



Marin Yacht Club Summer Laser Challenge

October 3, 2021

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), each class' class rules, the Notice of Series and the Notice of Race, except in the event that any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 All Marin County Health and Human Services guidelines, should they apply, will be observed during this regatta. The Race committee reserves the right to immediately disqualify and remove from the regatta any participants that fail to comply with the guidelines in effect on the day of the regatta.
- 1.3 **All participants in this regatta shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing other clothing.** Violation of this rule may result in a protest by the race committee, and a decision by the protest committee up to disqualification from the entire regatta.
- 1.4 If a competitor leaves the racing area before the end of racing each day, he/she shall notify the race committee or a support boat before retiring. If someone is unable to notify the race committee afloat, they shall notify a safety person ashore before leaving the harbor area.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices will be posted on the official notice board in the MYC Clubhouse.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 1200 on the day of the race.

4 Schedule of Races

Sunday, October 3rd

1100	Skippers Meeting - at picnic tables at top of dingy dock
1300	First Warning
1530	Racing Completed

Six races are scheduled. The starting sequence for the first race will begin at 1300 barring any need to postpone. Each subsequent race will start after the previous one has finished.

5 Signals and Flags:

5.1 Starting sequence:

- Three minutes before the start of each race, a warning signal will be sounded consisting of three short horn blasts.
- Two minutes before the start of each race, a warning signal of one short horn blast will be sounded. If classes are started separately, the class flag will go up.
- One minute before the start of each race, a warning signal of one long whistle will be sounded.
- At the start of each race, one short horn blast will be sounded. If possible (but not required), there will be a countdown broadcast.
- If classes are started separately, the sequence will repeat with one minute in between.

5.2 On the Course Side:

- Two horn blasts will be sounded. If possible (but not required), the OCS bow number will be called over the bullhorn.
- A whistle will be the signal that the OCS boat has cleared.

5.3 General Recall:

- Three long horn blasts will be sounded. All boats should return to the starting area and the race will be restarted.

5.4 Finish:

- The first boat will receive a horn blast.
- All other boats will receive a whistle.

5.5 Class Flags (if used): Red – Laser, Blue – Opti, Yellow – Zest, Green - FJ

6 Racing Area

All courses will use red buoys or navigational marks. The **(S/F)** Start/Finish line will be marked by 2 buoys between the Canal police dock and the Clubhouse shore. The **(E)** Eastern mark (southeast of the range mark) is to be rounded on Starboard. The **(W)** Western Mark is to be rounded to Port.

Courses

- 1. S/F, ES, S/F**
- 2. S/F, ES, WP, S/F**
- 3. S/F, WP, ES, S/F**

7 Time Limit

7.1 The time limit will be 20 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

7.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE. TLE will be the number of boats finished within the time limit plus 2. This changes rule RRS 35.

8 Scoring

8.1 When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.2 When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her top 5 race scores excluding her worst score. If additional races are completed, the next worse score will be excluded.

9 Protests

- 9.1 Upon finishing each race, protesting boats shall immediately notify the race committee boat at the finishing line of their intention to protest and the sail number of the protested boat.
- 9.2 All protests shall be filed at the protest room no later than thirty minutes after the finish boat docking time. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 9.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within thirty minutes after the end of protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

10 Support/Coach Boats

- 10.1 All support boats must also act as safety boats. All support boats will have adequate first aid and safety gear aboard.
- 10.2 Coaches, spectators, and other support personnel shall not enter the racing area while boats are racing, unless requested to do so by the race committee.

11 Prizes

Trophies will be awarded on the lawn at 1600 or shortly after the completion of the races.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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 event.