

2015 U.S. LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 22, 23 & 24, 2015
HOSTED BY CAROLINA YACHT CLUB
CHARLESTON, SC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 RULES

- 1.2** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ICLA), the Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3** There are two fleets ("Radials" and "Standard") fleets. No rig swapping is allowed and each fleet will have their own start.

- 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

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower level of the Boathouse.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted within 30 minutes after the Skippers Meeting or 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CYC flag mast.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday May 22

0800-0930 Late Registration
1000 Skippers Meeting
1200 1st Warning Signal, races to follow
Attitude adjustment following racing

Saturday May 23

1100 1st Warning Signal, races to follow
1900 Regatta Banquet

Sunday May 24

1100 1st Warning Signal, races to follow.
Hamburger cookout immediately following racing.
Awards ASAP after the last race.
No warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. CLASS FLAGS: The Class Flags will be:

7.1 Standard Rig Fleet: The Laser Class insignia on a white background.

7.2 Radial Fleet: The Laser Class insignia on a red background.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be located in Charleston Harbor.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Course Diagram show the courses and course designations, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

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

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the Numeral Code flag designating the course and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2(S), 2(P) will be yellow tetrahedrons. Mark 3 (wing mark) will be an orange or red tetrahedron.

10.2 Mark 1a will be an orange round ball.

10.3 The Finish Pin will be a staff with a orange flag.

10.4 The Starting Mark will be a staff with an orange flag.

10.5 New marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33, will be lime green tetrahedrons.

10.6 If one of the leeward gate marks (2(S); 2(P)) is missing and not replaced by a mark boat in its place displaying code flag "M" and making repetitive sounds, boats shall sail round the one existing leeward mark leaving it to port.

10.7 If offset mark 1a is missing, boats shall sail to marks 2(S,P) after rounding Mark 1.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

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

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

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and RRS a 4.1.

12. Change of Course: A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end of the line and a boat displaying an orange flag at the port-end or a mark of the course in the case of a shortened course.

13.2 When flown from the finish boat, code flag H means "No more races today".

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes. Failure to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored two more places than the last place finisher without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A11 and A4.1.

14.2 Races not started by 1500 on Sunday, shall be abandoned, the regatta terminated and scored on the basis of the race or races sailed.

- 14.3 A race will be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original warning signal is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available under the CYC Boathouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit which ends 45 minutes after the time the Race Committee Finish Boat docks.

15.2 The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order posted. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of protest time.

15.4 On the last day of the regatta, 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 rule 66.

16. SCORING

16.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. One (1) race is required to constitute a regatta.

16.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A2 will apply except as modified below.

16.21 When six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded. This changes A2.

16.22 The NA Masters handicap system will apply. Add the following points to each race to find the overall series winner: Apprentices – add 3 points; Masters – add 2 points; Grand Masters – add 1 point; Great Grand Masters – add 0 points. The results are recalculated and the boat with the lowest score wins.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

17.2 A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring his/her equipment is in compliance with ILCA Class Rules. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta. Sail numbers will be checked to ensure they are in compliance with ILCA Rules.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Support and coach boats shall stay the racing outside area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The Racing Area is defined as no less than 50 yards (150 feet) distance from any boat that is racing.

19.2 Any coach or support boat that infringes this rule will be warned by a member of the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in the protest and disqualification of a racing boat associated with any offending support boat. (This changes RRS 60.2).

19.3 Support boats shall register with the organizing authority at Late Registration.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

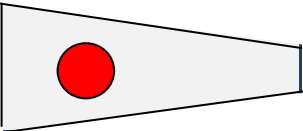
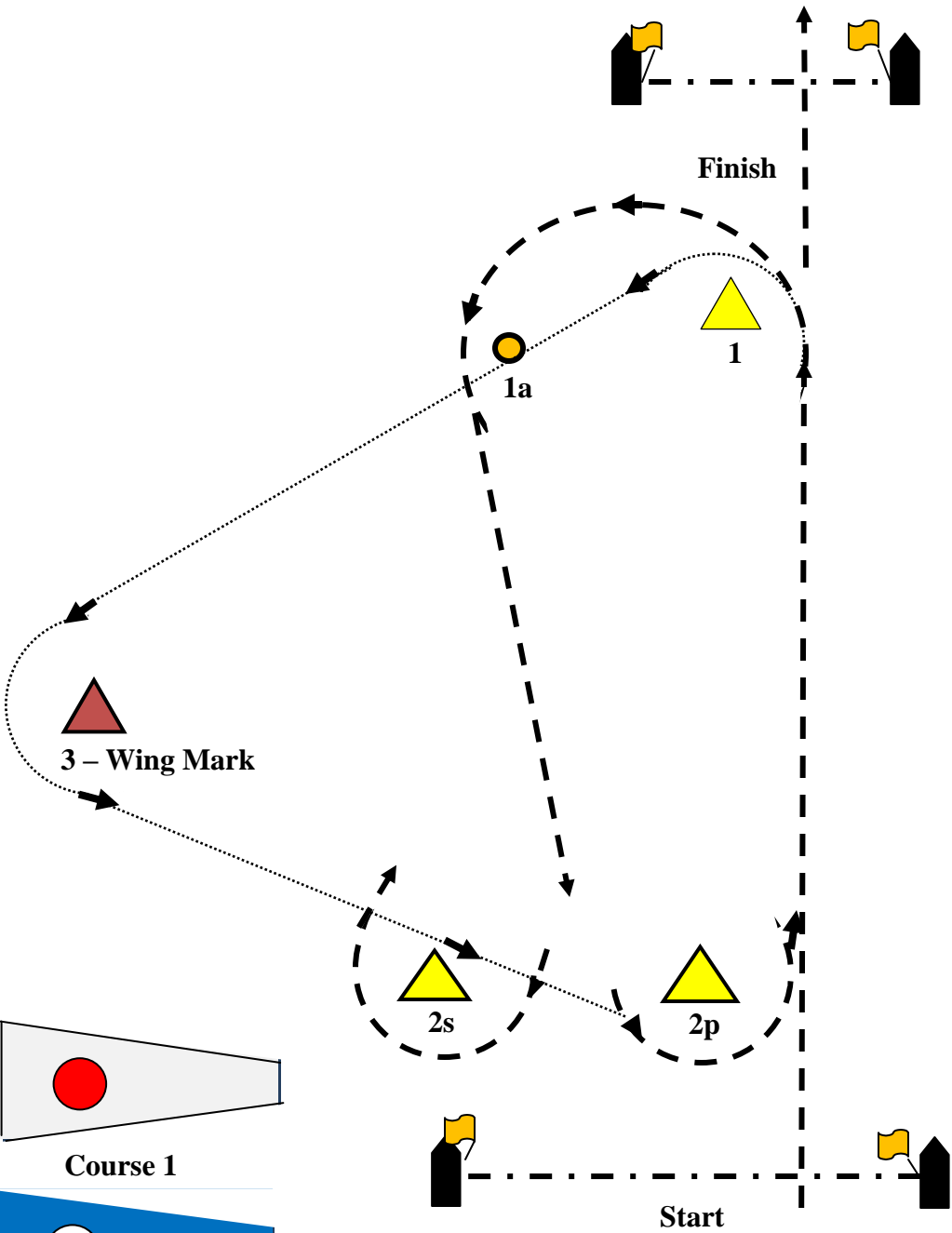
21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded per the Notice of Race.

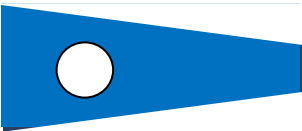
22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

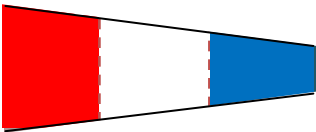
COURSE DIAGRAMS



Course 1



Course 2



Course 3

Course	Legs	Marks
1	3	S-1-1a-2- F
2	5	S-1-1a-2- 1-1a-2 - F
3	6	S-1-3-2p- 1-1a-2 - F