



2022 Laser Pacific Coast Championship

September 17-18, 2022

Ventura Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following [US Sailing prescriptions](#) will not apply: Rule 63.2 and Rule 63.4.
- 1.3. Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y need not be displayed."
- 1.4. Pursuant to the requirements of Laser Class Rule 4(e)ii, the Race Committee grants approval to competitors to use a sail with numbers different than the sail number allocated to the hull.
- 1.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6. If there is any discrepancy between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the VYC Notice Board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the VYC flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**5.1. Dates of Racing**

Friday, September 16	1530-1830	Early Check-in & Sail Inspection
Saturday, September 17	0800 1000 1200 After Racing	Check-in & Sail Inspection Competitors Meeting First Race Warning Regatta Dinner
Sunday, September 18	1100 1500 ASAP after racing	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation & Munchies

5.2. The Race Committee will attempt to run up to 9 races.

5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

5.4. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be as follows:

ILCA 7	Numeral Pennant 7
ILCA 6	Numeral Pennant 6
ILCA 4	Numeral Pennant 4

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area will be approximately 1 nautical mile west of the whistle buoy (R2).

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in the attachments show 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.

8.2. The race committee can substitute windward-leeward courses for trapezoid courses if they see fit to do so.

8.3. The race committee shall signal the course to be sailed by numbered placards on the race committee signal vessel.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, and 4S & 4P will be yellow inflatable marks.

9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and an inflatable buoy to port of the signal vessel.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. For trapezoid courses, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat and an orange buoy at the port end and course side of the finishing boat.
- 12.2. For windward-leeward courses, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange buoy on the starboard side of the race committee boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix P will apply, except that Rules P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and Rule P2.1 is changed so that the word "first" is deleted.
- 13.2. Appendix V will apply, including Rule V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, and Rule V2, Penalty Taken After a Race.

TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 13.3. Target time for all classes will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4. Time limit for all classes will be 90 minutes.
- 13.5. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the VYC Office. Protests and requests for redress must be filed at the Race Office within 45 minutes after the race committee vessel docks. Docking time will be posted on the notice board.
- 14.2. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest filing deadline. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the posted list of protest hearings.
- 14.3. Breaches of instructions 10.2, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 15.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 16.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a race committee vessel to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 17.1. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 18.1. All support boats must register with the Event Chair during the check-in period.
- 18.2. Support boats shall be required to comply with any instructions from race officials.
- 18.3. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 19.1. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee vessels.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 20.1. Except in an emergency, 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.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet. The number of prizes awarded will be based on the number of competitors pre-registered.
- 21.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

22. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta 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.
- 22.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 22.3. Competitors are expected to abide by the Ventura Yacht Club Rules as stated in the NOR

ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish







