



**Lauderdale Yacht Club
2017 Olympic Class Regatta L.O.C.R.
Finn Midwinter Championship
Finn, Laser, and Laser Radial Olympic
Classes January 14, 15 & 16, 2017**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- .1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be sailed under the management of the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee. The regatta will be governed by the current **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, the prescriptions of US Sailing except those of rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4, the rules of the classes competing as they apply to that class, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, and properly posted amendments thereto. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org
- .2 The Regatta will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20.
- .3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- .4 Each owner/charterer is solely responsible for the safety of his/her boat, and the decision whether or not to launch, proceed to the race course, start or continue to race is the owner's/charterer's responsibility and not that of the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

2.0 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee in accordance with the Notice of Race. Each Class must have a minimum of five entries.

3.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

- .1 Equipment must conform to the regulations of the class concerned. In addition to any class requirements, all entrants shall carry a tow line of at least 25 feet in length and at least 1/4 inch in diameter. The tow line shall be securely attached to each boat and shall remain on board.
- .2 Conformance to these equipment standards or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper for the safety of a boat. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards. Boats which fail to comply with these equipment standards are subject to protest by the Race Committee. If such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified.

4.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted at the Official Regatta Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.

5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- .1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- .2 Code flag AP, Answering Pennant, displayed with two accompanying sound signals, means the racing is postponed. When AP is lowered with one accompanying sound signal, the time of the warning signal for the next race will be posted on the regatta notice board.

7.0 RESPONSIBILITY

After the Signal Boat is on station and before the warning signal for the start of the **first race** of each day, each boat **shall** sail on **starboard tack** past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat to check in. The Race Committee will acknowledge each boat by hailing her sail number. Boats failing to check in may be scored DNC.

8.0 SCHEDULE

Skipper's Meeting	Saturday, January 14	LYC Sailing Center	915
Schedule of Races	Saturday, January 14	First Warning	1100
	Sunday, January 15	First Warning	1100
	Monday, January 16	First Warning	1100

No race will be started after 1400 hours on Sunday. It is the intent of the Race Committee to run three races on Saturday, three races on Sunday and two races on Monday subject to weather conditions. Flag "A" displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today."

9.0 RACING AREA

The race course shall be in the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 1 mile South of Port Everglades inlet and approximately 1/2 mile offshore.

10.0 COURSES

- .1 Courses are shown on the attached course diagrams, Course Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- .2 The course for each class and order of starts will be displayed prior to or with the warning signal on a white board displayed on the Signal Boat.

11.0 MARKS

- .1 Marks are designated on the attached course diagrams and are as follows: Marks W, L, L1, (Gate L2 if applicable), will be large orange inflatable tetrahedron-shaped marks. Mark S will be a yellow mark. Mark F will be a large orange ball.
- .2 All rounding marks shall be left to port (except in the instance of a leeward gate L1 and L2). If only one of the gate marks is set, then that mark shall be rounded to port.

12.0 THE START

- .1 The Start will be in accordance with Racing Rule 26.

- .2 There may be multiple horns before the warning signal.
- .3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of mark S at the port end. In the event the Signal Boat extends an additional buoy from its stern, the buoy and its attachment line are parts of the mark for purposes of RRS 31.
- .4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- .5 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

13.0 SAFETY

- .1 Except for brief periods when adding or removing clothing, all sailors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times on the water. Code Flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1.
- .2 Boats not leaving the harbor for the day's race shall inform the Regatta Office prior to the harbor start.
- .3 A skipper requesting assistance will attempt to signal by waving one arm over the skipper's head.
- .4 A boat that decides not to compete in the race or retires after starting a race shall notify the Race Committee or report to a designated Safety Boat as soon as practical. **No boat should leave the vicinity of the racing area without communicating with the Race Committee.**

14.0 CHANGE OF COURSE

14.1 When the windward mark "W" position is changed the new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron-shaped mark. For any other course change the Race Committee will move the original mark (or gate or the finishing line) to a new position.

15.0 FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal or Finish Boat and the course side of the appropriate mark F in accordance with the course diagram.

16.0 TIME LIMIT

- .1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 25 minutes or finishes within 75 minutes of the start will be abandoned.
- .2 If a boat finishes within 75 minutes, the time limit for all other boats will be 20 minutes after the finish of the first boat. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

17.0 PROTESTS

17.1 Protests shall be written on Protest Forms available at the Official Notice Board and delivered there within 60 minutes of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

17.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.

17.3 Only the Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for violation of Sailing Instructions 3, 7, 13 and 21. The Protest Committee may assess an alternate penalty for violations of those specified Sailing Instructions. This modifies RRS 60.1 (a).

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19.0 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply, modified so that each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if more than six races have been completed. Eight races are scheduled, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

20.0 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded for first place, second place, and third place in each class (or greater at the discretion of the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee). In addition, the overall winner of the Finn, Laser and Laser Radial classes will be awarded the Tim ("Tiny") Miller Memorial Perpetual Award, given in recognition of Tim's dedication to excellence in Race Management at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

21.0 SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- .1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- .2 All support and spectator boats must register online or in person with the Race Committee and pay the \$ 50 Registration fee prior to the Skipper's Meeting. It is MANDATORY that all support and spectator boats monitor channel 69 for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety and to receive information relative to the intentions of the Race Committee. Support and spectator boats may enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee or when they deem it necessary to assist a boat in distress. Competitors associated with support and spectator boats who fail to comply with this section may be disqualified from the entire event.
- .3 Competitors may **not** drop off or retrieve gear from Race Committee boats.
- .4 Competitors may drop off trash on Race Committee boats.