SINGLEHANDED SAILING SOCIETY

22nd Singlehanded TransPacific Yacht Race
San Francisco to Hanalei Bay

Saturday June 27, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1. PREFACE

1.1 The Race is a sporting event, intended to encourage the development of suitable yachts, safety equipment, gear and techniques for shorthanded ocean crossings under sail.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

2.1 The Race is organized and managed by the Singlehanded Trans Pacific Race Committee (Race Committee) of the Singlehanded Sailing Society Inc. (SSS), which has the authority to establish and interpret the Race Rules and Conditions (RRC) 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.

3. COURSE

3.1 The Race will start on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at a time to be specified in the Race Sailing Instructions (SI). The Course will be from the starting line located near the Corinthian Yacht Club in San Francisco Bay, leaving the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge to port, thence by any course to the finish line located near Pu'u Poa Point at Hanalei Bay, island of Kauai, Hawaii.
3.2 The calculated distance for the Race is 2,120 miles.
3.3 The maximum duration of the race will be three weeks. Vessels finishing more than three weeks after the start will be marked as having finished after the deadline (FAD).

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The Race is open to documented or registered seaworthy sailing yachts of any type or nationality, provided the yacht's overall length on deck is between 20 feet and 70 feet. The Race Committee reserves the right to exclude any yacht.
4.2 Each yacht shall be skippered by one person who shall be at least 18 years of age by the starting date of the Race.
4.3 Each yacht shall have a Northern California PHRF Certificate. See yra.org/northern-california-phrf

5. RACING RULES

5.1 The Race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* [RRS] as adopted by the United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions and the 2020 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines [NCPHRF], except as any of these are altered by this Race's Notice of Race [NOR], Race Rules and Conditions [RRC], Safety Equipment Regulations [SER] and Sailing Instructions [SI], including any amendments. A yacht's one-design class rules will also apply if the entrant submits a PHRF One-Design Rating. The 2020 Northern California Multihull Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules (NCMPHRF Rules) will apply to all Multi Hull entrants.
5.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea [COLREGS] shall replace part 2 of the RRS.
5.3 For advertising purposes, the Race is Category C [per World Sailing reg. 20].
5.4 The Race's Rules and Conditions will be made available by January 21, 2020
5.5 The Race's Sailing Instructions will be provided to all entrants by June 8, 2020.
5.6 The Singlehanded Trans Pacific Race Committee reserves the right to amend the Race Rules and Conditions [RRC], Safety Equipment Regulations [SER] and Sailing Instructions[SI] [taken together, the Race Documents]at any time up to the start of the Race, such amendments being immediately distributed to all entrants.

6. SPONSORSHIP

6.1 Entries may be sponsored by another person, body or organization. The Singlehanded Sailing Society Inc. is grateful for any such help given to the competitors, but intends for this Race to remain a sporting event and reserves the right to refuse an entry if it is contrary to this intention or appears that its primary objective is to promote a commercial product.
6.2 A yacht that displays advertising material by use of its name or through display of names or logos on any part of the yacht, between assembly in San Francisco and dispersal in Hanalei Bay, shall be deemed to be a sponsored entrant.
6.3 Entrants intending to display advertising material should clear the project with the Race Committee when applying for the Race.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

7.1 Yachts must be equipped to be fully independent for at least 30 days and capable of carrying out emergency repairs at sea. Entrants have no right to expect or demand a rescue operation be launched on their behalf.
7.2 Full responsibility for any mishap will rest with the entrant. The organizers do not accept any responsibility towards the entrants or toward third parties with whom the entrants may be involved. Further, each entrant shall indemnify the organizers and hold them harmless for any mishap that occurs during or in any connection with the Race.
7.3 Any entrant deciding not to continue the Race after starting must notify the Race Committee as quickly as possible that he or she is withdrawing, per the communication plan.

8. DIVISIONS

8.1 Division assignments will be announced by the Race Committee by June 13, 2020.

9. RACE ENTRY CONTACT

9.1 When available, entry packets and documents may be obtained on the 2020 Singlehanded Trans Pacific page of the Singlehanded Sailing Society Inc., at www.sfbaysss.org. Jibeset will also contain entry information. www.jibeset.net.
9.2 Email address for Race Committee is ssstranspacific@sfbaysss.org.