; First on corrected time. Class trophies: First if three or more starters, Second if 6 or more starters, Third if 10 or more starters.

15.2 Doublehanded: First to finish; First on corrected time. Class trophies: First if three or more starters, Second if 6 or more starters, Third if 10 or more starters.

15.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. PENALTIES

16.1 Time penalties will be assessed for non-compliance with deadlines specified in the Notice of Race (NOR), and Racing Rules and Conditions (RRC).

16.2 Penalties for infringement of the RRS Rules shall be in accordance with RRS 44.3. The 720 penalty is disallowed [This modifies RRS 44.2].

16.3 A yacht that enters a restricted area may elect to be disqualified, or accept an alternative penalty of 2 hours added to their elapsed time.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For race forms, Race Rules and Conditions, Sailing Instructions, and all other questions, please contact:

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