



## HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK LASER DISTRICT 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 5 & 6, 2015

Coconut Grove Sailing Club - Miami, Florida, USA

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Only the following US Sailing prescriptions shall apply: rule 61.4, Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1.
- 1.3 Where there is a conflict between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at the Pavilion at the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The signal boat will display code flag L (with one sound) and competitors shall approach the race committee signal boat to receive the change.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Pavilion containing the Official Notice Board.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### Saturday, December 5

1030 hours	Competitor meeting
1200 hours	First warning signal

#### Sunday, December 6

1030 hours	First warning signal
1500 hours	No warning signal after 1500

The Race Committee will conduct as many races as practical.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Laser Class	Red Laser logo on white background
Laser Radial Class	White Laser logo on red background
Laser 4.7 Class	Solid yellow flag

### 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean East of Virginia Key.

### 8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams and descriptions in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal for that class, the course to be sailed will be indicated by a course designation placed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The starting mark and finishing mark will be yellow inflatables.
- 9.2 The windward 1A, leeward, and reach marks will be orange inflatables. The windward-offset mark will be an orange inflatable. Windward 1B mark will be a yellow inflatable.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be the same color as the original marks.
- 9.4 If only one gate mark is in place, it shall be rounded to port.
- 9.5 Start and finish marks, if located inside a boat, include the boat.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The start will be in accordance with rule 26. The warning will be 5 minutes before the start.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two Race Committee Boats, or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a starboard end Race Committee Boat and the course side of a port end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS rule 35, 63.1 and A5.
- 10.4 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may hail boats that are OCS.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may hail her sail number.
- 10.6 Hails described in 10.4 and 10.5 may be made by either the Race Committee Signal Boat or a port end Line Boat.
- 10.7 Failure of the Race Committee to make hails, the timing of hails, or the order of hails described 10.4, 10.5, and 10.6 will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.8 Recall and postponement flags may be displayed from a Race Committee port end Line Boat, or a Race Committee boat stationed to windward of the starting line, in addition to the Signal Boat.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or gate, or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practical.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard side of a Race Committee boat and a nearby finishing mark.
- 12.2 The Race Committee finishing boat will display code flag A without a sound signal while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing that day. If flag A is displayed over a class flag, the signal pertains to that class only. If flag A is not so displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE and receive a score of 1 more point than the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk located at the Pavilion. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3 The protest time limit for a class is 60 minutes from the time the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 14.4 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in white judges tent located southeast of the Regatta Desk Pavilion, beginning as soon as practical.
- 14.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted, changing RRS 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 The Low Point Scoring System of rule Appendix A will apply, with the following modifications:
- 15.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When 6 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 Laser Masters will be scored under the Masters division according to the Masters Handicap System.

## **16. SAFETY**

- 16.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 16.2 Competitors shall check out and sign out with the Regatta Desk prior to launching and check in and sign in with the Regatta Desk immediately upon any return to shore. Failure to check out/sign out as described in 16.2 will result in the competitor being scored DNC for the first race of the day. Failure to check in/sign in as described in 16.2 will result in the competitor being scored DNC for races sailed that day.
- 16.3 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal for the first race of each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to check in under 16.3 will result in the boat being scored DNC for the first race of that day.
- 16.4 A competitor who retires from a race or intends not to start a race will inform the nearest safety or Race Committee boat as soon as possible.
- 16.5 It is MANDATORY that all support and spectator boats monitor VHF channel 69 for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety. Support and spectator boats may enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee, or when they deem it necessary to assist a boat in distress. Competitors associated with support and spectator boats that fail to comply with 16.5 shall be disqualified from the entire event.

## **17. PRIZES**

1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Laser, 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Radial, 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> 4.7, 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Laser Master (master handicap).

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities, Host Club, and their officers, employees, Race Committee, agents, and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE W: Start-1A-OS-4S/4P-1A-OS-4P-Finish W

COURSE WB: Start-1B-4S/4P-1B-4P-Finish W

COURSE TO: Start-1A-2-3S/3P-2-3P-Finish T

COURSE TI: Start-1A-OS-4S/4P-1A-2-3P-Finish T

COURSE TIB: Start-1B-4S/4P-1B-2-3P-Finish T

