



**2019 Laser Gulf Coast Championship  
and  
SEISA Singlehanded Championship**  
**Organizing Authority: Pass Christian Yacht Club  
(PCYC)**

**September 14-15, 2019**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Posted September 13, 2019**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules (unless changed in these Sailing Instructions (SI), the Laser Gulf Coast Championships Notice of Race, the SEISA Notice of Race, the ILCA Class rules, and these Sis.
- 1.2 RRS 61 will be 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.
- 1.3 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, shall apply with the following changes:
  - 1.3.1 Delete the word “first” in P2.1.
  - 1.3.2 Delete P2.2 and P2.3.
  - 1.3.3 P3 is replaced with: “If a boat has been protested under P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled.”
  - 1.3.4 P4 is replaced with: “A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under P1.”
  - 1.3.5 Delete P5.
- 1.4 Appendix V1, One-Turn Penalty, will be in effect. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 1.5 Appendix T, Arbitration, will be in effect.
- 1.6 Per SEISA Notice of Race 1.3, in accordance with RRS 70.5 (a), decisions from the protest committee are final. US Sailing’s permission has been granted. This SI applies ONLY to the SEISA competitors.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs in the PCYC.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the SI’s will be posted at least 90 minutes before the launch signal on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PCYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, September 13, 2019

1600–1830 Registration and check-in

### Saturday, September 14, 2019

0800–0900 Registration and check-in

0930 Competitors Meeting in lounge area

1000 Harbor Start

1100 First warning signal, additional races to follow

### Sunday, September 15, 2019

0900 Competitors Briefing

0930 Harbor Start

1030 First warning signal, additional races to follow

1430 **No warning signal after this time**

ASAP Trophy presentation

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for the Laser: White Flag, Laser Radials: Red Flag, and Laser 4.7's: Yellow Flag.

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Mississippi Sound, in front of PCYC.

## 8. COURSES

8.1 Addendum A shows the course diagram, 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, the course bearing and approximate distance to the first mark will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal boat.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 2s/2p will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset will be a small orange ball.

9.2 Change marks, as provided in SI 11 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

## 10. STARTS

10.1 Races FOR ALL COMPETITORS will be started using RRS 26, 29 and 30. This changes ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8 (a)(b).

10.2 The starting line for the Laser Radials will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a small orange tetrahedron on the port end of the line. The mid-line buoy is not a mark of the course for the Laser Radials.

10.3 The starting line for the Laser Full Rigs will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a mid-line small orange buoy.

10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will set the new mark, then remove the original mark.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 11.3 The race committee reserves the ability to tweak the racecourse in the middle of a race, to maintain fairness, of no more than 5 degrees and no more than .10 NM from the original course axis and length, without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

## **12. FINISHES**

The finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the mid-line orange buoy FOR ALL FLEETS.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Judges will display US Sailing Judge flags aboard their boats.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.
- 14.2 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 RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available upstairs, in the PCYC Board room.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee (PC) upstairs, in the PCYC Board room 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(b), 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 Breaches of SI 4.2, 10.5, and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the PC. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 64.1 (a).
- 15.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for re-opening a hearing or a request for redress from a race committee or PC 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 For the Laser GCC's, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless five (5) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.2 For the SEISA Championship, the Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A will apply as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 9, except that no score will be excluded. These results will be scored and posted independently of the Laser GCC's.
- 16.3 Race results for the Laser GCC's will be shown for ALL competitors, including the SEISA competitors, and will be scored per SI 16.1.
- 16.4 Seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 16.5 One (1) race will constitute a regatta.

## **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 safety coordinator's office on the second floor of the yacht club immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 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.
- 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.
- 17.4 For SEISA competitors, a team uniform/pinnie shall be worn outside the lifejacket
- 17.5 Boats that break any part of SI 17 will receive, without a hearing, a 5-place scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECK**

- 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**

- 19.1 All support boats, including coach boats, shall register with the organizing authority prior to going afloat.
- 19.2 SEISA team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel will be permitted to go afloat on race days as long as they stay well outside the racing, starting and finishing areas.
- 19.3 Per ISSA procedural rule 8(b), any sailor who intends to protest must report to the race committee signal boat BEFORE talking with any support personnel in coach boats. Failure to do so may be grounds for closing the protest hearing. This changes RRS 61.

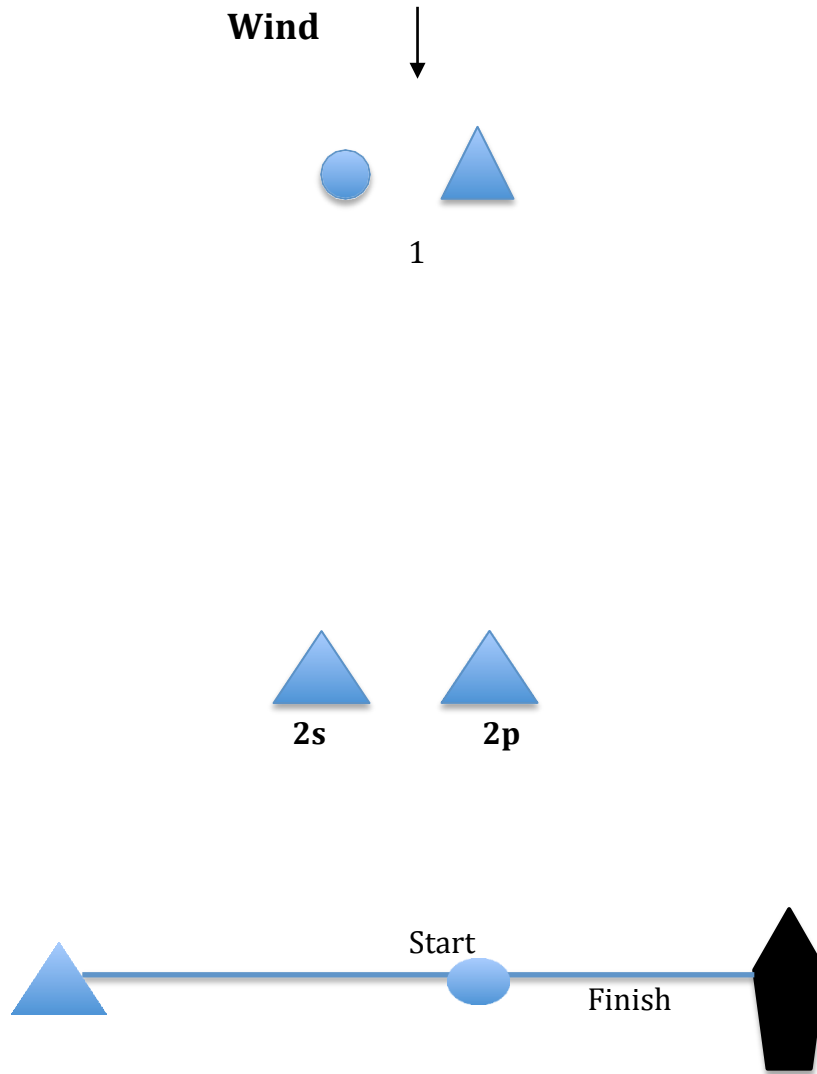
## **20. PRIZES**

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 RRS 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.

**Appendix A**  
**Windward-Leeward Course Diagram**  
**(NOT TO SCALE)**



**COURSE**  
**WINDWARD/LEEWARD**  
**START -1p-1o-2s/p-1p-1o-2p-- FINISH**

