

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2014 NEW ENGLAND LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

September 20-21, 2014



**Wianno Yacht Club 101 Bridge Street Osterville, MA 02655 (508) 428-2232**

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Wianno Yacht Club. This event will be held at the Wianno Yacht Club located at 101 Bridge Street, Osterville, Massachusetts 02655.
- 1.3 The regatta is designated Category "C" in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.4 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

### 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Wianno Yacht Club.

### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Wianno Yacht Club flag pole.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 25 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

### 6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

#### **Saturday, September 20, 2014**

0800 Registration & Sail Measurement  
1000 Skippers Meeting  
1030 Harbor Start  
1200 1st warning signal, races to follow  
Dinner served after racing

#### **Sunday, September 21, 2014**

0930 Harbor Start  
1030 1st warning signal, races to follow

- 6.2 Six (6) or more races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal when the last race of the day has

been completed.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be Nantucket Sound off the Osterville, MA breakwater.

## **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. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 45-60 minutes.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.

## **9. Marks**

Orange inflatable marks unless otherwise notified

## **10. The Start**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be: Laser

10.3 The starting line will be between the race committee boat and a fixed orange inflatable mark.

10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

10.5 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat may be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4.1.

## **11. Change Of Course**

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original Course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between the race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark.

## **13. Abandonment & Time Limit**

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, may be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing Skill.

## **14. Measurement & Equipment**

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.