

Laser Great Lakes Championship
Vermilion Boat Club
July 19 and 20, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US SAILING the LASER class rules (class membership is required), the Sailing Instructions and any amendment thereto.
- 1.2** If there is a conflict between any of the above documents precedence shall be given in the reverse order as listed above. RRS 60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be made on the official notice board which is found on the windows adjacent to a lower entrance to the Vermilion Boat Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from yardarm located on the riverside of the Vermilion Boat Club.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, the RRS Signal description '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes'. This changes RRS signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** A total of seven races are planned, with up to five races scheduled Saturday, July 19, weather permitting, the remainder to be sailed Sunday, July 20. At the discretion of the Race Committee, racing may be ended for the day Saturday before five races are completed.
- 5.2** Skipper's meeting is scheduled for 0930 at the yardarm located riverside of the Vermilion Boat Club.
- 5.3** The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday is 1100 hrs. No warning signal will be made after 1700 hrs on Saturday.
- 5.4** The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Sunday is 1000 hrs. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1** The Laser class will fly a flag with a Laser class logo.
- 6.2** The Radial class will fly a solid yellow flag.
- 6.3** The Laser 4.7 class will fly a solid green flag

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located northwest of the Vermillion harbour entrance.

8 THE COURSE

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course will be windward-leeward twice around with a leeward gate and downwind finish.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2a and 2b will be large Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The Offset Mark 1A will be a small mark of any shape or color.
- 9.2 First change marks are Yellow and can be Tetrahedrons and/or Cylinders.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be a small mark and may be of any shape or color
- 9.4 The finish mark will be a small Orange Ball.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the following addition:
An attention signal may be made one minute before the warning signal for the first class to start.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the starting mark to port of the signal boat at the port end.
- 10.3 Boats who are not racing shall not sail within 20 boat lengths of the starting line.
- 10.4 A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS, Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 If any boat is identified as OCS the race committee may attempt to hail the last four digits of her sail number. Failure to make a hail, failure of a boat to hear a hail or the timing of any hail shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.6 The warning signal for the next class to start shall be given 1 minute after the starting signal for the preceding class.
- 10.7 When one or more fleets have already started, a wind shift may cause the Race Committee to set a “new” weather mark for fleets not yet racing. Such a change will be signalled by displaying code flag “C” with the affected fleet’s warning signal but the change in direction will not be signalled. That fleet’s weather mark shall be a yellow change mark. The “new” mark will be set before that fleet’s preparatory signal.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 When a new weather mark is set due to a change of course, a new offset mark will be set as well.
- 11.3 When a new weather mark is set, the race committee may attempt to adjust the gate marks square to the new heading. Such adjustment does not constitute a change of course.
- 11.4 When a change of course is signalled at the first weather mark, the new leeward mark will **not** include a gate. The new leeward mark is to be left to port.
- 11.5 When a change of course is signalled at any mark, the change shall only apply to the class(es) identified with either an “L” (for Laser) or an “R” (for Radial) on a whiteboard displayed on the nearby mark boat. The other class shall sail to the original mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

Shortening course will be done in accordance with rule 32.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat end and the finish mark to starboard of the signal boat.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall inform the race committee in writing within the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 If no boat has completed the race within 70 minutes the race shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protests shall be delivered in writing to the race office within 60 minutes of the signal boat docking.

16.2 Notices of protest hearings shall be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.3 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee shall be posted prior to the protest time limit.

16.4 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

17 SCORING

17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) Upon completion of a sixth race (1) throw-out will be awarded. .

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Prior to the warning for the first race of each day each boat shall sail to leeward of the signal boat on starboard tack hail their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and computers.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to top five finishers in each class. Prizes for top apprentice, master, grand master, and great grand master will be awarded in the full rig class only.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

**ADDENDUM A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE**

