



2011 AREA D ELIMINATIONS FOR THE U.S. SINGLEHANDED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: US SAILING Area D
Hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club
2-3 April, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** - The National Finals as well as all elimination events shall be governed by *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the U.S. Singlehanded Championships Conditions (SHC Conditions); the US SAILING Regulations Sections 10.0 (Championships), 13.04 (Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy), 13.05 (physical Abuse Policy), and 14.04 (Volunteers at US SAILING Events); US SAILING Policy, Certified Officials at any Event (Championship Management), and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules.
 - 1.1 The prescriptions of US Sailing to RRS 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
2. **INCLUSION OF APPENDIX-P** –Special procedures of Appendix P may be in effect.
3. **CLASSES** – Laser (Men's) and Laser Radial (Women's)
 - 3.1. The Area D Semifinals is open to Laser Full Rig for the Men's Semifinal and Laser Radial Rig for the Women's Semifinal. This is a bring your own boat elimination.
4. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 4.1. ALL competitors MUST BE:
 - A.) At least 16 years of age in the calendar year; and
 - B.) Members of US SAILING at all levels of competition; and
 - C.) A member of one of the following:
 - 1.) A Sailing Club or Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by US SAILING;
 - 2.) A Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to US SAILING,
 - 3.) A Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of the local RSA;
 - 4.) A member of or a drilling Reservist of the Military Service
 - 4.2. A competitor may compete in only one Area elimination and only in the elimination for the Area in which he or she resides in or regularly competes. Each competitor's LSO or CSP shall be located within the geographical borders of the Area conducting the elimination.
 - 4.3. No competitor, after being entered or participating in any Area elimination may be a competitor from another elimination in the same year. This restriction does not apply to ICSA, ISSA, Military Services and other selection events. See Conditions 3.4.
 - 4.4. Competitors for the Men's Championship must be males. Competitors for the Women's Championship must be females.
 - 4.5. Entrants must be members of the Laser Class Association.
5. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the west wall of the clubhouse, ground level.
6. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse.

7.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race signal AP.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 2, 0700-0830 Check in

April 2, 0830 Competitors Meeting

April 2, 1000 First Warning signal for first day of racing

April 2, 1800 Regatta Dinner

April 3, 0900 First Warning signal for second day of racing

No original warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, April 3

9. CLASS FLAGS

For the first race of each day, classes will start in the following order:

Laser	White Laser Class Flag
Laser Radial	Red Laser Class Flag

If there are insufficient entries to warrant two starts, all boats will start with the White Laser Class flag. If one start is utilized, it will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will on Hillsborough Bay, south of the clubhouse.

11. COURSES

The diagram in Attachment I show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.

The approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race.

12. MARKS

12.1 Windward and leeward marks will be yellow inflatables. Finish and offset marks will be small orange balls. Start mark will be a green inflatable.

12.1. New marks, as provided in SI 14, will be orange inflatables.

13. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 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.

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF

17. PROTESTS

17.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes from the time the race committee signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.

17.2. Additional instructions on protests and time limits for redress requests will be posted on the Notice Board.

18. SCORING

Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by the SHC Conditions will apply. See Section 13 of the SHC Conditions.

19. DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing’s permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/No_Appeal/Rule_70_5_a_Procedure.htm are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed..

20. SAFETY

- 20.1. All competitors in US SAILING championships, at all levels, shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing (US SAILING Regulation 10.01 (D)).
- 20.2. 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 boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 20.3. A competitor that retires from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

21. PRIZES

U S Sailing Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers for each elimination. The Area D Singlehanded Championship Perpetual trophies will be presented to the Top Finisher of the Men’s division and Women’s Division. The winners will be eligible to race at the Men’s and Women’s single handed championship held at the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon

ATTACHMENT 1

