# Treasure Coast Laser Regatta US Sailing Center of Martin County Jensen Beach, Florida July 23, 2016

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Rules:

This regatta is governed by the *rules* as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing". (RRS).

## 2. Entry and Eligibility:

This regatta is open to all sailors in the Laser, Radial, and 4.7 Classes.

# 3. Notices to Competitors:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the upper deck.
- 3.2 Verbal changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water after display of the L flag and 1 horn.

## 4. Registration and Fees:

4.1 Registration will be \$20 and shall be done on-line with Regatta Network.

#### 5. Signals Made Ashore:

Signals made ashore shall be displayed from a flagpole at the east end of the USSCMC dock. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

## 6. Schedule:

Saturday July 23:

- 1100 Competitor's Briefing on the upper deck
- 1130 1st Warning. Other races to follow. The RC will run as many races as practical within the time limit. 1 race shall constitute a Regatta.
- 1600 No Warning will signaled after this time
- Burgers and Beverages will be prepared for competitor revelry.

# 7. Racing Area:

The sailing area will be the Indian River Lagoon generally east of the USSCMC property.

#### 8. Courses:

- 8.1 Course designations will be displayed on a white board on the side or stern of the Race Committee Signal boat.
- 8.2 Course Diagrams will be provided at the Competitor's Meeting.

#### 9. Marks:

All marks shall be as described on the course diagram.

#### 10. The Start:

- 10.1 Races will be started using Appendix S. The starting line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.2 The Class Flag will be a white flag with the Laser Class Logo or as described at the Competitor's Briefing.

#### 11. The Finish:

- 11.1 The finish line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 11.2 The finishing boat will sound a horn for first boat finishing signaling the start of the time limit in SI 12.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

#### 12. Time Limits:

- 12.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- Boats that are still present on the course but fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive one point more than the last boat that finished within the time limit. Boats that have left the course will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2, A5, and A11.
- 12.3 The time limit for a race will be 50 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1.

#### 13. Protests:

- Any boat intending to protest must inform the Race Committee signal boat immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred.
- 13.2 Appendix T, Section C will apply to all protests and requests for redress.

## 14. Scoring:

- 14.1 For individual divisions, Laser, Radial, and 4.7, the scores will be broken out of the overall scores.
- 14.2 All races will be scored. This changes rule A2.

#### 15. Safety and other Items.

- Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods necessary to add or remove clothing. This changes rule 40.1.
- Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
- 15.3 A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.
- 15.4 The penalty for a breach of SI 15 shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race closest to which the infraction occurred. This changes RRS A5.

## 16. Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA based on the number of entries in each fleet.

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