

*Ventura Yacht Club*  
**2017 Laser Pacific Coast Championships/ Ullman / Frost  
Series #4**  
June 9-11, 2017

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organizing Authorities for the 2017 Laser Pacific Coast Championships/Ullman/Frost #4 will be:  
The Ventura Yacht Club, 1755 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura, CA 93001 &  
Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association (SCYYRA), 5489 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90803

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the launch ramp area.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 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 a staff near the registration and launch ramp area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

***Friday, June 9th***

- 900 Registration and check in opens (Launch Ramp)
- 1015 Registration closes (Launch Ramp)
- 1030 Competitor Meeting (Launch Ramp)
- 1155 First Warning Signal, as many races as possible will be raced
- 1630 No Warning Signal after this time

***Saturday, June 10th***

- 1155 First Warning; as many races as possible will be raced.
- 1630 No Warning Signal after this time

***Sunday, June 11th***

- 1055 First Warning; as many races as possible will be raced.
- 1500 No Warning Signal after this time
- 1600 Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and awards presentation at Ventura Launch Ramp

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Class flags will be as follows:
  - Laser White flag
  - Laser Radial Green flag
  - Laser 4.7 Yellow flag

**7. RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area shall be approximately 1 mile west of the Ventura Harbor entrance.

**8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The Diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The race committee signal boat will hail the course number and display the course number on a large placard.

**9. MARKS**

9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.

9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.3 Windward mark 'W' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Offset mark will be an orange inflatable

9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.

9.5 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1, will be:

(a) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace 'W'

(b) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

**10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 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 the port-end starting mark.

10.3 An inflatable mark may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered part of the Starting Mark for the purposes of rule 28 and rule 31.

10.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

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

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.

11.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

**12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a finish mark consistent with 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

12.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The penalty system shall be as described in rule 44.1.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest Forms will be available at the Launch Ramp Registration Area. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee at the registration desk near the launch ramp within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 15.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held aboard the RC boat *Leo Robbins* beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered  
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than six races are complete, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Adequate, US Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be worn at all times while on the water. Code flag "Y" need not be displayed.

## **18. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 18.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 Coach boats and spectators are asked to monitor VHF channel 71 for instructions from the race committee.

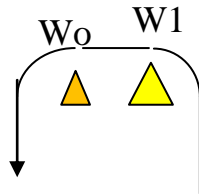
## **20. PRIZES**

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class based on the number of participants.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

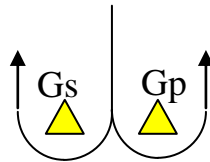
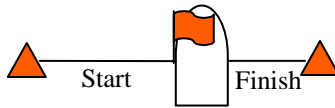
- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**Attachment A - Course Chart**



**Mark 'W' (yellow)**

**Start / Finish  
Pin (Orange)**



**Gate (yellow)  
"Gs / Gp"**

**Course #**

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|----------|-----------------|--|
| <b>1</b> | <b>(2 legs)</b> | <b>Start – W – Wo – Gt – Finish</b>                                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>(4 legs)</b> | <b>Start – W – Wo – Gt – W- Wo-Gt – Finish</b>                     |
| <b>3</b> | <b>(6 legs)</b> | <b>Start – W-Wo- Gt – W-Wo – Gt – W-Wo – Gt –</b><br><b>Finish</b> |

- Mark W is a yellow inflatable mark and shall be rounded to port. There will be a small offset mark Wo.
- Mark Gs is a yellow inflatable mark and shall be rounded to starboard.
- Mark Gp is a yellow inflatable mark and shall be rounded to port.
- The Start / Finish Line is between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange shape.