



LASER MIDWINTERS WEST

Thursday through Sunday, March 21 - 24, 2013
Marina del Rey, California USA



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is to be governed by the rules as defined in the *2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 This regatta is an International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 2 event.
- 1.3 In addition to the requirements of rule 40 and its US SAILING Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 1.4 Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5 are changed to provide that a boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."
- 1.6 Rule 82 will not apply. Competitors must submit the standard CYC Entry Form, available at Regatta Network or CYC.
- 1.7 Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, rule T3 and rule T4, except T4.5, will apply.
- 1.8 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the patio windows of the Gallery Room located on the east side of the lower level of the CYC clubhouse (Official Notice Board).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the CYC front lawn.
- 4.2 When the Answering Pennant (AP) is displayed ashore, do not leave the harbor. Prior to its removal, the earliest time of the Warning Signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which time will be not less than seventy-five (75) minutes after the AP is removed. This changes Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 There will be registration and a briefing for coaches and support boats at 1015 hours on Friday, March 22, at the pool patio adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center.
- 5.2 There will be a Competitors' Meeting at 1030 hours on Friday, March 22, at the pool patio adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center.
- 5.3 Nine (9) races are scheduled: three (3) on Friday, four (4) on Saturday, and two (2) on Sunday. The Race Committee (RC) reserves the right to run more races on Saturday or Sunday if fewer than the scheduled number of races is completed on Friday or Saturday. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer total races.
- 5.4 The Warning Signal for the first race on **Friday is 1255 hours**. The Warning Signal for the first race on **Saturday and Sunday is 1155 hours**. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the prior race.
- 5.5 The Order of Starts for the first race each day will be the Laser class followed by Laser Radial class.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be the Laser Class insignia as described below:

CLASS	FLAG
Laser	Red Laser insignia with white background
Laser Radial	White Laser insignia with red background

7. RACE AREA

Racing will be on Santa Monica Bay. The starting area will be located approximately 1.0 nautical mile (nm) northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

8. COURSES

Courses are described on **Attachment A**.

9. MARKS

Marks are described on **Attachment A**.

10. CHECK-IN

Prior to the Warning Signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat displaying code flag "L", hail her sail number and be recognized by the RC. Boats failing to check-in properly may be given a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty for the first race of the day, assessed without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between Mark **S** at its port end and Mark **F** at its starboard end.
- 11.2 A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 11.3 At the starting signal, boats subject to rule 29.1 (Individual Recall) may be hailed by sail number via loud hailer. Failure of the RC to transmit, failure of a competitor to hear, timeliness or order of hail shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.
- 11.4 In the one (1) minute prior to the starting signal, boats subject to rule 30.1 or 30.2 may be hailed by sail number via loud hailer.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between Mark **S** at its port end and Mark **F** at its starboard end.
- 13.2 Competitors are reminded that rule 24.1 prohibits a boat that has finished from interfering with boats still racing.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, applies.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests shall be filed with the Jury Secretary no later than one (1) hour after the RC signal boat has docked (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Jury Secretary and Protest Notice Board will be located inside the CYC clubhouse on the lower level (at the bottom of the stairs from the lobby) outside the Gallery Room. Protest forms will be available from the Jury Secretary.
- 15.2 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat has docked, a notice of boats receiving a scoring penalty under **SI 10** and scored OCS or ZFP will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be one (1) hour after posting. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.3 Within fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This will constitute notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2.
- 15.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, with the following modification: When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that withdraws from a race prior to finishing or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall notify the RC either before leaving the race area or as soon as possible after arriving ashore.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected and re-measured at any time during the regatta for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Only support boats that have registered with the RC and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the race area. All support boats must carry and monitor a VHF radio. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear life jackets.
- 19.2 Team leaders, coaches and all other support personnel shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal of any race until the finish of the last boat in that race. However, such boats may enter the racing area at the direction of the RC to assist a competitor or after a general recall, abandonment or postponement until a new preparatory signal has been made. The racing area shall be as indicated on **Attachment A** and include any other area within one hundred (100) meters of any boat still racing.
- 19.3 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 19.4 Violation of these instructions may result in any penalty that the Protest Committee deems appropriate, up to and including the disqualification of the associated competitor(s) from the regatta.
- 19.5 Support and spectator boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at CYC until the completion of the regatta.
- 19.6 Competitors who wish to keep support boats at CYC must make arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. Contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or at 310.823.4567.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded at CYC on the pool patio adjacent to the Junior Sailing Center as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday: Laser – Top 10 overall, first in each master's category, and top 3 juniors (under 18 years old); Laser Radial – Top 10 overall.
- 20.2 Thirty (30) Grand Prix points will be awarded.
- 20.3 Ullman/Frost will be scored separately and prizes awarded at the same ceremony.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this regatta) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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ATTACHMENT A

SI 8 COURSES (continued)

- 8.1 All rounding marks shall be rounded to port.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the approximate magnetic bearing to the first windward mark will be signaled by numeral placards from the forward part of the port side upper deck of the RC signal boat.
- 8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the course will be signaled by numeral placards from the aft part of the port side upper deck of the RC signal boat as shown below:
1. Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish
 2. Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish
 3. Start - 1 - O - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish

8.4 The angle between the leg from S-F to Mark 1 and the leg from 1 to the offset mark (Mark O) will be approximately 90°.

SI 9 MARKS (continued)

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be yellow inflatable shapes.
Mark O will be an orange & white checked flag buoy.
Mark S and Mark F will be the staffs of orange & white checked flags on RC boats.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be orange inflatable shapes.

Course Diagram

