



Laser Masters MidWinters East

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota FL,
February 14-16, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors may switch among Standard, Radial, or 4.7 rigs, on land only. (Rig-Swapping Rule is ON.) All sails used must match the registered sail number. This changes ILCA rule 28 (d) by permission from the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 1.3 The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the pavilion at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Sarasota Bay approximately 1-2 miles north of the Clubhouse.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Fri	1030	Skippers Meeting
	1200	First Warning Signal
Sat	1100	First Warning Signal
Sun	1100	First Warning Signal
	1500	No Warning after this time

Ten races are scheduled. A maximum of 4 races may be sailed per day.

7 CLASS FLAG

All Lasers, Radials and 4.7s	Laser logo on white	
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8 COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1, in conjunction with the description below the diagram, show the courses, including the approximate angle 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 course, 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. An example is shown below:

W	Windward / Leeward
270	Approx magnetic bearing to weather mark
0.8	0.8 nm to weather mark

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The starting mark will be a green inflatable.
- 9.2 The windward and leeward marks will be yellow inflatables. The windward-offset and finish marks will be red balls.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will be orange inflatables.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either (a) the course side of the starting mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 10.2 Recall and postponement flags may also be displayed from the pin boat. Failure to display the flags or timeliness of the display shall not be grounds for redress.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or gate, or move the finishing line) 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.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- 12.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE and will receive two more points than the number of finishers. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4, A5, and A11.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Per Appendix T1, RRS 44.1 is changed to say: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than the starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

15 SCORING

- 15.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points; Masters - add 2 points; Grand Masters - add 1 point; Great Grand Masters - add 0.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes from the time the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 16.2 Penalties may be taken after a race per Appendix T2.
- 16.3 Expedited hearings may be held per Appendix T4.
- 16.4 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finished, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 16.5 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.6 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt in the business office of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9 Breaches of SI 17 will not be grounds for protest by a boat, changing RRS 60.1(a), and penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee, changing RRS 64.1.

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 On the water, each competitor shall wear a US Coast Guard (or home country MNA) approved PFD, properly secured at all times, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Possible Courses

Course W		Course T
	<p>senile agitation</p> <p>SAIL A LASER®</p> <p>* LASER SAILING can control the agitated, belligerent, senile and help the patient live a composed and useful life</p>	
<p>Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard) and 2b (port), 1(port), 1a (port), 2b (port), finish NOTE: If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port.</p>		<p>Start, 1 (port), 2 (port), 3 (port), 1(port), 3 (port), finish</p>