



Santa Cruz Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Winter Laser Regatta

December 11, 2011

1. Rules

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The 'Y' flag will not be displayed. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times and to comply with RRS 40 as if the 'Y' flag were being displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3. All equipment used by a Laser competitor must conform to the ILCA Laser Class rules.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Official Notices will be posted on the "Notice Board" located in the window at the northeast corner of the SCYC clubhouse and may be posted online.
- 2.2. A Competitors Briefing will take place at 10:00 hours on December 11, 2011 at the SCYC boat hoist.

3. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the mast on the SCYC clubhouse deck. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than sixty minutes (60) after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on race day except that any changes to the schedule will be posted by 1730 the day before it will take effect.

5. Schedule

The scheduled time of the warning signal each day is 1200 hours. No races will be started after 1500 hours each day. As many races as possible will be scheduled. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the preceding race.

6. Racing Area

Racing will be around buoy-enclosed courses. The starting area will be within half a mile of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor.

7. The Start

The Starting Line will be between an R/C flag on a staff on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby temporary orange mark set to port of the Race Committee signal boat when facing up wind. The Starting Line shall be placed approximately 1/3 of the distance between the Leeward and Windward mark.

8. The Course

- 8.1. The courses will be windward-leeward around inflatable buoys. Boats must sail through the Start-Finish line on each upwind leg of the course. The Start-Finish line is a gate called "Mid-Gate" in the course description below and is a rounding mark. "W" is a windward rounding mark set directly to windward of the Start/Finish line. "L" is a leeward rounding mark set to leeward of the Start/Finish line. All marks other than the Mid-Gate shall be left to port.
- 8.2. Courses are numbered and shown in the table below. The course to be sailed shall be indicated by a number pennant displayed by the Race Committee signal boat not later than the Warning Signal for each race.

1	Start – W – L - Finish
2	Start – W – L – Mid-Gate – W – L - Finish

8.3. RRS US Sailing prescription Appendix S will be used. [APPENDIX S](#) is attached.

8.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

9. The Finish

The Finish Line will be between an R/C flag on a staff on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby temporary orange mark set to port of the Race Committee signal boat when facing up wind. The Finish Line shall be placed approximately 1/3 of the distance between the Leeward and Windward marks.

10. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. Time Limit

11.1. If no Boat sails the course and Finishes within 30 minutes of the Starting Signal then the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet this time limit shall not be grounds for redress.

11.2. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first Boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish” (DNF). This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5.

12. Protests

12.1. Protest forms will be available at the SCYC regatta shed. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the race committee within 60 minutes after the docking of the Race committee signal boat. The Protest Filing Time Limit shall be posted on the official regatta notice board.

12.2. The time and place of all protest hearing(s), the boat(s) protesting, the boat(s) being protested and boat(s) requesting redress will be posted on the official regatta notice board within 120 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.

13. Scoring

13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

13.2. The low point system will be used as per RRS A4 except as modified below.

13.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. For every (6) races completed, there will be one throw out.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.

US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.

S1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.

S2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

S3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal Sound Time before start

Warning 3 long 3 minutes

Preparatory 2 long 2 minutes

1 long, 3 short 1 minute, 30 seconds

1 long 1 minute

3 short 30 seconds

2 short 20 seconds

1 short 10 seconds

1 short 5 seconds

1 short 4 seconds

1 short 3 seconds

1 short 2 seconds

1 short 1 second

Starting 1 long 0

S4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

S5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

S6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.

S7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.