

Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championships 2012

August 10-12, 2012

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions, including any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Stockton Sailing Club. This event will be held at Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove Way, Stockton, CA 95219, 209-951-5600.

1.3 All entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).

2 Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the chart wall in the main room of the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race platform, or from the flag pole located south of the Stockton Sailing Club clubhouse.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday August 10, 2012

1300-1600	Registration & Sail Measurement
1600	Skippers Meeting for River Tour Race
1700	River Tour Race
1900	Cocktails and Dinner

Saturday August 11, 2012

0730-0900	Breakfast
0930	Registration & Sail Measurement
1030	Skippers Meeting
1100	First warning signal, races to follow
1700	Cocktail Reception
1800	Dinner

Sunday, August 12, 2012

0730-0900	Breakfast
1100	First warning signal, races to follow

Awards to follow ASAP after last race.

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the final day of the regatta

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7 Racing Area

The racing area will be the San Joaquin River adjacent to the Stockton Sailing Club facility.

8 Courses

8.1 Courses all will be windward, leeward as follows:

Course 1	Start, W, O, Gate, Finish
Course 2	Start, W, O, Gate, W, O, Gate, Finish
Course 3	Start, W, O, Gate, W, O, Gate, W, O, Gate, Finish

8.2 The windward mark "W", and offset mark "O" must be left to Port.

8.3 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course layout. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 30-45 minutes.

9 Marks

9.1 The pin end of the starting line and the offset mark off the weather mark will be orange spheres. Weather and gate marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10 The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be:

Laser-Code flag "A"

10.3 The starting line will be between the pole near the start platform and the start buoy.

10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4.1.

10.6 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

12 The Finish

The finishing line will be the same as the start line (between the pole near the start platform and the buoy marking the pin-end of the line).

13 Abandonment & time limit

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

14 Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Section 3.1 of the NOR will be enforced and other measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

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15 RRS 42 (propulsion) and other infringements

15.1 RRS Appendix P will be in effect; boats which are observed by a member of the Race Platform Committee infringing RRS 42 may be protested by the race committee.

15.2 For other than Rule 42 infringements the Race Platform Committee will observe racing. When the Race Platform Committee sees an infringement the Race Platform Committee will make one sound signal. No sail number will be hailed. This means that the Race Platform Committee has seen a protestable situation and one or more competitors should do penalty turns. If no penalty turns are done the Race Platform Committee may protest one or more boats.

15.3 Action or no action by the Race Platform Committee under this SI shall not be grounds for redress.

16 Protests

16.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Platform Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish and report to the Race Platform Committee. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to the Race Platform Committee at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 Protests must be lodged at the race platform within 60 minutes of the time the racing ends for the day. The Race Committee will post the end of racing time (beginning of protest) on the official notice board as soon as practical after racing ends each day.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

17 Scoring

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

17.2 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.3 There will be one throughout when six or more races are sailed. When eleven or more races are sailed there will be two throw outs.

17.4 NA Masters handicap system will be in place to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

18 Safety

18.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

19 Disclaimer of Liability

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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded in the following divisions: Overall, Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master.

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Attachment A

Course Diagram

