

**Singlehanded Sailing Society**  
**2013 GREAT PACIFIC LONGITUDE RACE**  
**"The LongPac"**  
June 19 - June 25, 2013  
**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 LongPac 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 2013 - 2016 International Sailing Federation [ISAF] Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] as adopted by the United States Sailing Association [USSA], including the USSA Sailing Prescriptions, the 2013 Notice of Race and Standing Sailing Instructions of the Singlehanded Sailing Society [SSS], the 2013 Northern California Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Rules and Guidelines [PHRF], except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race [NOR], the Racing Rules and Conditions [RRC], 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, June 25 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 2013 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 2013 LongPac equipment requirements as specified in the LongPac 2013 Race Rules and Conditions. This amends SSS 8.b.

5.2 All entered boats must carry an automatic vessel detection system capable of alerting the skipper. Acceptable devices include: active radar, or an AIS receiver. Any other vessel detecting and alert system must be approved by the race committee.

5.3 All entered yachts must be capable of communicating their location to the Race Committee on a to be specified periodic basis for the duration of the race through SMS (text) or email. The mechanism of communications is at the entrants choosing such as - but not limited to- an SSB or Ham call to a friend that sends the text or email, SSB Pactor modem direct email, SPOT SMS, SatPhone SMS, or any other means.

## **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. This modifies SSS 4.a and b.

6.2 Each singlehanded yacht shall be skippered by one person, who shall be at least 18 years of age by June 19, 2013. This modifies SSS 9.d.

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 June 19, 2013. This modifies SSS 9.e.

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. 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 as specified in the 2013 LongPac Racing Rules and Conditions.

## **7. ENTRY**

7.1 Entries must be made on the appropriate application forms and received and accepted by the Race Committee no later than May 29, 2013. Applications must be received in hard copy. Electronic applications via email or fax are not allowed, except as noted. This modifies SSS 9.c.

7.2 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] Payment of fees,

[e] A copy of the entered yacht's 2013 San Francisco Bay Northern California Performance Handicap Rating (PHRF) for monohulls, or the 2013 Multihull Performance Rating (MPHRF) for multihulls (may be submitted electronically).

[f] Details of the qualifying cruise, and

[g] Digital profile photo of the yacht (must be submitted electronically).

7.4 The following item is required no later than Monday June 17, 2013:

[a] EPIRB certificate including serial number and emergency contact information (must be submitted electronically).

## **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 & LIABILITY**

9.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to race.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

## **10.FEES**

10.1 The entry fee shall be \$75 for members of the Singlehanded Sailing Society, and \$85 for non-members. Please add \$25 if doublehanded. Sponsored entries will be surcharged \$100. Please deduct \$10 if member of US Sailing. This modifies SSS 9.a and b.

## **11. SCHEDULE**

May 29, 2013 @ 18:00	Entries are due
May 29, 2013 @ 18:00	Mandatory skippers meeting at Oakland Yacht Club
June 19, 2013 @ 12:00	Race start
June 25, 2013 @ 24:00	Race time limit expires
Aug 14, 2013 @ 19:30	Trophy presentation at Oakland Yacht Club

This modifies SSS 6.

## **12. COURSE**

12.1 The Start will be located in San Francisco Bay at the Corinthian Yacht Club, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

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

12.3 The Finish will be located in San Francisco Bay at the Corinthian Yacht Club, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

12.4 The handicap course distance is 400 nautical miles.

## **13. DIVISIONS AND SCORING**

13.1 Singlehanded and doublehanded divisions will be specified in the 2013 LongPac Sailing Instructions.

13.2 Scoring will be calculated using the time on distance allowance for PHRF and MPHRF.

## **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.

This modifies SSS 18 and 19.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Entry Packets, Race Rules and Conditions, and Sailing Instructions may be obtained online: 2013 LongPac c/o Singlehanded Sailing Society at: [WWW.SFBAYSSS.ORG](http://WWW.SFBAYSSS.ORG) or by email from: [Knicksant@gmail.com](mailto:Knicksant@gmail.com).

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