

2019 Laser Masters North American Championship

October 4 - 6, 2019

Hosted by the Eastern Yacht Club
Marblehead, MA

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sailing Center of the Eastern Yacht Club, and on Regatta Network.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Casey Flagpole on the harbor side of the Eastern Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes Race Signals.

5. Schedule of Races

Thursday, October 3

Free sail

1200 - 2000 Registration/ Check-in

Friday, October 4

0800 - 0930 Late Check-in

0930 - Competitor Briefing

1200 - First Warning Signal

Saturday, October 5

1100 - First Warning Signal

Sunday, October 6

1100 - First Warning Signal

1500 - No Warning Signal after this time

Awards to follow as soon as practical after racing

- 5.2 It is the intent of the organizing authority to run 10 races.
- 5.3 A maximum of four (4) races will be sailed each day.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'no more racing today'.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the open waters of Massachusetts Bay. At the discretion of the race committee, racing may be moved to Salem Sound or the mouth of Marblehead Harbor.

7. Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark and the course to be sailed.

8. Marks

- 8.1 Original marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.2 The starting marks will be either anchored boats flying orange flags or a boat flying an orange flag and a green tetrahedron.
- 8.3 The finish marks will be an anchored boat flying a blue flag and a green tetrahedron.
- 8.4 New marks, when used in accordance with Instruction 12, Change of Course, will be pink tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change of course as new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 8.5 All offset marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.6 A mid-line starting boat will be a mark of the course.

9. Class Flags

- 9.1 Class flags will be used for Lasers and Laser Radials.
- 9.2 The Laser flag will be a white flag with a red insignia.
- 9.3 The Radial flag will be a green flag with a red insignia.

10. The Start

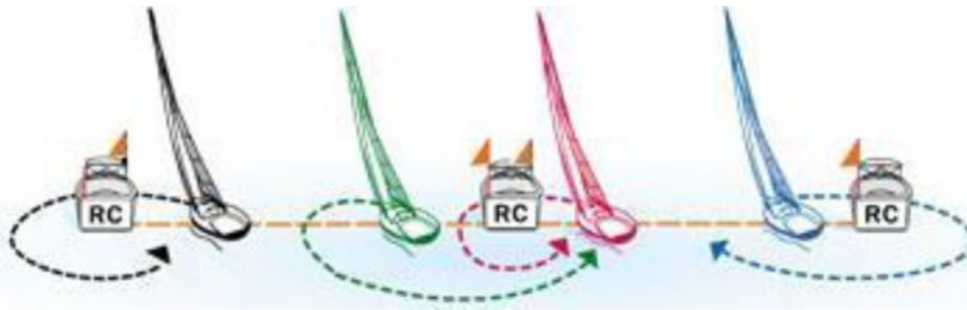
10.1 All competitors must 'check in' by sailing past the stern of the signal boat prior to their first race of the day, hailing the last 4 digits of their sail number, and being acknowledged verbally. Failure to check in will result in a 5-point penalty, without a hearing, for each race. This changes A5 rule 61 and rule 63.

10.2 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.4 It is the race committee's intention to use a mid-line boat.

10.5 When rule 30.1 is in effect a boat may round the mid-line boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes RRS 30.1 (see diagram below).



11. Change of 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 practical.

11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

11.3 No signal will be made if an adjustment of less than 10 degrees is made to a leg of the course, as long as there are no competitors on that leg of the course.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end, and the finishing mark at the port end.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 Appendix P will apply, except that P2.2 and P2.3 is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.3 When a boat is penalized under rule P2.1, rule 42 is changed from a Two-Turn Penalty to a One-Turn Penalty.

13.4 If a boat intends to take a penalty turn for an incident at the windward mark or on the offset leg, or for a yellow flag at the windward mark, or on the offset leg, or for a yellow flag at the windward mark or on the offset leg, she shall do so as soon as possible after passing the offset mark if one is in place. A boat will not be penalized for breaking this SI if they do a penalty turn between the windward mark and the offset mark if they are well clear of other boats. This changes RRS 44.213.4

14. Time Limit and Target Times

14.1 The target time for each race will be 60 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

15.2 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.3 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; or
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress, based on a protest committee decision, shall be delivered no more than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.5 If the race committee posts the list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.2 When five (5) races or more races are sailed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores minus her worst score.

16.3 The North American Masters Handicap System will be to score the overall series.

16.3.1 Apprentices add 3 points to each race score, Masters add 2, Grandmasters add 1, and Great Grandmasters add 0.

16.4 When 2 or more competitors are tied, the tie shall be broken as follows:

16.4.1 Within an age division, a tie shall be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.

16.4.2 Across the age divisions, a tie shall be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

17. Safety

17.1 Personal flotation devices (non-inflatable) shall be worn while afloat except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes rule 40.

17.2 A boat that retires for the day shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable before leaving the racing area.

17.3 In addition, when reaching land, a retiring boat shall notify the race committee by calling Kathy at 847-338-1808.

17.4 Boats are encouraged to carry a designated 20 foot bowline.

17.5 A white buoy may be placed to leeward of the starting area for disabled boats to tie to.

18. Coach, Support and Spectator Boats

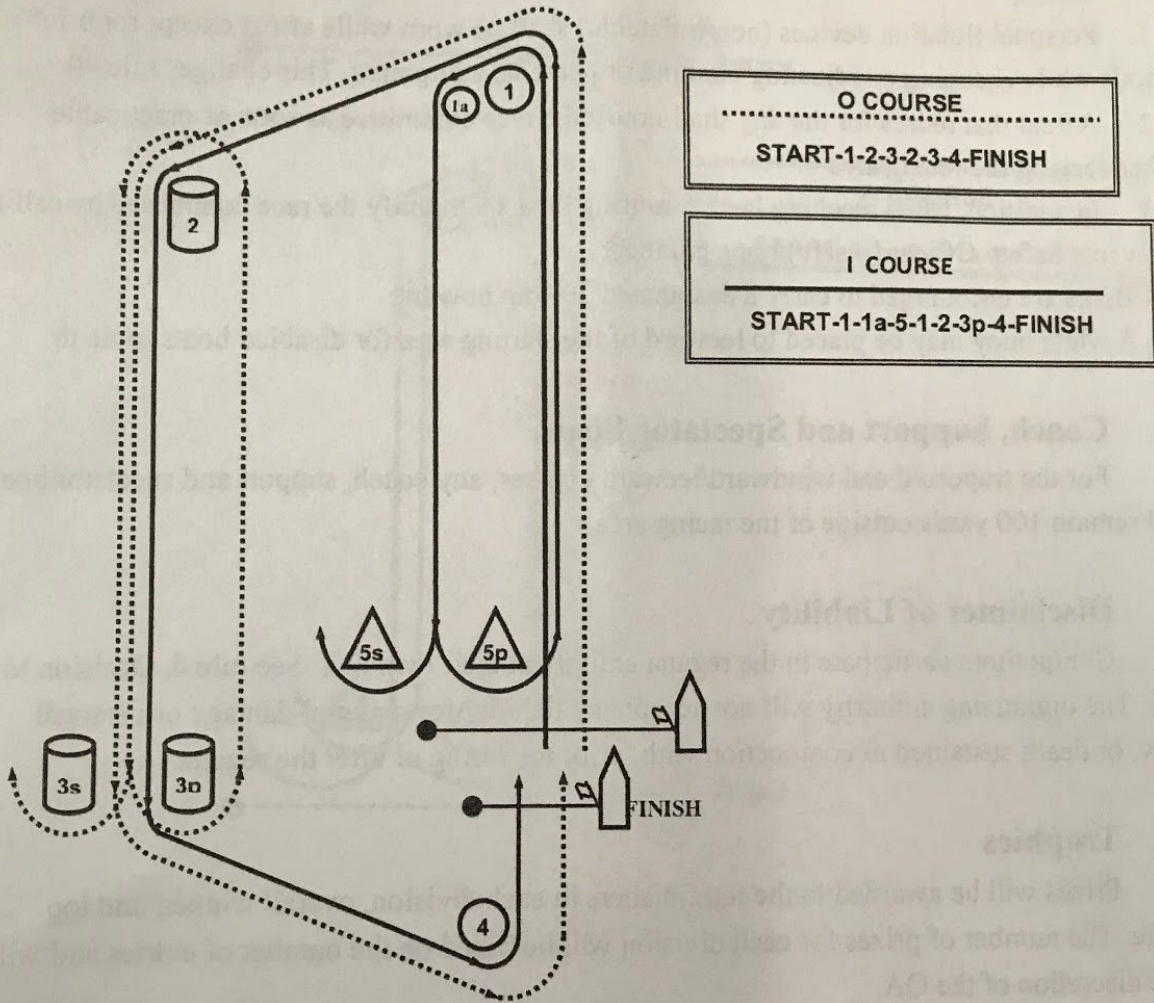
For the trapezoid and windward/leeward courses, any coach, support and spectator boat shall remain 100 yards outside of the racing area.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

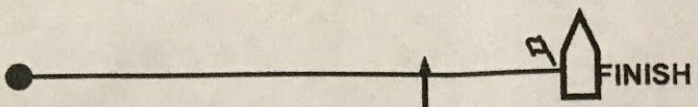
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

20. Trophies

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on the number of entries, and will be at the discretion of the OA.



ILCA Windward/Leeward Course



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START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH

