

**Laser Masters Florida Championship**  
for



**The Jack Swenson Memorial Trophy**

Palm Beach Sailing Club & Royal Turkey Yacht Club, January 31,  
February 1 & 2, 2020

**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. Sections A, B and C (Expedited Hearings) of Appendix T apply.
- 1.2 The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.3 Code Flag Y will NOT be displayed, but competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes Rule 40.
- 1.4 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Section 6 of the NOR will be enforced and other measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.
- 1.5 Laser class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person shall be on board while racing. The person shall be named in the entry form."

**2. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the pavilion at the PBSC.

**3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect or may be made orally from the Signal Vessel after flying Code Flag "L".

**4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the east end of the Palm Beach Sailing Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

**5. Schedule of Races**

**5.1 Friday, January 31, 2020**

Registration/Sail Inspection	0800-0930
Competitor's Meeting	1000
Harbor Start	1015
First Warning no earlier than	1130 (subsequent races to follow)

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Harbor Start	1000
First Warning no earlier than	1115 (subsequent races to follow)
Dinner	1800 approximately

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Harbor Start	1000
First Warning no earlier than	1115
Awards	ASAP after last race of the day

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, there may be a series of short sounds one minute before the warning signal for that race.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

**6. Class Flags**

The class flag for the Laser Fleet will be a white flag with the Laser logo. For the Laser Radial Fleet, the flag will be green.

**7. Racing Areas**

The primary racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 1 mile south of the Lake Worth Inlet. The secondary racing area will be in Lake Worth approximately in front of Palm Beach Sailing Club.

**8. Courses**

The diagrams and descriptions in Attachment A define the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course to be sailed will be indicated by a W or a T.

**9. Marks**

- 9.1 The starting mark will be the course side of an orange inflatable or an orange flag on a race committee boat.
- 9.2 The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedon. The windward offset mark will be a red ball. The leeward and reach marks will be yellow inflatables.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow inflatables.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be the signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and a mark vessel or an orange inflatable at the port end.

**10. The Start**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rules A4 and A5.
- 10.3 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS via VHF radio Channel 69. The timing and order, or omission, of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear a hail will not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1 or grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.1(b). Other use of any

communication device is prohibited and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes. For this event, handheld VHF Radios are "Safety Equipment" within the meaning of ILCA Class Rule 25 and the Fundamental Rule.

- 10.4 Recall and postponement flags may also be displayed from the pin vessel. OCS hails may also be made from the pin vessel.

**11. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or gate, or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Display of Flag "C" may be made from either the signal vessel or a mark vessel.

**12. The Finish**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end finishing mark or an orange flag on a staff on the pin vessel.

**13. Time Limit**

- 13.1 Time limits are as follows:

Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
75 minutes	30 minutes

If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within this time limit, the race will be abandoned.

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing and will receive two more points than the number of finishers. This changes Rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 The Race Committee may abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill. A boat shall not request redress under Rule 60.1(b) because of an action or no action by the Race Committee under this instruction. This changes Rule 60.1(b).

**14. Protests**

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes from the time the race committee signal vessel docks. The docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 14.2 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finished, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 14.3 Penalties may be taken after a race per Appendix T2.2 (and not Appendix T2.1).
- 14.4 Additional instructions on protests and time limits for redress requests will be posted on the Notice Board. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.
- 14.5 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than thirty minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.6 Equipment protests will only be accepted from the Race Committee. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

## **15. Scoring**

- 15.1 A minimum of one race or round robin series must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Boats may exclude their worst score after 5 races have been completed.
- 15.3 The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race:  
Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters - add 0 points.
- 15.4 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:  
Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A-8. Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

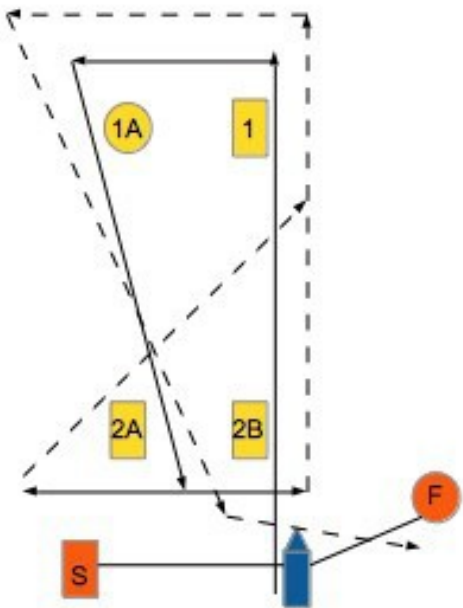
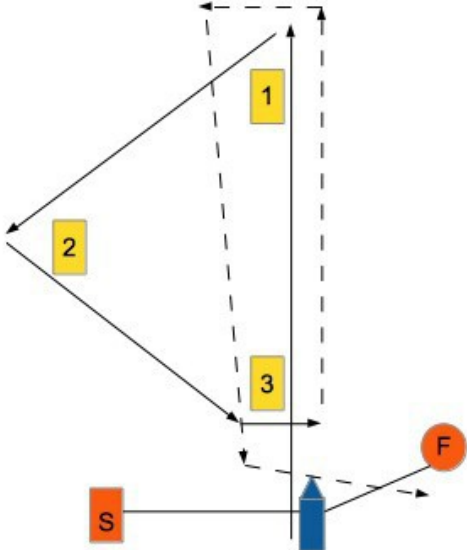
## **16. Safety regulations**

- 16.1 [NP] All boats must check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. The penalty for breaking this instruction may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible or telephone or text PRO Karen Tenenbaum at (617) 548-9333.
- 16.3. [NP] Boats are required to carry a 30' long bow line.
- 16.4. [NP] While sailing in the Lake Worth Inlet, a boat should keep to the right hand side of the channel.
- 16.5 [NP] Florida law provides that a vessel that approaches within 100 feet of a divers-down warning device on a river, inlet, or navigation channel, or within 300 feet of a divers-down warning device on waters other than a river, inlet, or navigation channel, must proceed no faster than is necessary to maintain headway and steerageway. The circle around a vessel flying a diver-down flag is an obstruction.

## **17. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 places in each division, plus an award for the first overall female. The overall winners of the Florida Laser Master's Championship in standard rig will have their names engraved on the Jack Swenson Memorial "Dirty Old Man Of The Sea" Perpetual Trophy. The overall winners of the standard class and radial class will have their names embroidered in the official Green Jackets signifying the coveted Honorary Membership in the Royal Turkey Yacht Club.

# ATTACHMENT A

Course W	Course T
	
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1A (port), between 2A (starboard) and 2B (port), 1 (port), 1A (port), 2B (port), finish</p> <p><b>NOTE: If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port</b></p>	<p>Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3 (port) 1 (port), 3 (port), finish</p>