



# Laser Class U.S. Nationals and U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship

Tahoe Yacht Club  
Tahoe City, CA 96145  
July 19 – July 23, 2017

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA): <http://laserinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Laser-Class-Rules.pdf>
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Tahoe Yacht Club on behalf of the ILCA and U.S. Sailing.
- 1.3 Competitor advertising will be limited to that permitted by the current World Sailing Regulation 20: [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2017AdvertisingCodeRegulation20-\[21690\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2017AdvertisingCodeRegulation20-[21690].pdf) and the ILCA class rules.
- 1.4 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, applies.
- 1.5 Competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device while racing. The “Y” flag will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.
- 1.6 Competitors who are also sailing for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship must comply with U.S. Sailing’s Championship Conditions: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/championship-conditions> and the Conditions for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Championships/Singlehanded%20Conditions.pdf>
- 1.7 In these instructions [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the electronic official notice board located on Regatta Network at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14186>. The protest committee will use a separate electronic official notice board at <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/57/event>.
- 2.2 Beginning Thursday a competitors’ meeting will be conducted each day at 1200 hours at Pomin Field. This changes the NOR.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instruction will be posted on the electronic official notice board on Regatta Network at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14186> by 1300 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 If changes are made to the sailing instructions, the race committee will fly code flag L from a temporary pole near the registration area at Pomin Field. Flag L will be flown over a numeral pennant representing the number of changes posted.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole near the registration area at Pomin Field.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A practice race is scheduled on Wednesday 7/19 with an intended first warning at 1600 hours.

5.2 The race committee intends to run three races on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and two races on Sunday. However, if conditions result in fewer completed races than what is intended, the race committee may run up to four races on a given day.

5.3 For the first race each day, the intended warning signal will be at 1400 hours. This changes the NOR.

5.4 On Sunday 7/23, no Warning Signal will be made after 1700 hours.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Laser	White flag with class insignia
Laser Radial	Lime green flag with red class insignia

## 7. RACING AREA

The intended race area will be on the Northwest Shore of Lake Tahoe, near the Tahoe City Coast Guard Station/Lake Forest boat ramp, utilizing inflatable marks.

## 8. COURSES

8.1 Attachment A reflects two possible course diagrams, the order in which marks are to be passed or rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Classes will sail the trapezoid course, unless code flag R is displayed before or with the warning signal, in which case boats will sail the windward-leeward course.

8.3 When the trapezoid course is sailed, the Laser class will sail the Outer loop and the Laser Radial class will sail the inner loop.

8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first windward leg.

## 9. MARKS

Passing and rounding marks are described on course diagrams in Appendix A.

## 10. THE START

10.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and an orange flag flying from the staff of a race committee boat, or an inflatable mark, at the port end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is 100m from the starting line in any direction. [NP] [DP]

10.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.5 Sail numbers of OCS, UFD or BFD boats will be posted on a white board from the race committee signal boat at the conclusion of each race. Failure to post these sail numbers will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.6 Rule 30.4 is supplemented as follows:

- If a General Recall is signaled or a race is abandoned after the start, the RC will display the sail numbers of BFD boats for three (3) minutes before the next warning signal for that race. A long sound will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. If the race is restarted or resailed, a boat so signaled shall not sail in it.
- A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the starting area before the new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she will be scored DNE at the discretion of the protest committee. Thereafter, she shall stay clear of the racing area until all boats have finished that race. [NP] [DP]

## 11. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

When changing the position of a rounding mark or gate, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat on the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark on the port end.

## **13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

13.1 Time limits are 90 minutes for all classes.

13.2 Target times are 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Optionally, an electronic protest may be filed at: [http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=57](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=57). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the jury representative at the Tahoe Yacht Club within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat has docked at the TYC Marina. This time will be posted on the jury board at the TYC and electronically at: <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/57/event>.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices will be placed on the jury board at the TYC and on the electronic protest committee official notice board: <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/57/event>. The protest committee will attempt to notify competitors by text message and/or email. Failure to post the notices on the regatta website or send the text message or email notification shall not be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room at TYC, beginning at the time posted. The protest committee may schedule hearings before the end of protest time if the parties are available.

14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats being protested as required by rule 61.1(b).

14.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted on the official notice board and the regatta website: <http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalties/57/event>.

14.7 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than part 2 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

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

14.9 As an alternative to a protest hearing by the jury for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, boats may be given the choice of using an arbitration procedure in accordance with Appendix T.

14.10 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified in 15.2 and 15.3.

15.2 11 races are scheduled; a minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

15.3 When six or more races are completed competitors may discard their worst score.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

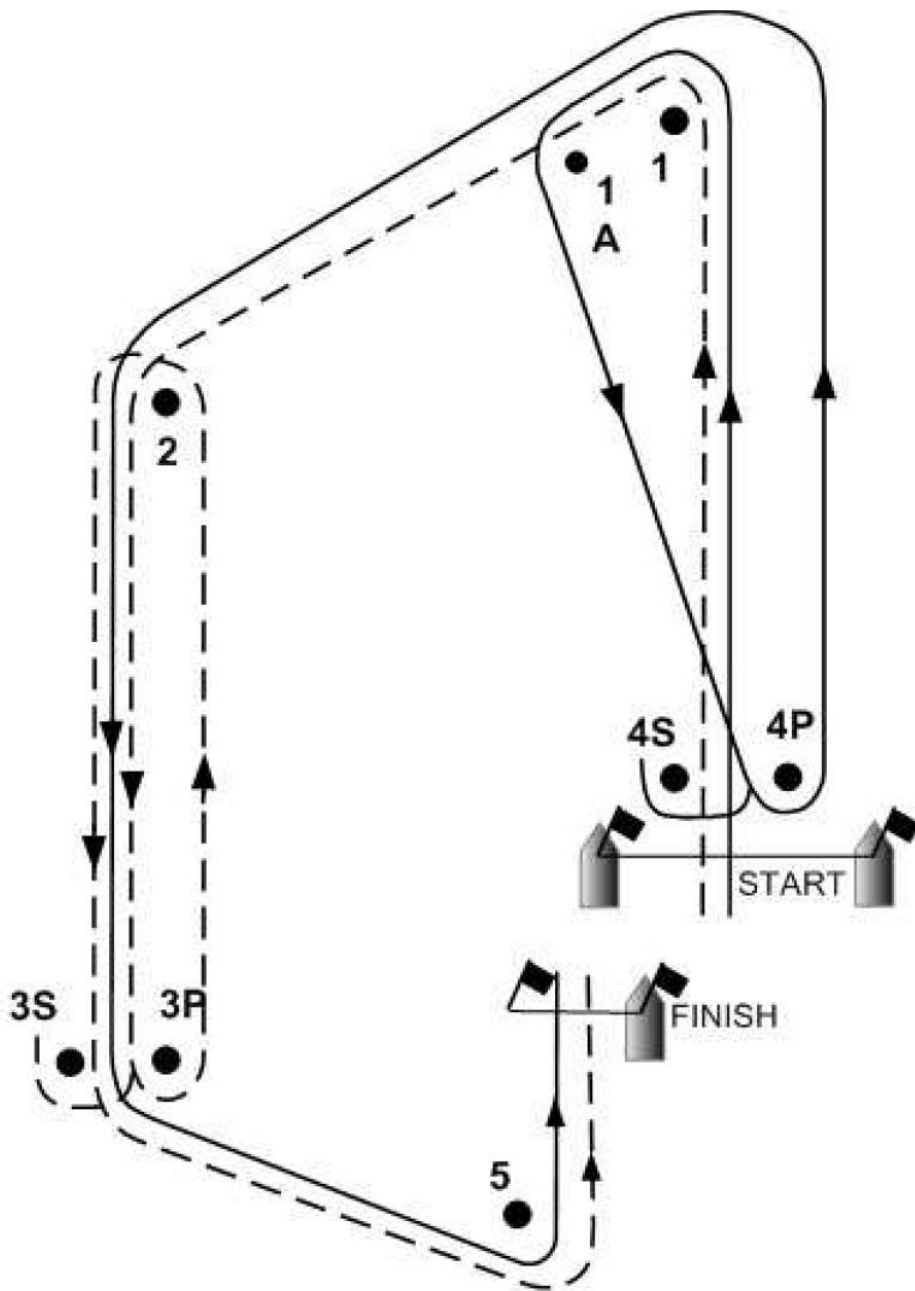
16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [NP] [DP]

16.2 Boats must obey all warning signals and directions from race officials, and shall not obstruct commercial traffic. [NP] [DP]

16.3 Boats are advised to rig a 15' painter to their bow eye to facilitate any necessary towing. [NP]

- 16.4 A breakdown buoy will be set well below the leeward mark to enable boats to tie up for repairs. The failure of a breakdown buoy to be set shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**  
Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [NP]
- 18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 18.2 On the water, boats may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [NP]
- 19. OFFICIAL BOATS**  
Judge boats are identified with a US Sailing Judge flag.
- 20. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 20.1 Support boats shall be marked with numbered flags provided by the organizing authority at the Coaches' Meeting and shall be equipped with a VHF radio. [NP] [DP]
- 20.2 Support boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the race committee or jury. [NP] [DP]
- 20.3 Prohibited zones for support boats: [NP] [DP]
- After the warning signal for a class, support boats shall stay outside the starting area.
  - After the start for a class, support boats may proceed upwind on the starboard side of the course. Support boats shall stay 100m from the nearest competitor.
  - At the windward mark, support boats shall stay 100m away from marks 1, 1a and 2.
  - Support boats are not permitted on the port side of the course, or the area between the Inner and Outer loops at any time.
- 21. TRASH DISPOSAL**  
Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. [NP] [DP]
- 22. PRIZES**
- 22.1 Laser Class U.S Nationals: Prizes will be awarded to the top eight finishers in the Laser and Laser Radial classes.
- 22.2 U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship:
- George D. O'Day Trophy to the overall highest placing male in the Laser Full Rig class
  - Helen Willis Hanley Trophy to the overall highest placing female in the Laser Radial class
  - Peter J. Barrett Sportsmanship Trophy may be awarded
  - U.S. Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each fleet
- 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**  
Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see Rule 4, DECISION TO RACE). The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A1 – COURSE DIAGRAM – TRAPEZOID COURSE



**Mark Descriptions**

- Mark 1: yellow inflatable tetrahedron
- Mark 1a: yellow round inflatable
- Marks 4s/4p: orange inflatable tetrahedrons
  
- Mark 2: yellow inflatable tetrahedron
- Marks 3s/3p: orange inflatable tetrahedrons
  
- Mark 5: orange inflatable tetrahedron

**Courses**

Marks to be rounded in the following order.  
All marks to be rounded to port except gates.

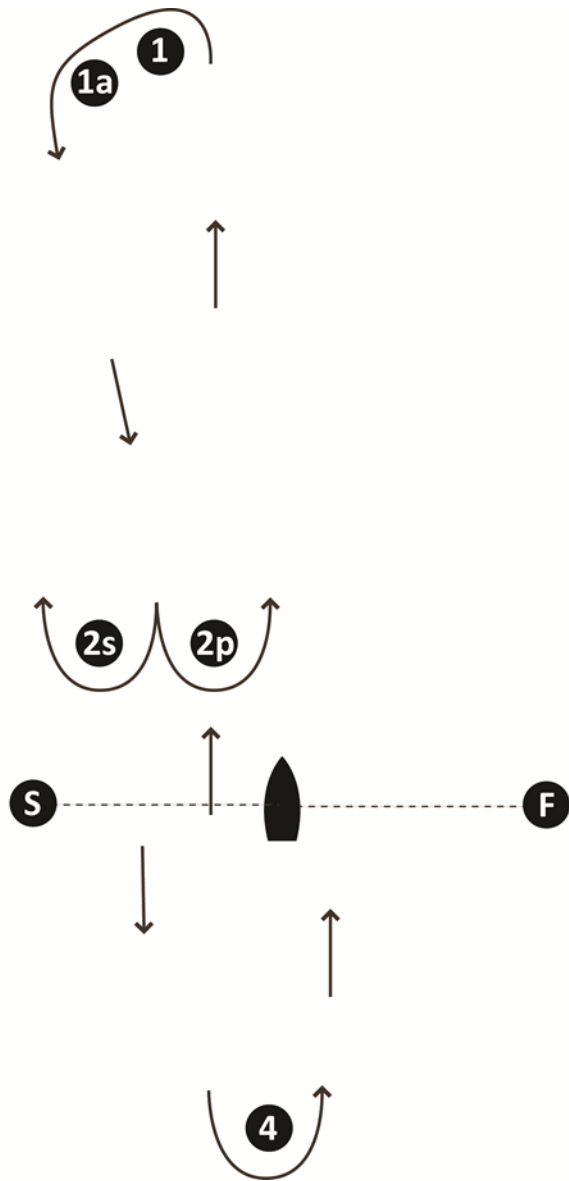
Lasers - Outer Trapezoid

**Start – 1 - 1a - 2 – 3s/3p – 2 - 3s/3p – 5 - Finish**

Laser Radials – Inner Trapezoid

**Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a - 2 – 3s/3p -5 - Finish**

ATTACHMENT A2 – COURSE DIAGRAM – WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE



**Mark Descriptions**

- Mark 1: yellow inflatable tetrahedron
- Mark 1a: yellow round inflatable
- Marks 2s/2p: orange inflatable tetrahedrons
- Mark 4: orange inflatable tetrahedron

**Courses**

Marks to be rounded in the following order.  
All marks to be rounded to port except gates.

**Start – 1 - 1a - 2 – 1 – 1a – 2 - 4 - Finish**