

## MOORING IN KANEOHE BAY

It is an honor and privilege to be a part of the West Marine Pacific Cup, and we look forward to welcoming you to Kaneohe Yacht Club! Those of you who are familiar with our club know that it is somewhat of a challenge to accommodate all the boats that end up at our “little” club at the end of the race. However, what we may lack in size we more than make up with our “aloha spirit” and warm welcome for our guests.



Since there are a limited number of slips available, odds are you will either be rafting or you may have to anchor out in the bay. Unless your boat is over 60 feet, we will try to put you at the bulkhead or in the raft at the end of G pier for at least the first 24 hours.

Please note the following arrival and mooring guidelines, based on past experience and our best effort to be fair to all competitors.

### **ARRIVALS**

If your boat is really big (over 60 feet), we really do want to welcome you but we suggest you don't even try to come inside the reefs shown in the photo above and into the harbor. We will work individually with the big boats to accommodate specific requests, pick up your crew inside Kaneohe Bay and then give you a proper welcome when you arrive at the clubhouse.

For the rest, after you finish, we will likely have the escort committee bring you in to a slip at the end of our “G” pier (it's the shorter pier, on the right entering from the sea, and the lower pier in the picture above.) There you can sip a mai tai, kiss your loved ones, take your crew pictures and enjoy the party. Not necessarily in that order. If possible, you will keep that slip until the next day when we will move you elsewhere in order to accommodate the next finishers.

### **MOORING ARRANGEMENTS**

**If your boat draws under 7 feet** we will move you after the greeting party, to a raft at the Yacht Club's bulkhead. First boats in will tie bow-in with stern lines to mooring balls in the inner turning basin. This is a lovely place, close to the pool, lively and colorful, and a great chance to meet the crew of the other boats. (Plus a short walk back to the boat after the parties and limited opportunity to get into trouble.)

**If you draw over 7 feet** then you may not be able to float in the raft-up at the bulkhead. We don't have huge tides but trust us, you will be listing on mud if you attempt to park right at the bulkhead. For those boats that will not fit at the bulkhead, we will accommodate them, with bow anchors out at the end of G-pier until we run out of space. This will be handled on a “first come” basis. If you are the last boat out, two off the end, we apologize; please be understanding. Once the few slips and side ties are full we will require all boats to anchor out in Kaneohe Bay for a period. Additionally, if there should be inclement weather (i.e., high winds) beyond the capacity of our dock chains, we will require boats to moor out.

Anchoring in Kaneohe Bay is a special experience. It has a silty mud bottom with a few coral heads thrown in here and there just to make anchoring fun. The West Marine website has some excellent information on anchoring at [http://www.westmarine.com/boatsafe/tips\\_ops\\_anchor.htm](http://www.westmarine.com/boatsafe/tips_ops_anchor.htm) and

