

# **THE BUZZARDS YACHT CLUB LASER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2018**

## **1. Rules**

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, these sailing instructions, and the class rules of each class racing. □

**2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions** □ Committee Boat will note any changes to the sailing instructions on the course board or by hailing at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race to start. The content of the change will be available from the committee boat by hail.

## **3. Schedule of Races**

The starting time for Laser Class will be 10:00AM. We will run a many races as the race committee sees fit, but hopefully at least 5 races. A minimum of two boats in a class will be required for a race to be started. □

## **4. Racing Area**

The racing area will be in the general vicinity between Wings and Scraggy Necks. See chart on reverse side of page. □

## **5. Courses & Marks**

- Courses will be posted on a course board on the committee boat and will be chosen from the course sheet unless notified otherwise. The numbered course will be shown on the course board followed by the marks to be sailed and the number of times around.

- Inflatable marks are designated as IM. If all marks are inflatables then IM will be shown once. □

- Red letters are to be left to port and a green letter is to be left to starboard. □

- Lettered marks are government buoys , with the exception of “C” which is a florescent green cylindrical shape and “Z” which is Bassetts Island. When rounding Bassetts, all government marks shall be minded. □
- The starting line and finish line will not be restricted to boats starting or finishing. □

## **6. The Start** □

**The starting line will be between the inflatable mark on the port side of the committee boat and a flag on the Committee Boat.** □ Races shall be started using three minute dingy starts: Three minutes (Three long), Two minutes (Two long), One and a half minutes (One long Three short), One minute (one long), Thirty seconds (three short), Twenty seconds (two short), Ten seconds (one short), Five, Four, Three, Two, One, Go (Five short, One long) starts using horn blasts. A boat failing to start 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. □

**7. Change of Course after the Start & Shortening a Course Any change of course** after the start will be signaled by a race committee boat stationed near the mark beginning the first leg. Change of course shall be noted on the course board and a horn sounded periodically. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. □ If the next mark is to be a lettered mark it will be listed on the course board in the appropriate color. Any further changes to marks will be made by hails to racers from the Committee Boat. □ Subsequent legs may be changed w/o further signaling to maintain the shape of the course. **For a shortened course** , Shortened course will be noted on the course board and accompanied by two sounds. The finish line will be between the Committee Boat and a nearby mark.

## **8. The Finish**

The finish line will be the same as the start line.

## **9. Time Limit**

Will be 60 minutes. If no boat finishes within that time the race will be abandoned. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first yacht finishes will be scored “Did not finish.” □

#### **10. Retiring** □

A boat that starts a race and retires from the race before finishing should make an effort to notify the race committee.

#### **11. Penalty**

Rule 44.1 will apply.

#### **12. Protests**

All protests must be made in accordance with Part 5, Section A of RRS. Protests will be adjudicated on the water by the Committee Boat as close to the time of the alleged infraction as practicable. Offending racers are encouraged to take penalty turns rather than having protests lodged.

#### **13. Scoring, Series & Re-sails** □

A Low-Point Scoring System will be used in scoring all series. DNC will be scored two more points than the number of boats starting that *race* . DNS, OCS, RET, and DSQ will be scored one more point than the number of boats starting that *race* . We will have a throwout race for every five races we do. We will score the sailor by the person. Though we encourage people to lend their boats to others to keep the number of boats on the line high, they will not be scored for the season series and must pay \$10 to race for the day.

#### **14. Cancellations & Delays** □

Racing will be canceled or delayed if there are sustained winds over 25 mph and/or any other conditions deemed unsuitable for racing. An automated email, text message or phone call will be sent to registered competitors detailing the cancellation, change or other instructions. □

## **15. Numbers** □

Numbers and class legal sails are not required but you will need some way for the race committee to identify your boat. □

## **16. Life-saving Equipment** □

Each racer is required to wear appropriate Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) conforming to government regulations. It is the responsibility of each sailor/racer to be as safe as possible when racing. □

## **Race Committee Chairman** □

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