

# 2013 Florida Laser Master's Championship for the Jack Swenson Memorial Trophy

## Palm Beach Sailing Club

4600 N. Flagler Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33401

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association including the current Master's Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. Notices To Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the pavilion at the PBSC.

#### 3. Changes To The Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the east end of the Palm Beach Sailing Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

4.3 Code Flag Y will NOT be displayed, but rule 40 will be in effect at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 Preamble.

#### 5. Schedule:

Racing is scheduled as follows:

	<u>Sat Feb 9</u>
Registration	0800-0930
Competitor's Meeting	1000
Harbor Start	1015
First Warning	1130 (subsequent races to follow)
Dinner	1800 approx

	<u>Sun Feb 10</u>
Harbor Start	To be posted
First Warning	To be posted
Awards	ASAP after last race of the day

#### 6. Racing Areas

The primary racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 1 mile south of the Lake Worth Inlet. The secondary racing area will be in Lake Worth approximately in front of Palm Beach Sailing Club grounds.

#### 7. The Courses

7.1 Course configurations will be posted on the notice board prior to the Competitor's Meeting.

7.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

## 8. Marks

Marks will be inflatable tetrahedrons, cylinders or spheres more fully described at the Competitor's Meeting.

Marks may be identified as a vessel holding position displaying code flat "M". There will be no redress for drift.

## 9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

## 10. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move an existing mark to a new position. The change will be signaled in accordance with Rule 33 before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The failure to comply with RRS 33 with regard to signaling a new course direction or length will not be cause for redress. Any mark(s) to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## 11. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the finishing mark.

## 12. Time Limit

12.1 Time limits are as follows:

Race Time Limit  
75 minutes

Mark 1 Time Limit  
30 minutes

If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within this time limit, the race will be abandoned.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 13. Protests And Requests For Redress

13.1 An intent to protest or seek redress must be reported to the R/C Signal Boat as soon as practicable after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.

13.2 Protest forms will be available at the Notice Board.

13.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the hoisting of Code Flag Z at the PBSC flagpole.

## 14. Scoring

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.2 The NA Masters handicap system will be used.

14.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

## 15. Safety

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat leaving the racing area will notify the race committee if at all possible.

## 16. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 places in each division, plus an award for the first overall female. The overall winner of the Florida Master's Championship regatta will have his or her name engraved on the Jack Swenson Memorial "Dirty Old Man Of The Sea" Perpetual Trophy and embroidered in the official Green Jacket signifying the coveted Honorary Membership in the Royal Turkey Yacht Club.