

## Notice of Fun Event

### 2019 Dallas Laser Fleet's First Laser Slalom Race

When: June 15, 2019

Where: Corinthian Sailing Club

Activities Begin: Food – 1 PM, First Race begins Approximately 2 PM

#### Laser Slalom History

Let's go for a ride back in time. Put on your bell bottoms, your polyester shirt and jacket (or Leisure Suit if you have one), your pukka shell necklace, and your platform shoes. Go back to a time when Kelly Gough had long dirty blond hair and weighed a buck sixty, a time when Richard Nixon was saying "I am not a crook," a time when the cool cats sailed Lasers, took a hit off a J and checked their 8 track tape collection. Join us in 1974, when the first Laser Slalom was held in funky San Fran.

That's right, people. It all started there with long haired hippies yelling "Peace Man, cool it, cool it!" (the 1974 equivalent of "Don't tase me Bro") at the ferocious wind and steep chop that pounded dudes sailing Lasers with 3/1 vang, outhauls that had to be adjusted on the boom, and no idea of how to sail a Laser as people do today.

#### How a Slalom Works

Two boats race on the same course, sailing through the course as quickly as possible. Four buoys are in line with the wind, set approximately five boat lengths apart, with another four buoys paralleling the first set approximately 100 feet away. The idea is for the two courses to be mirror images of each other.

There are seven tacks and seven jibes required to navigate the course. Tack up between the buoys, cross over to other set, jibe between them, sail back up the buoys you just jibed through, cross over and jibe to the finish. Easy!

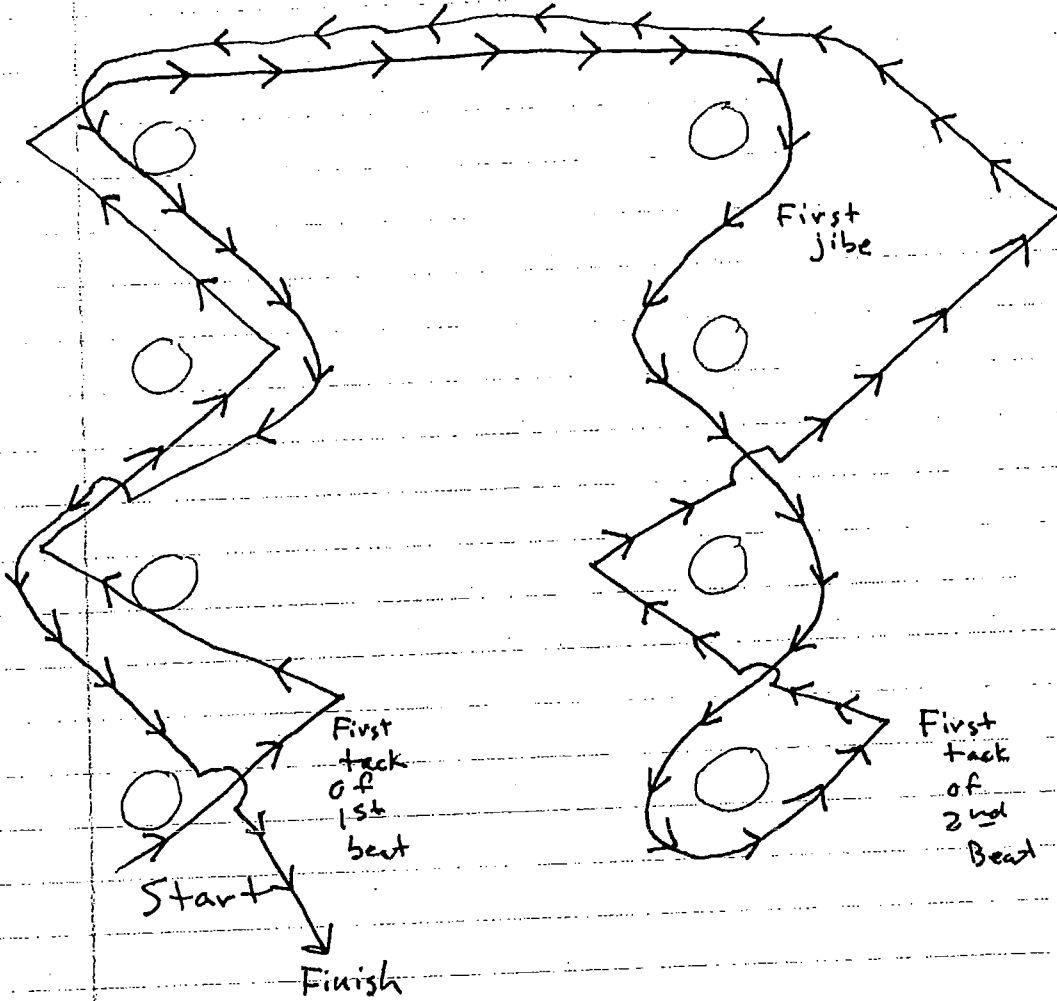
#### Rules

Each competitor starts at the leeward most buoy on their side. A 30 second countdown should have both boats going full speed to weather right next to their buoy. Both boats will be headed toward the other course at the start, and each will tack back to make their first mark to weather. The course is set forth on the next page.

At the top cross over, port tack boat ALWAYS passes to weather of the starboard boat. No hunting!!



Start @ Port Buoy





Start @ Starboard Buoy

