

International Laser Class Association
North American Region
2016 Laser, Radial & 4.7 Gulf Coast Championships
October 15-16, 2016
Texas Corinthian Yacht Club,
Kemah, Texas

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race (NOR), except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

1.2 The organizing authority is the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club (TCYC). This event will be held at TCYC, located at 104 Park Avenue, Kemah, Texas, 77565.

1.3 The regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the NOR and have filed valid entries in accordance with the NOR.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the front of the Regatta Office located in the Junior clubhouse.

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it 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.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the water side of the clubhouse.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Schedule

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| 6.1 Friday, Oct 14 | 1600-1800 Check-in & Registration |
| 6.2 Saturday, Oct 15 | 0800-0900 Check-in & Registration
0900 Competitor's Meeting poolside at TCYC
1030 First Warning; more races to follow |
| 6.3 Sunday, Oct 16 | 930 1st warning signal; races to follow
No warning signal will be made after 1430
Trophies to follow poolside at TCYC |

6.4 Eight (8) races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal when the last race of the day has been completed by displaying Code Flag "A."

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7. Racing Area

The racing area will be in Galveston Bay, approximately 1 NM due east of the TCYC pier.

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A - Courses show the courses, 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, the Race Committee (RC) Signal boat will display, from a white board on the starboard side of the Signal boat, the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 5s, 5p will be large yellow tetrahedron marks. Mark 4 will be large green tetrahedron mark. The finish mark will be an orange buoy.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be:

Laser Radial – Green flag with red class insignia

Laser Full Rig - White flag with red class insignia

Laser 4.7 - Yellow flag with red class insignia

10.3 The starting line for the Laser and Radial fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin boat. There may be an orange buoy on the starting line. This buoy is not a mark of the Laser or Radial fleet courses.

10.4 The starting line for the 4.7 fleet will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of an orange buoy.

10.5 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 4 knots throughout the racing area.

10.6 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), this changes rule A4.1.

10.7 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

10.8 An orange buoy may be attached to the RC signal boat and is considered part of the signal boat. No boat shall pass between the RC signal boat and the buoy.

11. Change Of Course

11.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance with rule 33. Any mark to be changed will be the original mark moved to its new, proper heading.

11.2 The RC reserves the right to make minor tweaks of the course during a race. This changes rule 33.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finishing line for the Laser and Radial fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish boat and an orange buoy.

12.2 The finishing line for the 4.7 fleet will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and an orange buoy on the starboard side of the Signal boat.

13. Abandonment & time limit

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

13.2 The RC may abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

14. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in a penalty as determined by the protest committee up to disqualification from the regatta. Random measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

15. Rule 42 (propulsion) and other infringements.

15.1 Appendix P will be in effect; boats which are observed by a Judge infringing rule 42 may be protested on the water. P2.1 is amended to read "When a boat is penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing." P2.3 is eliminated.

15.2 For other than rule 42 infringements the Judges will observe racing.

When the Judge sees an infringement the Judge will make one sound signal. No sail number will be hailed. This means that the Judge has seen a protestable situation and one or more competitors should do penalty turns. If no penalty turns are done the Judge may protest one or more boats.

15.3 Action or no action by the Judge under SI 15 shall not be grounds for redress.

15.4 The Judge boats will be identified by white US Sailing Judge flags.

15.5 All on the water actions taken by the Judges will be posted as soon as reasonably possible after racing, on the official notice board.

16. Protests

16.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Finish boat immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish boat and report to the Finish Boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any RC Signal boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to rule 61.1(a).

16.2 Protests should be lodged at the protest desk located at the Regatta Office within 45 minutes of the time the RC Signal boat docks. The RC will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by rule 63.2.

17. Scoring

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

17.2 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.3 There will be one (1) throw out when six (6) or more races are sailed.

18. Safety

18.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while on the water, except for brief periods of time while adding or removing clothing. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. This changes rule 40.

18.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or RC boat as soon as possible. The competitor will be scored DNF for a withdrawal or DNS if missing the following race.

18.3 Before the start of the first race of the day, all competitors must sail by the stern of the RC signal boat on Starboard, hail their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC. Failure to check in will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate 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

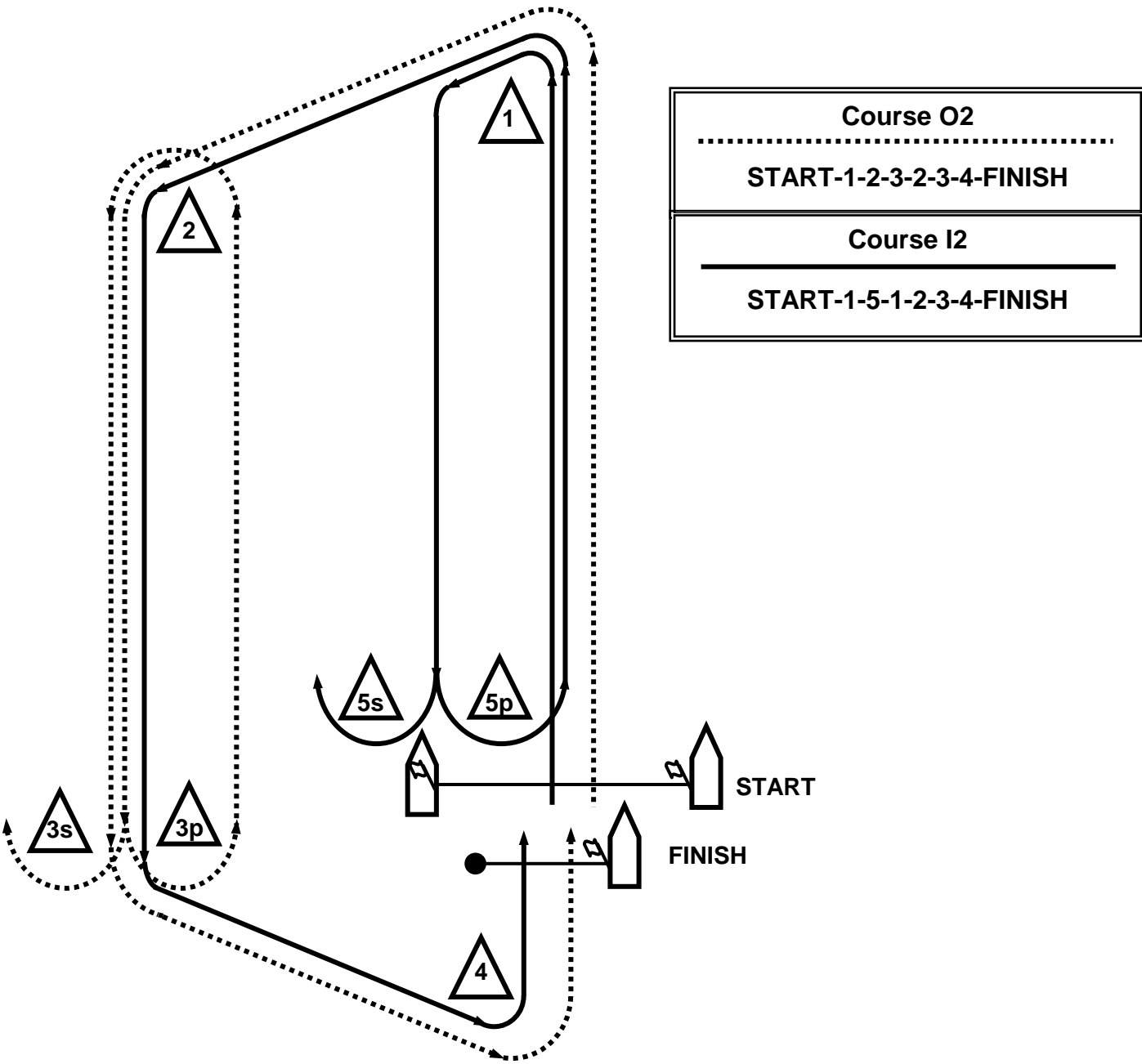
20.1 Laser Division First through Third place, Top Master, Top Junior

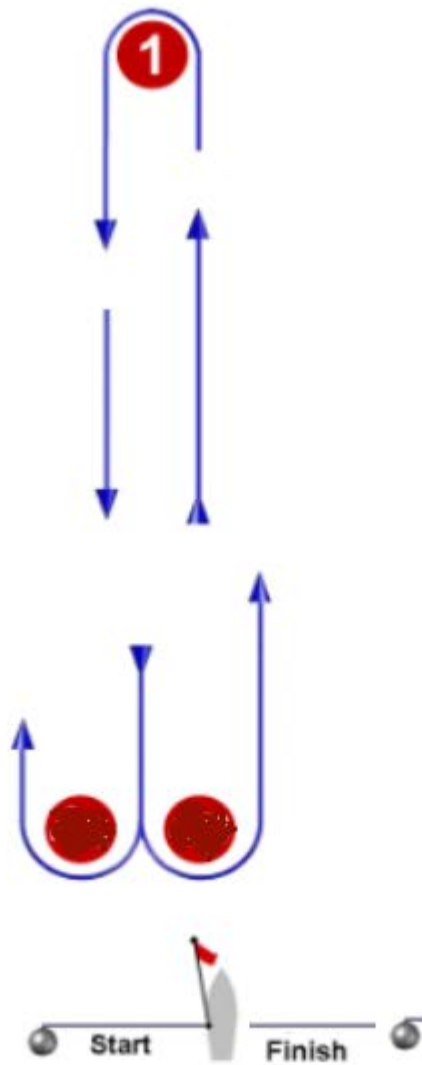
20.2 Laser Radial Division First through Fourth place, Top Master, Top Female.

20.3 Laser 4.7 Division First through Third place

Attachment A - Courses

ILCA Trapezoid Course





Course 3
START-1-5-1-FINISH