

## Laser and Laser Radial District 11 Championship Regatta Sailing Instructions

23 – 24 August 2014

**Organizing Authority: Tred Avon Yacht Club and Laser District 11**

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### 1) RULES

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Rules, and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- b) RRS 63.7 is replaced with "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) and a rule in the SI, the rule in the SI shall take precedence."
- c) US Sailing's Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- d) Any questions regarding these SI shall be submitted in writing to the registration desk or protest desk located at Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC). The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board no later than 0800 of the day following submission.

### 2) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the TAYC lobby.

### 3) CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Changes to the sailing instructions made on Saturday, 23 August, will be posted within 10 minutes after the end of the competitors' meeting.
- b) Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4) SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the lawn of TAYC.
- b) When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS 'Race Signals'.

### 5) SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a) Schedule of racing is as follows:

Saturday, 23 August	0800-0900	Registration and Continental Breakfast
	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1000	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	General Membership Meeting and Dinner with Cash Bar
Sunday, 24 August	1000	First Warning Signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Race of Day
	After Racing	Prize Giving and a la carte BBQ with Cash Bar

- b) Nine races are scheduled. Refer to SI 17(a) for minimum number of races needed to constitute a series.
- c) Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.





d) No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, 24 August.

## 6) CLASS FLAG

- a) The Laser class flag will be a white flag displaying the 'Laser' logo.
- b) The Laser Radial class flag will be a red flag displaying the 'Laser' logo.

## 7) RACING AREA

- a) The Race Area will be Area "Delta" in the Choptank River, Northeast of the Choptank River Light.

## 8) PFD, CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

- a) Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) on the water except for brief periods when removing or adding clothing. This modifies RRS 40.
- b) Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag 'L' prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's number.
- c) A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to compete, shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## 9) COURSES

- a) The courses will be as diagramed and described below:

<p>Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish</p>	<p>Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish</p>	<p>Course 6: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish</p>

- b) The race committee signal boat will designate the course by using a numbered placard or a numeral pennant.
- c) If only one leeward mark is present, it shall be treated as a mark of the course and rounded to port.
- d) No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing for the first leg from the starting line to the first mark.

## 10) MARKS

- a) Marks 1, 2p, and 2s are yellow tetrahedrons. Mark 1a is an orange ball. Start mark is an orange cylinder. Finish mark is an orange cylinder.
- b) New marks, when used in accordance with SI 12, will be yellow cylinders.





## 11) THE START

- a) The starting line will be between a staff or halyard with an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark.
- b) A boat that starts more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- c) Recalls - After the starting signal, the Race Committee may announce the sail number of the recalled boat(s). The following shall not be grounds for granting redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a)):
  - i ) Failure of a boat to hear the recall.
  - ii ) Failure of the Race Committee to make timely hails.
  - iii ) A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers.
  - iv ) Failure of the Race Committee to hail any numbers.
- d) If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

## 12) CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a) To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee 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 an original mark.

## 13) THE FINISH

- a) The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard with an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the finish mark.

## 14) TIME LIMITS

- a) If no boat passes the first mark within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- b) If no boat finishes within 90 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- c) Boats racing 15 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), see SI 17(c), and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line may lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the finishing period expires. This changes RRS 35.

## 15) PENALTY SYSTEM

- a) The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.1 (Two-Turns Penalty), as modified herein, will apply.
- b) A boat failing to comply with SI 8(a) (Check-In) shall receive a 20% scoring penalty in the first race of the day in which she competes without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- c) Penalties for breaking SI 8(c) may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- d) Add to RRS 64.1(c) "If a boat receives a penalty when not racing that penalty shall apply to the race designated by the Protest Committee."





## 16) PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a) Protest forms will be available at the protest desk at TAYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- b) The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- c) The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the Race Committee prior to the end of the protest time limit.
- d) The scheduled times and locations of hearings will be posted as soon as practical but no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.
- e) Breaches of SI 8 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- f) On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- g) Attachment A, Protest Arbitration, will apply for eligible protests.

## 17) SCORING

- a) A minimum of one completed race is required to constitute a regatta.
- b) RRS Appendix A is changed such that if fewer than six races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c) The score (prior to application of other penalties) of boats scored TLE will be points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

## 18) PRIZES

- a) The winning sailor from each fleet will be named the 2014 Laser District 11 Champion.
- b) Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class, top Woman, top Master, and top Junior. Woman, Master, and Junior prizes will be given to the competitor with the highest place in either fleet. Ties for Woman and Junior will go to the Laser Radial Fleet. Ties for Master will go to the Laser Fleet.

## 19) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race Rule). 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.

## ATTACHMENT A - PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 1) RRS Appendix T Section B (Post-Race Penalties) and Appendix T Section D (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 2) RRS Rule T5.3 is modified by changing the second sentence to read, "However, the penalty in rule T2.2(a) is available only until the beginning of the arbitration meeting or, if no arbitration meeting is held, the beginning of the protest hearing."

