



Laser Masters Midwinters

US Sailing Center Martin County, March 12-15, 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Competitors shall choose to participate in the Laser (Standard Rig) Division or the Radial Division for the duration of the regatta. (No Rig Swapping is permitted in the Laser Division. The 4.7 rig may be used at any time in the Radial Division, however rig swaps are to be made onshore at the center only and sail numbers shall be the same).
- 1.3. If the number of entries in either Division exceeds 70 boats, the Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, use a split format for that Division. The criteria and method used for Division Splits will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 1.4. All hails will use the last 4 digits of the sail number. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats. The timing of such hails, the order of hails, or the failure of a competitor to hear the hails shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the RC under RRS 62.1(a). The RC will make recordings of the starting sequences available for competitors to listen to 30 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 1.5. The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.6. RRS 30.1 is deleted.
- 1.7. Appendix T shall apply.

2. Notices To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at Regatta Headquarters.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by the end of the competitors meeting on Tuesday and for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before 0900 on the day

it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before protest time expires on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole on the end of the Center Dock.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5. Racing Area

- 5.1. The racing area will be on the Indian River Lagoon East of the ICW and either North or South of the Jensen Beach Causeway.

6. Schedule Of Races

Tuesday, 12 March

- 0800 – 1000 Registration
- 1030 Skippers Meeting
- 1130 First Warning Signal

Wednesday, 13 March

- 1030 First Warning Signal

Thursday, 14 March

- 1030 First Warning Signal

Friday, 15 March

- 1030 First Warning Signal
- 1500 No warning signal after 1500
- Awards to follow after last race*

There will be a maximum of 4 races per day

7. Courses

- 7.1. The diagrams and descriptions in "Attachment A & B" define the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, 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 signal flag T, W, or O displayed at or near the bow of the signal boat.
- 7.3. When the trapezoidal course (T) is used, the first division for that start will sail the outside course and the second division will sail the inside course.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The windward, reach, and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The windward-offset mark, if present, will be a green smaller tetrahedron (baby tet).
- 8.2. The finish mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 8.3. If only one mark of a gate is in place, it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4. In a course change, a single yellow tetrahedron will replace the original mark or gate.

9. The Start

- 9.1. Boats shall remain clear of the starting line until code flag F (white flag with red diamond) has been displayed with one sound. Code flag F will be removed with the warning signal for the class being started.
- 9.2. The Class Flag for the Laser Division (standard rig) will be a white Laser Class flag.
- 9.3. The Class Flag for the Radial Division will be code flag R. (Red with yellow cross)
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee pin boat.
- 9.5. A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS A 4.2 and A5.

10. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or gate or finishing line mark) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee may also move an existing mark.
- 10.2. A gate or offset mark may be adjusted any time without signaling a course change.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat.
- 11.2. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more races will be started today.’

12. Time Limit & Abandonment

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course in compliance with RRS 28 and finish is 75 minutes. Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat complies with RRS 28 and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A5 and A11.

13. Penalties and Protests

- 13.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty.’
- 13.2 For penalties taken after a race Appendix T shall apply.
- 13.3 All protest must be lodged on the water with the Race Committee at the end of the race in which the incident occurred.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 14.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores (1 drop for 5 or more).

- 14.3. The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race:
Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point -
Great Grand Masters - add 0.
- 14.4. The score for TLE is number of finishers within the time limit plus 2. This changes rule A4.2.

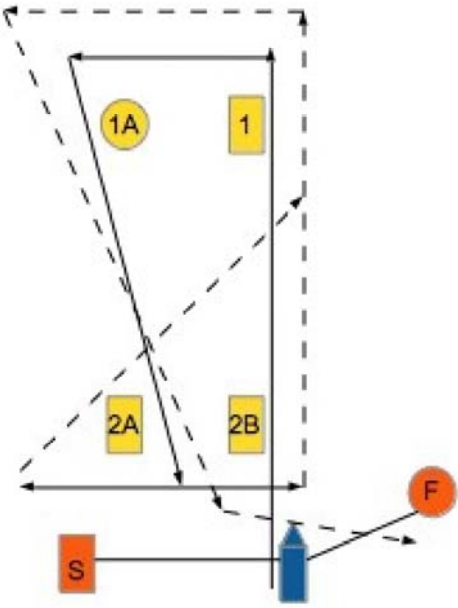
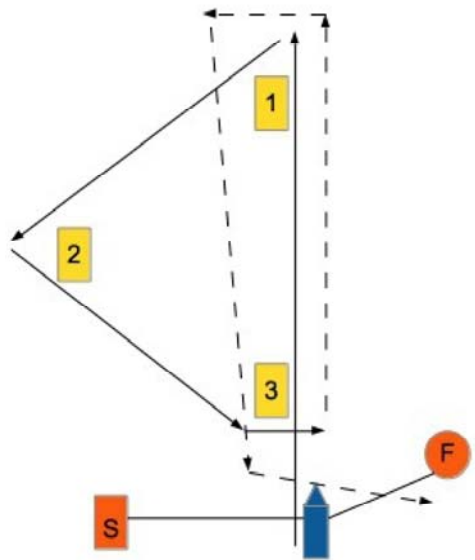
15. Safety

- 15.1. Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 15.2. All boats shall check in with the race committee Signal boat displaying code flag "L", prior to the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 15.3. A competitor that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.
- 15.4. 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 or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16. Prizes

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

ATTACHMENT A

Course W	Course T
	
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1A (port), between 2A (starboard) and 2B (port), 1 (port), 1A (port), 2B (port), finish</p> <p>NOTE: If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port</p>	<p>Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3 (port) 1 (port), 3 (port), finish</p>