



## 2021 ILCA Pacific Coast Championship

July 24-25, 2021

Organizing Authority: Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Laser class rules.
- 1.2. Rule 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3. All competitors (and any coach boats/support crew) are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations, as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. **For the Laser PCCs this will include demonstrating proof of COVID-19 Vaccination status (fully vaccinated) at check-in for all competitors and support persons. See "Mandatory Check-in Guidelines".**

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is located in the Regatta Room at the east end of the first floor of Richmond Yacht Club (RYC). Notices will also be posted online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22459>.
- 2.2. Competitor's meeting will be held at 1000 on July 24th on RYC lower deck.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0945 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the upper deck of the RYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Race Day Time of first warning signal FOR RACE 1

<b>7/24/21</b>	<b>1200 Hours – Race #1</b>
<b>7/24/21</b>	<b>Race 2 Immediately following Race #1</b>
<b>7/24/21</b>	<b>Race 3 Immediately following Race #2</b>
<b>7/24/21</b>	<b>Race 4 Immediately following Race #3</b>
<b>7/25/21</b>	<b>Race 5 warning 11:30 Hours</b>
<b>7/25/21</b>	<b>Race 6 Immediately following Race #5</b>
<b>7/25/21</b>	<b>Race 7 Immediately following Race #6</b>

- 5.2. After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and an announcement may be made on RC Signal boat hailer.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. ILCA 4 (4.7) – Yellow with Red
- 6.2. ILCA 6 Radial – Radial Flag (Green with Red)
- 6.3. ILCA 7 Standard – Standard flag (White with red)

## **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1. The racing area will be on the east side of central San Francisco Bay as close to the Potrero channel breakwater as wind will allow, or Keller's Cove, as conditions warrant. This will be announced at the competitor's meeting on Saturday. The race area will be the same both days unless Flag "L" is raised on the yardarm and a Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0945.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1. **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks are to be left to port.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by flag displayed from the RC Signal boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks will be yellow, orange or red inflatable marks.
- 9.2. Finish mark will be an orange ball.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of an inflatable mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE 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 practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a separate Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark. Competitors should make their sail numbers visible to the finish line crew as they cross the finish line.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. The time limit for each buoy race shall be 60 minutes.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4, and A5.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1. The low point scoring system, A4, will be used.
- 15.2. The number of races scheduled is 7. The minimum numbers of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.

15.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. This changes A2.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1. Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply to ILCA 6 and ILCA 7.

16.2. For the ILCA 4 class Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16.3. Protest forms will be located outside the downstairs Race Room. Protests shall be delivered to a Protest Committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 30 minutes after the Finish Line committee boat returns to the dock.

16.4. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

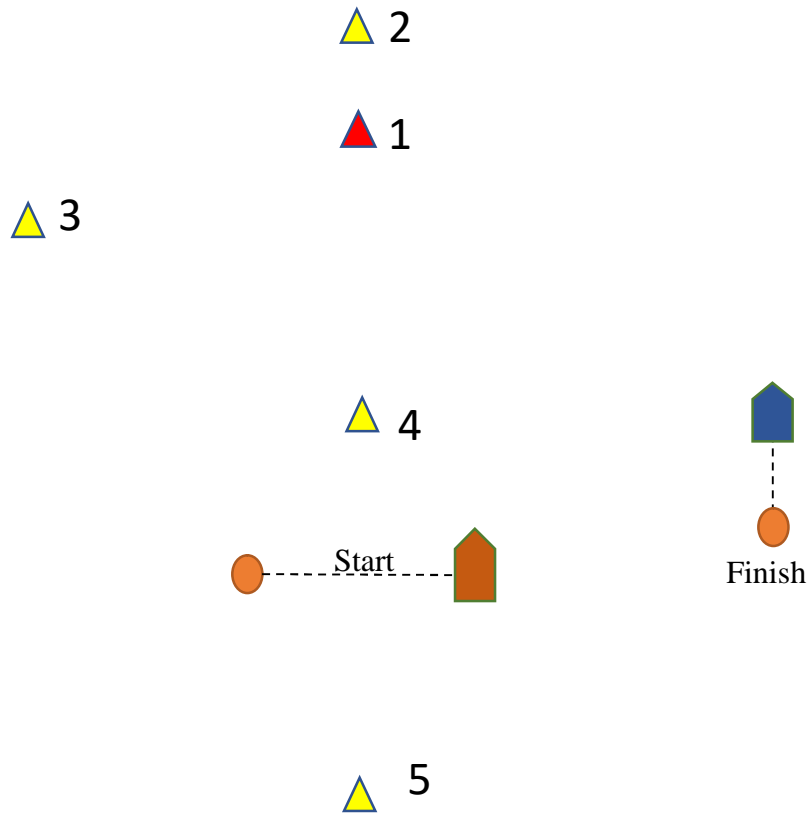
17.1. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing must notify a Race Committee official before leaving the course area.

17.2. Boats shall not impede the passage of ship traffic while racing. Rule 9 of the Inland Rules of the Road applies with respect to all shipping traffic on San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. A violation of Rule 9 is subject to protest by any competitor or by the Race Committee. Compliance with the Rules 60-63 will not be required with respect to a protest involving a Rule 9 infraction. A violation of Rule 9 may not be exonerated by a Turns or Scoring penalty. Any complaint received by the Race Committee from the United States Coast Guard or the captain or bar pilot of any ship that has sounded five blasts on its horn when encountering a competitor leaving or returning to the harbor shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee if the captain, bar pilot or Coast Guard identifies an offending boat by sail number. In any case where a ship has sounded five blasts on its horn, a presumption shall be created at the protest hearing that the protested boat(s) has (have) violated Rule 9 and the protested yacht(s) shall have the burden of proving that it(they) did not impede the progress of the ship. Race Committee chase boats patrolling the transit between the marina to the race course may hail boats to alter course to avoid impeding ship traffic. Failure of any boat to comply with the hail of the Race Committee shall result in an automatic protest by the Race Committee. A protest of a Rule 9 infraction by a competitor may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the regatta, but not more than 24 hours after the incident. A protest by the Race Committee for an infraction of Rule 9 may be made at any time up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club will cooperate and provide relevant information to any investigations by the Coast Guard or other competent governmental authority of violations of Rule 9.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1. 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## ATTACHMENT A – COURSES



Course	All marks to be left to port. Start/Finish line is restricted unless starting or finishing.
1	S – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish
2	S – 2 – 4 – 2 – 4 – Finish
3	S – 2 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 4 – Finish
4	S – 1 – 5 – 1 – 4 – Finish
5	S – 2 – 5 – 2 – 4 – Finish