

HYANNIS YACHT CLUB
Laser Oktoberfest 2017
Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The 2017 Laser Oktoberfest will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing prescriptions.

1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

Racing Rule 40 will be changed - All Competitors are required to wear an approved PFD at all times while racing.

Racing Rule 44.1 will be changed - a boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing rather than the prescribed two turn penalty.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the window of the youth room. The Schedule of Races will also be posted on the Official Notice Board and in the Notice of Race.

3. Disclaimer of Liability

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events are participating entirely at their own risk. **See RRS 4, Decision to Race.** The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day of the regatta, 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 on the HYC yardarm located on the dock.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1" minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor/anchorage until this signal is made.

5. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races is defined in the Notice of Race.

6. Class Flags

Class Flags will not be used for this regatta.

7. Racing Areas

Racing areas will be described in the Notice of Race

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including 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 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the course on a white board on the committee boat.

8.3 When more than one class is racing, a boat shall not cross the starting line except to start or to correct a starting error.

8.4 The race committee may set an offset mark near the windward mark. When there is an offset mark, boats shall round the weather mark and offset mark, leaving each mark to port.

8.5 The race committee may set windward and/or leeward gates. When there are gates, boats may choose to round either mark that denotes the gate.

9. Marks

Marks will be either inflatable yellow or orange cylinders or pyramids or may also be orange, pink, or other colored spheres.

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10. The Start:

10.1 All races started will be in accordance with Appendix "S"-Sound-Signal Starting System. This changes Rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat (Starboard end) and the starting mark (port end).

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat starting more than three (3) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start- DNS" without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10.5 The race committee will hail OCS boats on a "best effort" basis. Failure to make a hail or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

11. Change of the next leg of the course

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark or the finish line to a new position or if the mark is missing or adrift replace it with a mark of the same shape.

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark. The starting line may be different from the finish line.

12.2 If a boat is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, order that boat's race terminated and score the boat points equal to last place in that race.

13. Penalty System

For all classes, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

14. Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within one 30 minutes of the race start time, or 15 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 A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing the race. Protests shall be delivered to the PRO or designee. Protests will be heard immediately following the completion of racing.

15.2 For each class, the protest time is 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked.

15.3 Breaches of Sailing Instruction 10.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's worst score will be discarded after completing five races. This changes Appendix A2.

16.2 The following modifications will be applied to the Low Point Scoring System for finish conditions:

- A. DNF (did not finish) be scored as one more point than the number of competing boats
- B. DNS (did not start: other than DNC and OCS) be scored as two more points than the number of competing boats
- C. DNC (Did not start: did not come to the starting area) be scored as three more points than the number of competing boats
- D. DSQ (Disqualification) be scored as one more point than the number of competing boats

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class Rules and sailing instructions. USCG approved Life Jackets for all crew members shall be worn while racing.

18. Cancellation of Races

At the discretion of the Race Committee, races may be cancelled if winds exceed the Following:

Laser 25 kts, sustained




Laser Radial 20 kts, sustained

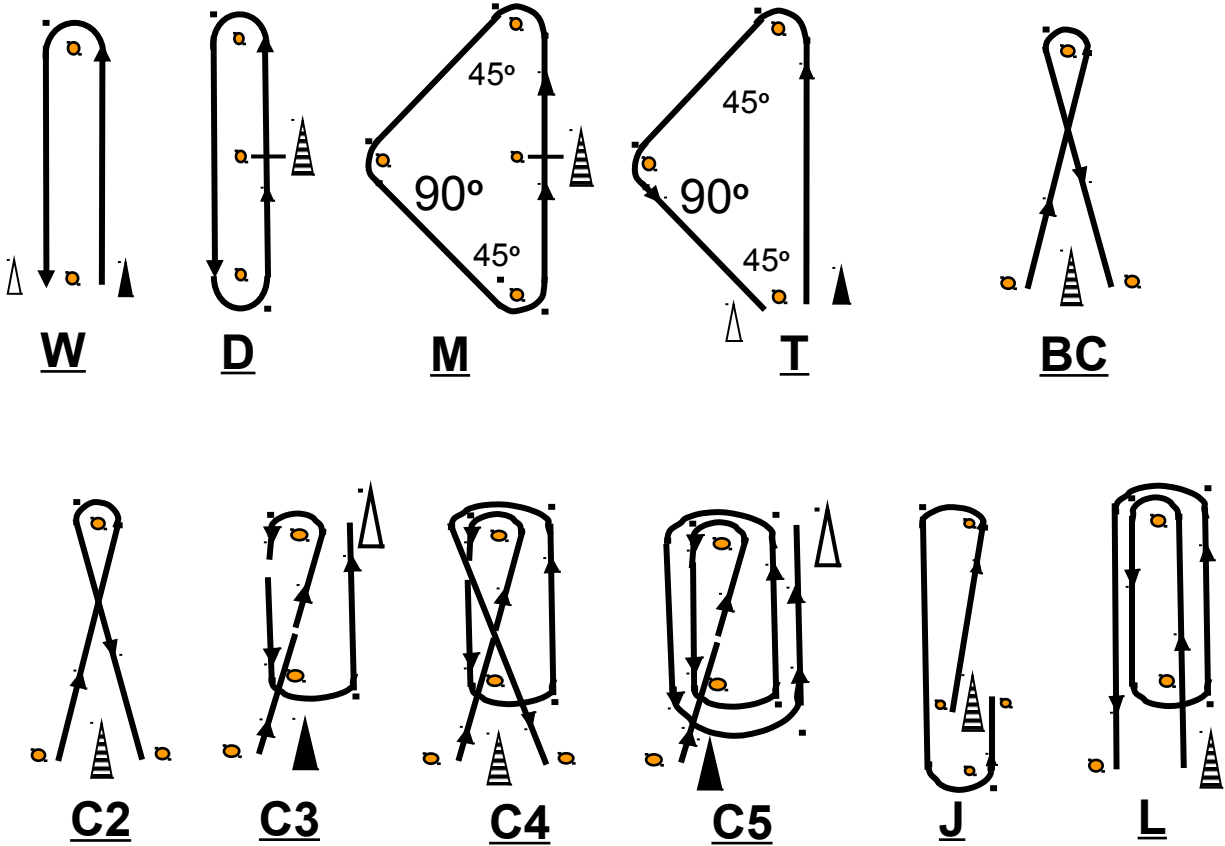
19. Good Sportsmanship

A fundamental rule of good sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule, they will promptly take a penalty or retire. Foul or abusive language on the race course by any

member of a boat's crew or skipper may result in protest by the Race Committee and disqualification from the entire day's race series.

Appendix A HYC Club Courses

Start Boat = 
 Finish Boat = 
 Start-Finish Boat = 



Courses W, D, M, J, L etc. may be modified by adding additional legs, additional times around the entire courses or a combination thereof. When one of these courses is modified it will be posted with the number times the basic course will be sailed. See examples W2½, D2 and T1-1/3 below.

