



# Sailing Instructions

## Laser District 23 Open and Masters Championship Regatta

March 16 & 17, 2019

Hosted by the Arizona Yacht Club

Lake Pleasant, Arizona

### 1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and by the International Laser Class Association (ILCA). The event is open to all current ILCA members. No others may sail in this event.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on [regattanetowrk.com](http://regattanetowrk.com).

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 9am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8pm on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE DAY	DATE	Beginning time
Skipper's mtg	Mar 16, 2019	7:45 am
Saturday	Mar 16, 2019	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar 17, 2019	9:30 am

### 5. CLASS BOARDS

The Laser fleet board will be substituted for Class Flags. This changes Rule 26.

### 6. THE COURSES

6.1. The course to be sailed will be designated with the course signboards as described on the Arizona Yacht Club Course Chart for Lake Pleasant, Revision L.

6.2. During the 5-minute start sequence a fleet board and its course will be displayed on the upper center rack attached to the Race Committee Boat's forward flagstaff.

6.3. All marks are to be rounded to port.

### 7. MARKS

7.1. Marks will be inflatable Yellow or Green marks.

7.2. The starting mark will be a small, round red buoy.

7.3. The finishing mark will be a small, round yellow buoy.

### 8. THE START

8.1. Races will be started according to rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

8.2. The starting line will be between the orange stripe on the Race Committee boat's flagstaff and the red starting mark. Start mark may be on either side of the committee boat.

8.3. If a boat is on course side (OCS) of the start line at the start, the race committee, after signaling individual recall, may hail her sail number by voice or loudspeaker. *Hailing is a courtesy only and competitors may not request redress. This changes rule 62.1a*

8.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule 4A.

### 9. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between the orange stripe on the Race Committee boat's flagstaff and the yellow finishing mark. Finish mark may be on either side of the committee boat.

### 10. TIME LIMITS

10.1. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the proper course and finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4, and A5.

10.2. No race shall be started after 3:30 pm on Saturday, or after 12:00 pm on Sunday.

## 11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee or online at [regattanetwork.com](http://regattanetwork.com). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the PRO within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protests can be submitted to the PRO in the protest area (see below).
- 11.3. Protests will be held near the Ramada adjacent to the Yavapai County South Launching ramp area.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2. Eight races are scheduled, weather and wind permitting.
- 12.3. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). TLE boats shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.4. When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.1.

## 13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1. Entrants and crew must provide and wear a USCG approved personal floatation device.
- 13.2. All boats must check in by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing FLEET and SAIL NUMBER before their first race each day.
- 13.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.4. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of her owner or entrant racing the boat. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

13.5. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 'Decision to Race'. The Arizona Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## 14. EQUIPMENT & CHECKS

- 14.1. Rig swapping will be allowed but only at the beginning of each day of racing.
- 14.2. All equipment must be Class Legal and may be checked at any time during the Regatta.

## 15. PRIZES will be given as follows:

- 15.1. Laser Open Fleet prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- 15.2. Additional prizes will be awarded in each Masters Category based upon the number of competitors in each bracket.
- 15.3. Masters Category Age Groups are as follows:
  - *Apprentice Master*: 35 to 44
  - *Master*: 45 to 54
  - *Grand Master*: 55 to 64
  - *Great Grand Master*: 65 +

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