



2016 Masters US National Laser Championships
September 29-October 2, 2016
Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA
Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sailing Center of the Eastern Yacht Club.

3. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Casey flagpole on the harbor side of the Eastern Yacht Club

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes Race Signals.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 29

1600-2000 Check in and registration

Free Sail

Friday, September 30

0800-1000 Late check-in

1000 Competitor Briefing in the Sailing Center

1200 First warning signal, multiple races to follow

1900 approx. Dinner served after racing



Saturday, October 1

1100 First Warning Signal, multiple races to follow

1900 approx. Dinner served after racing

Sunday, October 2

1100 First warning signal, multiple races to follow

1500 No warning signal after this time

Awards and snacks as soon as possible after the final race

5.2 It is the intent of the organizing authority to run 10 races.

5.3 A maximum of five races will be sailed each day.

5.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing, means 'no more racing today'.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the waters outside Marblehead Harbor.

7. Courses

7.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark and the course to be sailed.

8. Marks

8.1 Original marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

8.2 The starting marks will be either anchored boats flying orange flags or a boat flying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron.

8.3 The finish marks will be an anchored boat flying a blue flag and a green tetrahedron.

8.4 New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 12, Change of Course, will be yellow tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

8.5 All offset marks will be orange balls.

8.6 A mid-line starting boat will be a mark of the course.



9 Class Flags

Class flags will be used for Lasers and Laser Radials. The Laser Flag will be a white flag with a red insignia.

The Radial Flag will be a green flag with a red insignia.

10. The Start

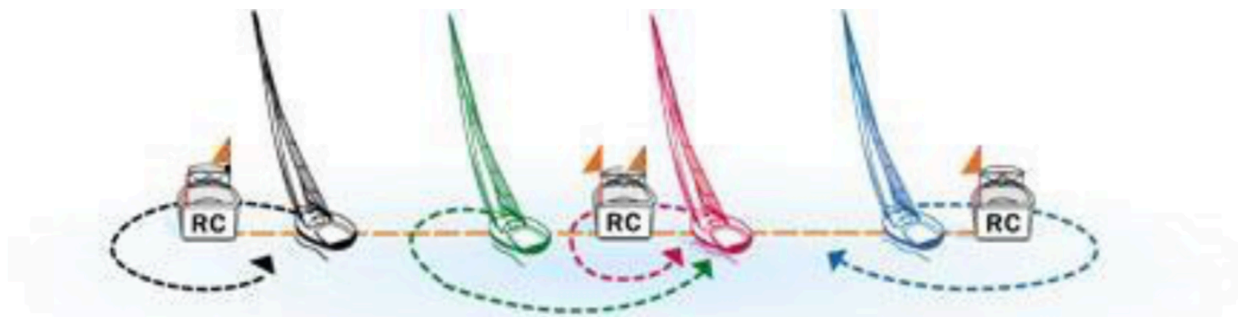
10.1 All competitors must “check in” by sailing past the stern of the signal boat prior to the first race of the day, hailing the last 4 digits of their sail number, and being acknowledged. Failure to check in will result in a 5-point penalty without a hearing for each race. This changes A5 rule 61 and rule 63.

10.2 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.4 It is the race committee’s intention to use a mid-line boat.

10.5 When rule 30.1 is in effect a boat may round the mid-line boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see the diagram below).



11. Change Of Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, or move the finishing line, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced; it will be replaced with an original mark.



12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at one end, and the finishing mark at the other end.

13. Penalty System

15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

15.2 Appendix P will apply, except that P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

14. Time Limit and Target Times

14.1 The target time for each race will be 60 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

15.2 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress, based on a protest committee decision, shall be delivered no more than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.5 If the race committee posts the list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scored, excluding her worst score.

16.3 The ILCA-NA scoring system will be used to score the series.



16.4 Apprentices add 3 points to each race score, Masters add 2, Grand Masters add 1 and Great Grand Masters add 0.

16.5 When two or more competitors are tied the tie shall be broken as follows: within an age division, a tie shall be broken as described in rule A8; across the age divisions, a tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor from the older division.

17. Safety

17.1 Personal flotation devices (non-inflatable) shall be worn while afloat except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40.

17.2 A boat that retires for the day shall notify the race committee as soon as prior to leaving the racing area.

17.3 In addition, when reaching land, a retiring boat shall notify the race committee by calling 617-791-1585.

18. Coach, Support, and Spectator Boats

For the trapezoid, triangle or windward/leeward courses, any coach, support, and spectator boat shall remain 50 yards outside of the racing area.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participates in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. Trophies

20.1 Overall champion and first woman will be determined by the NA age handicap system the Full and Radial Fleets.

20.2 The Tony Dahlman Trophy will be awarded to the finisher in the exact middle of the Standard fleet per the deed of gift.

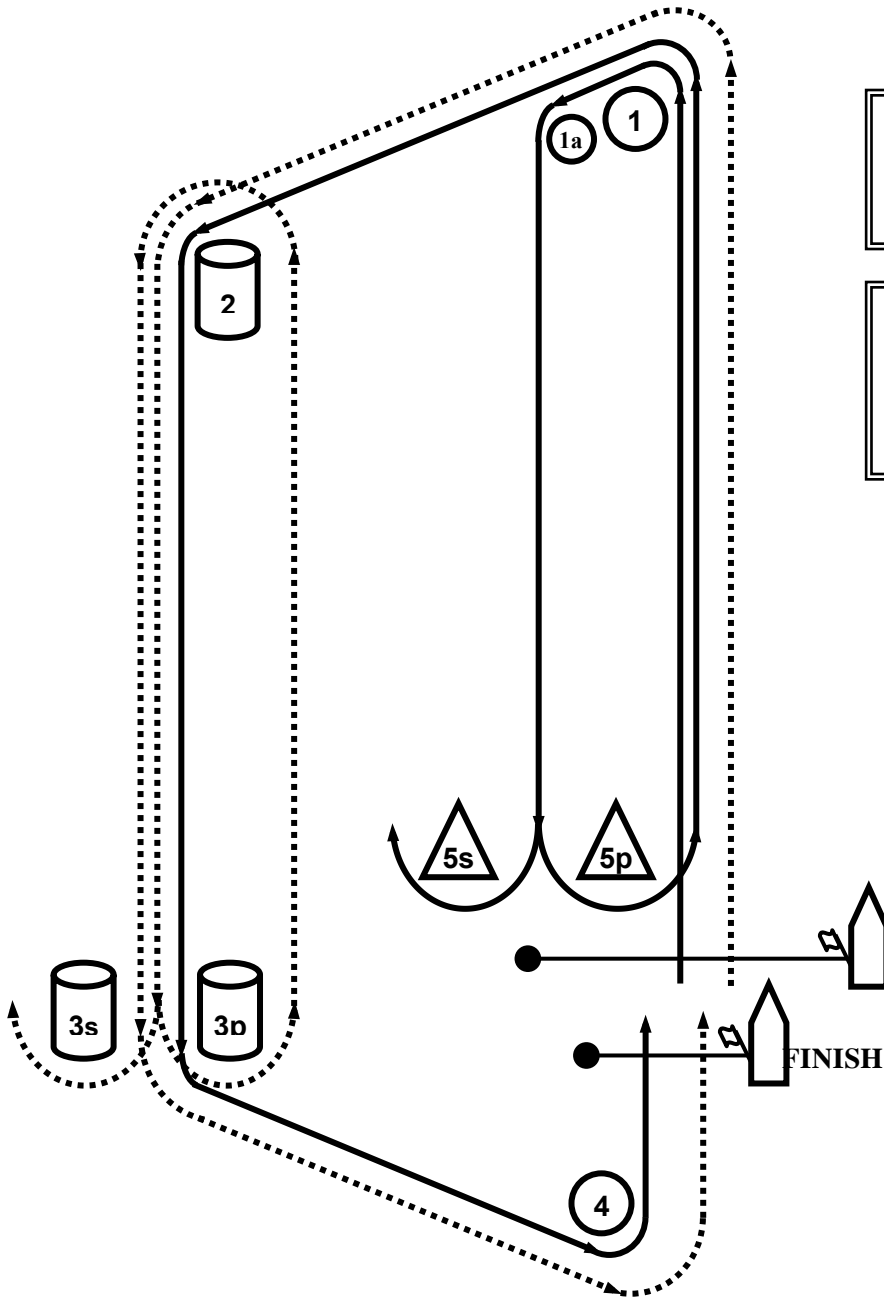
20.3 Divisional prizes will be awarded in each age group based on the numbers of competitors at the pre-registration deadline. They are as follows: Full AM 3, M 3, GM 3, GGM 2. Radial AM 2, M 2, GM2, GGM2

21. Contact Information: Eastern Yacht Club, 47 Foster Street, Marblehead, MA 01945. 781 631 1400



ILCA-NA Preferred Courses

- ILCA Trapezoid Course



O COURSE
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START-1-2-3-2-3-4-FINISH

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START-1-1a-5-1-2-3p-4-FINISH



▪ ILCA Windward/Leeward Course

