



2014 US Laser Masters Championship
11-14 September 2014
Rochester Yacht Club
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
05 SEPTEMBER 2014

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The organizing authority (OA) is the Rochester Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions will change rule 40 to read: "Competitors are required to wear personal floatation devices while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40."
- 1.4 There will be separate starts and separate scoring for Standard rigs and Radial rigs, with each start combining all Masters categories using that rig (ILCA-NA "Rig-swapping" rule turned off).
- 1.5 Under rule 87, Laser class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: Only one person shall be on board while racing. The person shall be the name on the entry form.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the west side of the RYC Junior Sailing Building.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0915 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located on the northwest corner of the RYC property.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signals.
- 4.3. Flag B (BRAVO) hoisted with one sound signal means 60 minutes before the end of the protest time limit. When lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended". This changes RRS race signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thurs	11 Sept	Registration, Check-in and Measurement	1800-2000
Fri	12 Sept	Continental Breakfast	0830-0930
		Registration, Check-in and Measurement	0900-1100
		Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar	1100
		Racing	first warning at 1200
		Social event	After Racing
		Daily Awards	5 minutes after drop of "B" flag
Sat	13 Sept	Continental Breakfast	0800-0900
		Skipper's briefing	0900 (Burgess Bar)
		Racing	first warning at 1030
		Social event	After Racing
		Daily Awards	5 minutes after drop of "B" flag
		Buffet Dinner	1800 @ RYC

Sun	14 Sept	Continental Breakfast	0800-0900
		Skipper's briefing	0900 (Burgee Bar)
		Racing	first warning at 1030
		No warning signal after	1530
		Closing Ceremonies/Cookout and Awards @ RYC	5 minutes after drop of "B" flag

- 5.2 There will be a maximum of ten (10) races
- 5.3 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4 Up to four (4) races may be held each day at the discretion of the race committee.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be as follows:

Laser Standard	White Flag with a Red Laser Burst
Laser Radial	Green Flag with a White Laser Burst

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area will be on Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Genesee River.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles 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 will be signaled by a placard displayed on the signal boat at the warning signal for that class.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S, 2P, 3, and 4 will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2. Mark 1A will be a red ball.
- 9.3. The starting marks will be green inflatable mark and RC boat or two RC boats displaying orange flags.
- 9.4. The finishing marks will be yellow inflatable mark and RC boat or two RC boats displaying blue flags.
- 9.5. A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark ***or*** between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at port end starting mark.

- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.4 No race will be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of three (3) knots throughout the racing area.
- 10.5 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark **or** between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at the port end and a RC boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end finishing mark

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The US Sailing prescription Appendix T; Sections A, B and D will apply.
- 13.2 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT
The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘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 a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’
- 13.3 Rule Appendix P, Immediate Penalty for Breaking Rule 42, and is modified as follows:
 - 13.3.1 P2.2 IS CHANGED TO “SECOND TIME AND SUBSEQUENT TIMES”
 - 13.3.2 P2.3 IS DELETED.
 - 13.3.3 P3 IS CHANGED TO READ “IF A BOAT HAS BEEN PROTESTED UNDER RULE P1 AND THE RACE COMMITTEE SIGNALS A POSTPONEMENT, GENERAL RECALL OR ABANDONMENT, THE PENALTY OR PENALTIES ARE CANCELLED”.
- 13.4 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the protest committee desk within the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. Target time for all classes will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A "TLE" score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The RC will lower the blue flag with a long sound when the finishing window is closed.

15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the race committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats shall first sail to the non-course side of the finish boat and report to the finish boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any race committee boat at the first reasonable opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the protest committee desk located in the RYC office on the east side of the property. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after flag B (BRAVO) is displayed ashore. This flag will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to harbor. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the RYC office, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 13.4, 17, 21, 22, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification and may be no penalty at all if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.

16.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.3 Overall results will be calculated using the Laser North American Masters Handicap Scoring System:

For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points:

- Apprentices, 3 points
- Masters, 2 points
- Grand Masters, 1 points
- Great Grand Masters, 0 points

Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

16.4 Age category positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

16.5 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Within an age category, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.
- Across the age category, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older category. This changes rule A8.

16.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available at the Race Office and submit the completed form to the Race Office.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Boats that retire from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

17.2 Boats that leave or return to the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible

17.3 Boats not leaving the harbor for any of the day's racing shall so inform the RC

- 17.4 Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat displaying flag L (LIMA) and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee by repeating the boat's sail number.
- 17.5 The race committee may deploy a white security buoy with floating line to the right of the finish line for boats to anchor if necessary.
- 17.6 Before the first race each boat shall have read and be familiar with the safety plan issued by the OA and RC. The safety plan will be posted on the official notice board and copies will be available to each boat during registration.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT


- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

OFFICIAL BOATS WILL BE MARKED AS FOLLOWS:

RC boats	
Protest Committee boats	White Flag with Black 'J'
Press Boats	Yellow Flag with Black 'P'
RC Measurement/Equipment Check Boat	White Flag with a Black 'M'
VIP	White Flag with a Black 'VIP'

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support and coach boats must register during the check-in period.
- 21.2 During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- 21.3 Support and coach boats shall berth at RYC as directed by the OA and dockmaster.
- 21.4 Support boats will be provided with operating instructions during registration.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points) in both the Standard and Radial, the top woman finisher in both the Standard and Radial, and the top three finishers in each of the four age categories in both Standard and Radial.
- 24.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

25. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 25.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

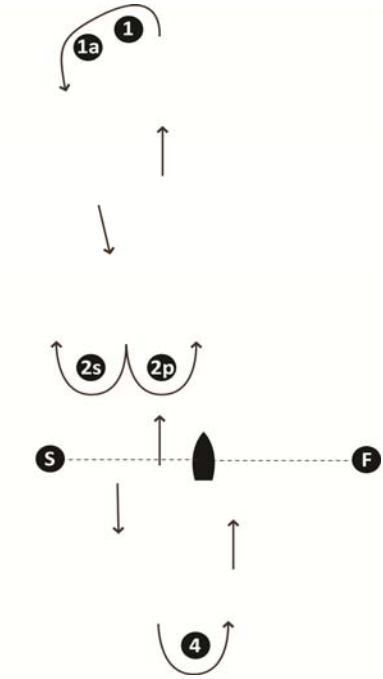
27. RACE OFFICIALS

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ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DIAGRAMS

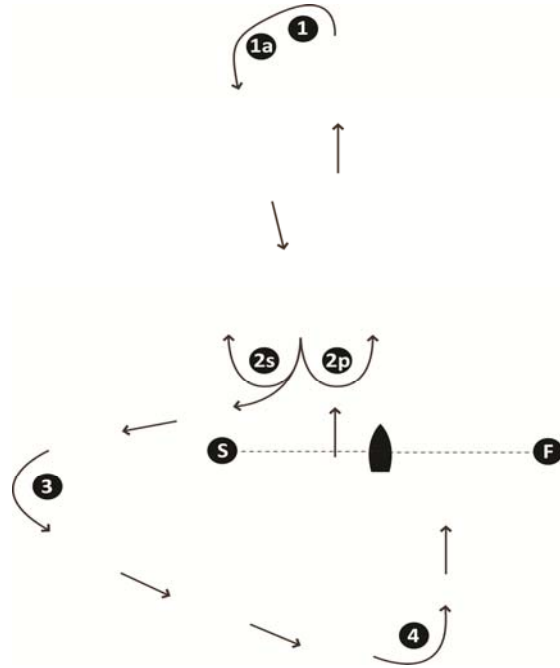
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Start-1-1a-2S/P-1-1a-4-Finish



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Start-1-1a-3-4-1-1a-4-Finish

