



Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Winter Laser Regatta

December 15, 2013

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The 'Y' flag will not be displayed. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times and to comply with RRS 40 as if the 'Y' flag were being displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3. All equipment used by a Laser competitor must conform to the Laser Class rules.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Official Notices will be posted on the "Notice Board" located in the window at the northeast corner of the SCYC clubhouse and may be posted online.
- 2.2. A Competitors' Briefing will take place at 10:00 hours on December 15, 2013 at the SCYC boat hoist.

3. Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the SCYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than sixty minutes (60) after AP is lowered.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 10:00 hours on race day except that any changes to the schedule will be posted by 17:30 the day before it will take effect.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal each day is 12:00. No races will be started after 16:00 each day. As many races as possible will be scheduled. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the preceding race.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. Racing will be around buoy enclosed courses within half a mile of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor.

7. The Course

- 7.1. The courses will be windward-leeward around inflatable buoys. Boats must go through the start-finish line on the upwind leg of the course.

8. The Start

- 8.1. The starting line will be between an R/C flag on a staff on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby temporary orange mark.
- 8.2. Appendix S will be used. [APPENDIX S](#) is attached.

9. The Finish

- 9.1. The finish line will be between an R/C flag on a staff on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby temporary orange mark.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. Time Limit

11.1. The first Laser must finish less than 30 minutes after her start. Lasers finishing more than 15 minutes after the first Laser will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS35 A4 and A5.

12. Protests

- 12.1. Protest forms will be available at the SCYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee within 60 minutes after the docking of the Race committee signal boat.
- 12.2. The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, the boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the official regatta notice board within 120 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 13.2. The low point system will be used as per RRS A4 except as modified below.
- 13.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. For every (6) races completed, there will be one throw out.

12. Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.

US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.

S1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.

S2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

S3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal Sound Time before start

Warning 3 long 3 minutes

Preparatory 2 long 2 minutes

1 long, 3 short 1 minute, 30 seconds

1 long 1 minute

3 short 30 seconds

2 short 20 seconds

1 short 10 seconds

1 short 5 seconds

1 short 4 seconds

1 short 3 seconds

1 short 2 seconds

1 short 1 second

Starting 1 long 0

S4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

S5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

S6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.

S7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, and starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.