

2019 Wednesday Night Series

Sailing Instructions

(Details for Lasers and the Dallas Laser Fleet are in shaded boxes and italics.)

Corinthian Sailing Club

White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas

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ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The Organizing Authority is the Corinthian Sailing Club, 441 East Lawther Drive, Dallas, TX 75218. The Series will be governed by latest applicable ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.

LASER CLASS RULES:

Laser racing will also be governed by the International Laser

Class Association (ILCA) Class Rules from the most recent Handbook, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

LASER EXCEPTIONS TO THE ILCA CLASS RULES:

Practice sails and lower cost hardware configurations will be allowed.

DATES:

Wednesday, March 20, 2017 through October 30, 2017. First warning signal is at 6:00 p.m until May 1st and beginning October 2nd. First warning is 6:30 in between May 1st and October 2nd.

LOCATION:

Boats launch from the Corinthian Sailing Club, White Rock Boat Club and public boat ramps around White Rock Lake. Post-race gatherings are held at the Corinthian Sailing Club.

ELIGIBILITY:

Skippers of boats regularly competing in this series shall be members in good standing of either the White Rock Boat Club or Corinthian Sailing Club. Guests may race in a series race on singular/limited occasions, but will not be ranked as a competitor for scoring purposes. Open to all centerboard boats and Corinthians.

LASER SERIES ELIGIBILITY:

Men and women skippers of all ages are eligible to participate. Junior sailors will be those who are less than twenty years old and who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year. Laser skippers regularly competing in this series shall also be members of the Dallas Laser Fleet. More information is available at www.dallaslaserfleet.org

ENTRIES:

An eligible boat that sails in the vicinity of the starting area after the warning signal, or an eligible boat that starts, will be ranked as a competitor for that race. Three or more competing boats will be required for a race to be scored.

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NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted in the Junior Gazebo (on, above or along-side the Laser dock box) by 5:30 p.m. on race day. Courtesy notices may be posted on the Corinthian Sailing Club website (cscsailing.org) and/or the Dallas Laser Fleet website (www.dallaslaserfleet.org) during the series. Information posted anywhere except the Corinthian Sailing Club Junior Gazebo is “Unofficial” and may not be grounds for redress.

SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Race days will be every Wednesday starting on March 20 2017 and ending on October 30, 2017. The number of races to be raced each race day will be determined by the Principal Race Officer (PRO). Changes will be posted and communicated to competitors.

COURSES:

A course designation and any numeric course modifier will be displayed by the Race Committee (RC) prior to the warning signal. Course designator “W” (a Windward/Leeward with a midline start and finish) and “T” (a Triangle) will be followed by a numeral. Numeric modifiers designate the number of times the course is to be rounded. No numeric modifier will be used for the “G” or “O” course. The attached diagrams show the courses. A mid-course start and finish is normally used.

MARKS: Marks will be movable orange spheres. The RC shall have the option of setting an offset mark. An offset mark will be a mark that is smaller and a color other than orange. An offset mark, if used, shall be placed at a right angle to the course and approximately 40 feet to port from the weather mark.

STARTING SYSTEM AND STARTING LINE:

Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal. The starting signal for one class will be coincident with the warning signal for the next (*i.e.* rolling starts). A boat shall not start later than five minutes after her starting signal.

The normal starting order is as follows, unless modified by the RC per instruction below:

Start #

1. **Laser**
2. **Flying Scot**
3. **Corinthian**

The Black and/or “U” Flag will not be used. This changes RRS 30.3. The starting line will be between a white pin and an orange mark or an orange flag on the committee boat. The committee boat may not be stationary or have a flag set. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting line area.

The Class starting order/flag may be changed at the RC option by displaying code Flag “L” (Come within Hail) with one (1) sound prior to the starting sequence. Changes to the starting order will be indicated on course board.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:

Individual recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the RC may attempt to hail the offending boat(s). Failure to hail, or competitor not hearing hail, shall not be grounds for redress.

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CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START: In the case of a course change the RC will lay a new mark (with a black band) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In the event of a subsequent change, a new mark will be replaced by an original mark. An offset mark, if used, shall also be moved to maintain its relative position to the windward mark.

THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between a white pin and an orange mark or an orange flag on the committee boat. The committee boat may not be stationary or have a flag set.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Corinthian Sailing Club committee boat in its davit. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 45 minutes from its starting signal. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat of its start finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

PROTESTS: The Protests shall be delivered to the RC within 30 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day and makes one long sound. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the last race in the Junior Gazebo at Corinthian Sailing Club. RRS 61.2 is rescinded so that a written protest is not required, however for clarity of presentation it is strongly recommended that the form be filled out.

SCORING: Finishes will be recorded by Class and will be made available to Fleet Representatives. It shall be left up to the Fleets to designate which races constitute a series and the point systems to be used. This changes RRS Appendix A, Scoring. However, the results as recorded by the RC and or Protest Committee action, shall not be altered by the Fleets. The RC shall be under no obligation to identify the difference between boats bearing no or identical sail numbers sail numbers.

LASER SERIES SCORING:

Series scoring will be open to Laser, Laser Radial and 4.7

rigs. Competitors are welcome to switch between rigs as conditions dictate.

A Laser Wednesday Night Series competitor will be awarded points under the RRS

Appendix A Low-Point Scoring System.

In 2019 there will be three Series:

Series I (Spring): 3/20 thru 5/29/2019

Series II (Summer): 6/5 thru 8/14/2019

Series III (Fall): 8/21 thru 10/30/2019

Scoring will occur for every race having at least 3 boats sailing in the area of the Starting Line before the race ("Scored Race").

A minimum of 50% (rounded down) of the number of Scored Races will be required to be scored for a Skipper to qualify for Series standing. Only those Skippers sailing in the area of the Starting Line after the warning signal or starts will be scored and DNS, DNF, DSQ, etc. will be scored equal to the number of boats listed as candidate starters for that race plus one. An individual skipper will throw-out any number of races over 50% (rounded down) of the Series Scored Races.

LIABILITY, RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATION IN SAILING ACTIVITIES ON WHITE ROCK LAKE AND, RECOGNIZING THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORT OF SAILING, ALL PARTICIPANTS HEREBY RELEASE AND WAIVE ANY CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY AND DEATH. PARTICIPANT RELEASES CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB, WHITE ROCK BOAT CLUB, DALLAS LASER FLEET, THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, RACE COMMITTEES, MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF WHATEVER KIND INCLUDING THOSE OF NEGLIGENT ACTS AND GROSS NEGLIGENCE WHICH PARTICIPANT MIGHT HAVE ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN SAILING ACTIVITIES.

TYPICAL COURSE DIAGRAMS

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