

Laser Masters ACC & 46th Orange Coffee Pot Regatta

SURF CITY YACHT CLUB

June 3-4, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, by ILCA Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions

2.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted immediately following the Skipper's Meeting.
2.2 The Regatta Notice Board shall be located in the first floor Club Room.

3.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Surf City Yacht Club.
3.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns means "THE RACE IS POSTPONED - DO NOT LEAVE THE HARBOR AREA". The time of the next Warning Signal will be posted before the lowering of "AP" with one (1) horn.
3.3 Code Flag "B", with one (1) horn, means the time for filing protests has begun. It will be lowered, with one (1) horn; one half (1/2) hour later indicating the time for filing protests has expired.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACES

4.1 Saturday, June 3

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| 0800-0930 | - Registration, Check-in and Breakfast in Clubhouse. |
| 0930 | - Skippers' Meeting |
| 1030 | - First Warning Signal, MACC & OCP
- Other races to follow |
| 1530 | - No Warning Signal after 1530. |
| TBD | - Post race food & beverage
- Orange Coffee Pot Awards Ceremony |
| 1830 | - Cocktails & Dinner @ SCYC (extra tickets available for \$15) |

4.2 Sunday, June 4

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| 0830-0930 | - Breakfast in Clubhouse |
| 1030 | - First Warning Signal, MACC
- Other races to follow. |
| 1500 | - No Warning Signal after 1500 |
| TBD | - Post race food & beverage
- MACC Awards Ceremony |

5.0 COURSES

- 5.1 The course will be Windward/Leeward with four (4) legs plus a short reach leg to the Finish Line. Further description at the Skipper's Meeting.
5.2 There will be separate starts for the Laser and Laser Radial fleets.

6.0 MARKS

- 6.1 The Windward Mark will be an orange tetrahedron and the Leeward Gate Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons
6.2 The Offset Mark will be a small orange ball.
6.3 The Leeward Mark on final downwind leg will be an orange ball. The Finish Mark will be a small yellow ball set off the stern of the RC boat.

6.4 New marks used in accordance with Change of Course after the Start shall be orange balls

7.0 REPORTING AT STARTS

7.1 Before starting the first race of each day, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in. Any boat failing to do so shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of starters in that race.

7.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the entry has been officially noted.

8.0 STARTING RACES

8.1 Starting signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

8.2 The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Pin Boat.

9.0 RECALLS

9.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X" with one (1) horn. The RC will not hail the number of premature starters.

9.3 A General Recall will be signaled by displaying "First Substitute" with two (2) horns. A new warning Signal, with one (1) horn, will be made **approximately** one (1) minute after the lowering of "First Substitute" with one (1) horn. After the second general recall, the "I" Flag, "U" Flag or Black Flag Starting Penalties may be used for subsequent starts for the day.

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

10.1 The Race Committee may shorten or abandon a race in accordance with RRS Rule 32.

10.2 The Race Committee may change the direction or length of any leg of the course in accordance with RRS Rule 33.

11.0 FINISHING

11.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a small "yellow" inflatable ball set off the stern of the RC boat.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The leading boat of each class must complete the course in one (1) hour. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the leader will be scored "TLE". This changes RRS Rule 35.

13.0 SCORING

13.1 The series will be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. For the Orange Coffee Pot, five (5) races are scheduled on Saturday. One (1) race is required to constitute a series. If all five (5) races are sailed, competitors may discard their worst score. This modifies RRS A2.

13.2 For the Masters Atlantic Coast Championship, the scores for MACC competitors will be extracted from Saturday's OCP results and rescored. A combined total of nine (9) races are scheduled – a maximum of five races from Saturday's OCP plus a maximum of four (4) races on Sunday. One (1) race is required to constitute a series. When six (6) or more races have been completed, competitors may discard their worst score. This modifies RRS A2.

13.3 The ILCA-NA Masters Handicap system will be used. The competitors overall score will be the sum of his/her included finishes plus total handicap points. Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without rescored. Ties shall be broken as follows: Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in RRS Appendix A8. Across age divisions, a tie is broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 A competitor having reason to protest must do so in strict compliance with the requirements of RRS Rule 61, with the following additional requirement: competitors must notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing of their intent to protest.

14.2 The Race Committee, after docking, will post on the Notice Board the numbers of all boats protesting and being protested.

14.3 Written protests must be filed on an official Protest Form with a Race Committee representative at the Radio Station within one half (1/2) hour of the Race Committee boat docking at the conclusion of the day's racing. Protest Forms are available at the Clubhouse Radio Station.

15.0 SAFETY

15.1 All boats shall carry all Safety Gear as required by ILCA Rules. The PFD must be USCG approved and worn at all times while on the water.

15.2 A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform the Race Committee at the Clubhouse Radio Station as soon as possible.

15.3 If, in the judgment of the Race Committee, severe weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in progress, the Committee may abandon such race. The Race Committee Boat and/or Patrol Boats will display Code Flag "N" over "H" accompanied by three (3) horns. All boats should then head for the SCYC or nearest haven. Further signals, if needed, will be made ashore.

Good Luck and Good Sailing!