



2017 Laser Master Pacific Coast Championship

August 12-13th, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Laser class rules.

1.2 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: “Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.” Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.

1.3 Per the NoR both Radial and Standard fleets will start together. Competitors may choose Standard or Radial rigs at their discretion provided all rig changes are made ashore and all sail number have the same sail number. (Rig Swapping Rule turned on). This changes ILCS Class Rule 28(c) by permission of ILCA NA.

1.4 Separate scores and prizes will be given for entrants that sailed both days with a radial rig.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC).

2.2 Competitors meeting well be held at 1030 on the 12th on RYC lower deck .

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Race	Day	Time of first warning signal
1	8/12/2017	1230 Hours
2	8/12/2017	Immediately following Race #1
3	8/12/2017	Immediately following Race #2
4	8/12/2017	Immediately following Race #3
5	8/13/2017	12:00 Hours
6	8/13/2017	Immediately following Race #5
7	8/13/2017	Immediately following Race #6

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and an announcement may be made on Signal Boat hailer.

6 RACING AREAS

6.1 The racing area will be on the east side of central San Francisco Bay as close to the Protero channel breakwater as wind will allow.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

8 MARKS

8.1 Marks will be yellow or red inflatable tetrahedrons; finish mark will be an orange ball.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and an orange ball. Competitors should make their sail numbers visible to the finish line crew as they cross the finish line.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit for each buoy races shall be 60 minutes.

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

12 SCORING

12.1 The low point scoring system (Appendix A) will be modified.

12.2 The number of races scheduled is 7. The minimum numbers of races required to constitutes a regatta is 3.

12.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point, Great grand Masters, 0 points. The competitors' overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus hi or her total handicap points.

12.5 Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

12.6 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

□ within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, section A8.

□ Across the age division, a tie will be broken in favor os the competitor from the older

division.

13 THE COURSE

13.2 Courses for the buoy racing is on Attachment A

14 PROTESTS: Three Minute Justice

14.1 The protesting boat must hail the protestee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14.2 The protesting and protested skippers must meet immediately after the race on land in turning basin; They must notify the Race Committee. If they agree to Three Minute Justice, each skipper then selects another member of the fleet to act as a juror.

14.3 If either skipper does not agree, the protester prepares a written protest and submits it per the Racing Rules of Sailing within one hour of the signal boat docking time which will be posted on the notice board in the regatta room.

14.4 The two skippers and the Jurors shall move to a private area. They remain standing. The protester has one minute to describe the incident including when and where it occurred and the rule believed broken. The protestee then has one minute to present his/her side of the case. The protesting parties and the jurors may question each other. If any of the four want a witness to resolve a matter of fact, the witness has one minute to present testimony.

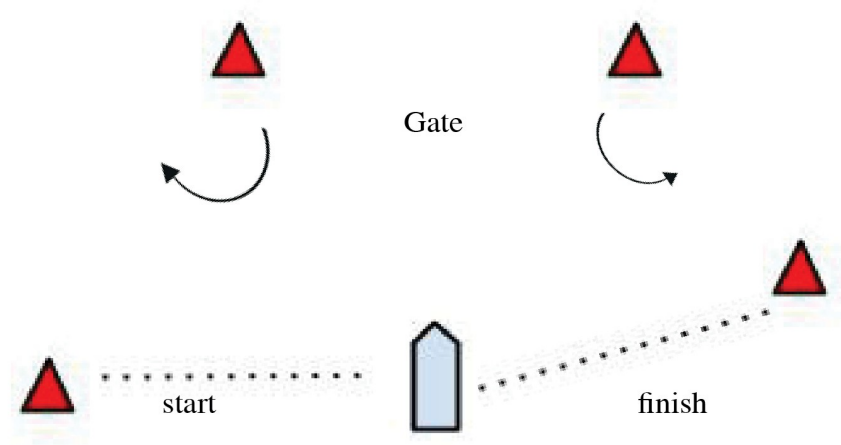
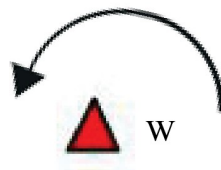
14.5 The jurors then have one minute to reach a decision. If the jurors are unable to agree on a resolution because of the complexity or difficulty of the protest, the jurors will cause the protester to file a written protest per the Racing Rules of Sailing within one hour of the signal boat docking time which will be posted on the notice board in the regatta room. The jurors shall inform the Race Committee of their decision.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 Race committee will attempt to hail sail numbers for boats OCS via loud hailer from signal boat.

15.2 Neither failure of the Race committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information will be ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

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Courses

- 1 S - W - G - F (DOWNWIND)
- 2 S - W - G - W - G - F (DOWNWIND)
- 3 S - W - G - W - G - W - G - F (DOWNWIND)
4. S - W - G - W/F (UPWIND AT FINISH)
5. S - W - G - W - G - W/F (UPWIND AT FINISH)