



Laser District 13 Championships
The Florida Yacht Club
November 16-17, 2019
Sailing Instructions

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Class rules of the International Laser Class Association.
- 1.2 RRS 61.1(a) is changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of their intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Failure to do so may result in the protest being dismissed. [DP]
- 1.3 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42, will apply. Appendix P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [Laser District 13 Championships 2019](#) and at the FYC Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to 0830 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time or 1900, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the FYC flagstaff located at the cove boat ramp.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 4.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday – November 15, 2019	1300 - 1800	Check-in at the Sailing Center & Open Sailing
Saturday – November 16, 2019	0900-1000	Coffee, Bagels available Check-in at the Sailing Center
	1030	Competitors meeting
	1155	First Race Warning
	1700 (approximately)	After racing snacks and drinks
Sunday – November 17, 2019,	0925	First Race Warning
	1400	No warning signal will be made after this time
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6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are: Laser: White: Laser Class Flag
 Laser Radials: Pink Flag
 Laser 4.7's: Green Flag

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the St Johns River East of Florida Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams and descriptions in Attachment A show 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.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal for that class, the course to be sailed will be indicated by a course designation placed on a white board on the Race Committee Signal Boat.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 9.2 Starting lines are described below:
 - a. Laser Radials: between the staffs from which orange flags are displayed on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end of the line and the start pin boat on the port end of the line.
 - b. Laser Standard and Laser 4.7: between the staff on the RC signal boat and the course side of an orange ball at the port end of the line.
 - c. This orange ball is not a Mark for the Laser Radials.
- 9.3 A boat not starting within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.4 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may attempt to hail boats that are OCS. Failure of the Race Committee to make hails, the timing of hails, or the order of hails described will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area. [DP]

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3(p&s), 4(p&s), and 5 will be Orange Tetrahedron inflatables. If used, the offset mark at Mark 1 will be a SMALL Orange Tetrahedron. Mark 2S will be a green tetrahedron.
- 10.2 A weather mark change, as provided in SI 11, will be a Yellow Tetrahedron. On a change – there will not be an offset mark.
- 10.3 If only one gate mark (Mark 3 or 4) is in place, it shall be rounded to port.

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark, or gate, or remove the finishing line, and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practical.
- 11.2 Changes in direction and length will be signaled according to RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 11.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of a Race Committee FINISH boat and a white ball.
- 12.2 The Race Committee finish boat will display code flag A without a sound signal while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing that day. If code flag A is displayed over a class flag, the signal pertains to that class only. If code flag A is not so displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish 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, 63.1, A4 and A5.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The judge will display a Judge flag aboard its boat.
- 14.2 Appendix P will be in effect. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted (NOR 1.4).
- 14.3 For other than Rule 42 infringements the Jury will observe racing. When the judges see an infringement they may make one sound signal. No sail number will be hailed. This means that they have seen a protestable situation and one or more competitors should do penalty turn(s). If no penalty turns are done the protest committee may protest one or more boats in accordance with RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 Appendix V will be in effect. (NOR 1.5).

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available in the FYC Sailing Center Office.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the sailing center office no later than 30 minutes after the posted docking time of the race committee signal boat.
- 15.3 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2 and the notification of protests by the race committee required by RRS 61.1 will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 15.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for re-opening a hearing or a request for redress from a re committee or protest committee decision shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party making the request was informed of the decision before that day; or
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party making the request was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless six (6) or more races have been completed. This changes rule A2.
- 16.2 One race will constitute a regatta.

16.3 The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the Masters full and radial fleet overall series winners. 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 competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points. Masters scoring will not apply to the overall fleet scores for scoring Masters and open sailors across all fleets.

- Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
- Master – 45-54 years of age
- Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
- Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before retiring from a race and leaving the racecourse, the race committee shall be notified by the competitor, the competitor's coach, or a safety person. If this is impossible, the competitor shall go to the Sailing Center and check in with the onshore safety coordinator upon arriving ashore. [DP]
- 17.2 If the race committee signal boat displays flag L prior to a warning signal, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. [DP]
- 17.3 Each competitor shall wear a properly fastened US Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device from dock to dock, except for brief periods while changing clothing. This replaces RRS 40. [DP]

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 Random equipment and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta at the direction of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution for damaged equipment requires the approval of the protest committee.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats, including coach boats, shall register with the organizing authority. [DP]

20 PRIZES

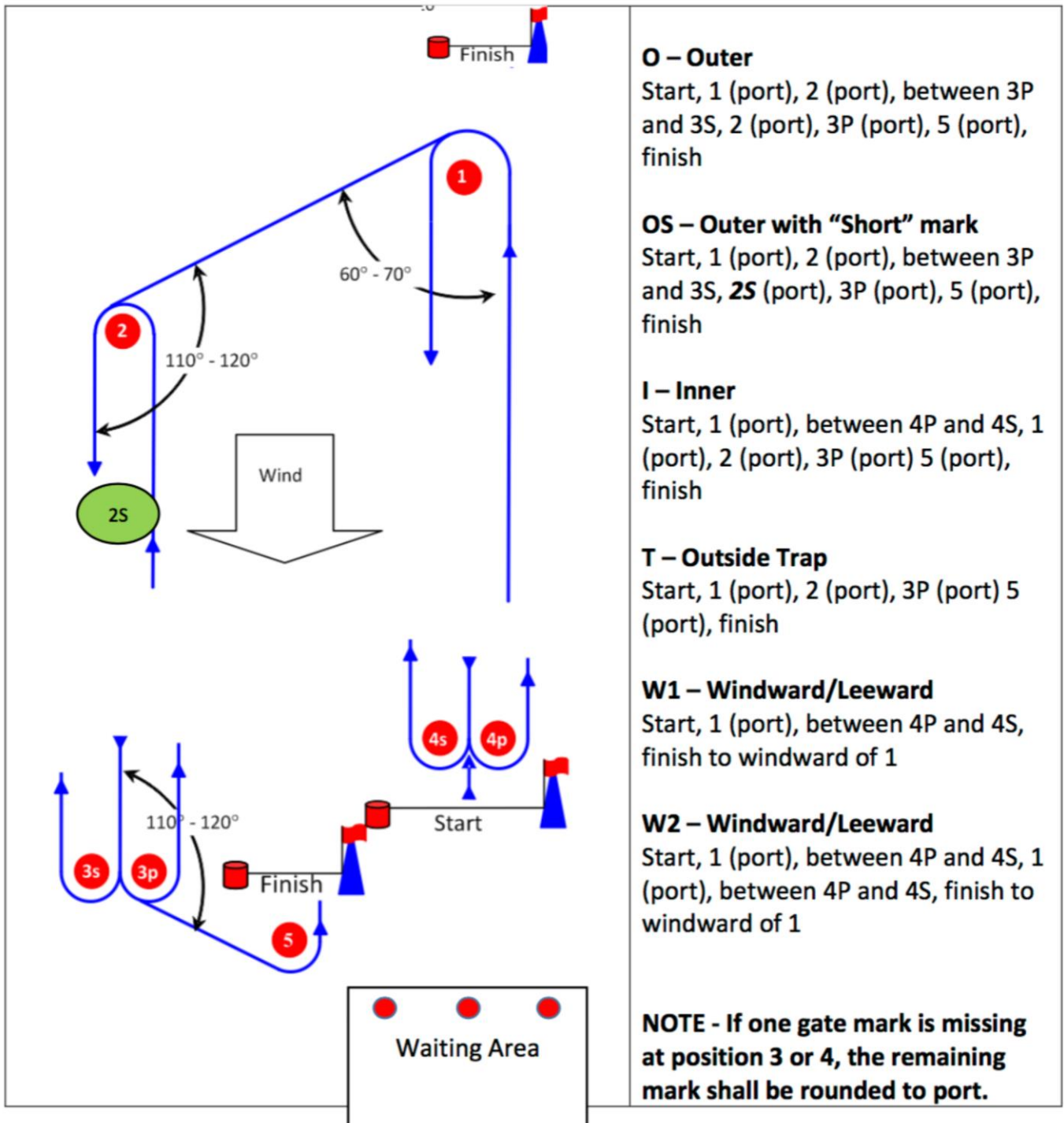
Prizes will be awarded as per the Notice Of Race.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 Parents/guardians of competitors, who are under 18 years of age, must sign a legal liability waiver.
- 21.3 Competitors 18 years of age and older shall sign a waiver at check-in.

ATTACHMENT A

COURSES



O – Outer

Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), between 3P and 3S, 2 (port), 3P (port), 5 (port), finish

OS – Outer with “Short” mark

Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), between 3P and 3S, **2S** (port), 3P (port), 5 (port), finish

I – Inner

Start, 1 (port), between 4P and 4S, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3P (port) 5 (port), finish

T – Outside Trap

Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3P (port) 5 (port), finish

W1 – Windward/Leeward

Start, 1 (port), between 4P and 4S, finish to windward of 1

W2 – Windward/Leeward

Start, 1 (port), between 4P and 4S, 1 (port), between 4P and 4S, finish to windward of 1

NOTE - If one gate mark is missing at position 3 or 4, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.