



2015 New England Laser Masters Championship

June 27-28, 2015

Sailing Instructions

Wickford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

- 1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of the Laser Class.
- 2. Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south wall of the concessions stand near the race office tent. There will be a temporary notice board at Wickford Yacht Club during the dinner on Saturday night.
- 3. Signals Made Ashore**
 - 3.1** Signals made ashore will be made orally from the vicinity of the race office tent. All official announcements will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 90.2.(c).
- 4. Eligibility and Entry:**
 - 4.1** All entrants must be current Laser Class members.
 - 4.2** Competitors may alternate between Standard rig, Radial rig, or 4.7 rig throughout the regatta, as long as the sail number remains the same.
 - 4.3** Only Class legal sails may be used.
- 5. Event Schedule**

Saturday	June 27, 2015
0900-1000	Check in and late registration
1030	Competitors meeting in the vicinity of the race office tent.
1200	Warning signal first race. Subsequent races to follow immediately
Sunday	June 28, 2015
1100	Earliest possible start time. Subsequent races to follow immediately.
1500	No warning signal after this time.
- 6. Class Flag:** The class flag is a white flag with red Laser logo.
- 7. Racing Area:** See Appendix A. The Alpha course will be used.
- 8. Courses and Marks**
 - 8.1** See Appendix B for course diagrams and descriptions.
 - 8.2** All marks will be 4' red/orange APS cylinders.
- 9. Start**
 - 9.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.
 - 9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and a 2' bright orange buoy on the port end of the starting line or an orange flag on the port end boat.
- 10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:** The distance and direction to the next mark up to a maximum of 10 degrees may be changed without any signal. The new mark shall be in place before any boat begins the leg. This changes **RRS 33**. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course shape.

11. Finish: The finish shall be between an orange flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and a 32" yellow APS buoy.

12. Penalty System: The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty".

13. Time Limit and Target Times

Time limits and target times for the first boat are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>	<i>Time limit after the first finisher</i>
80 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

14. Protests

14.1 Protest forms are available on the notice board. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit to the Fleet Captain, who will be in the vicinity of the notice board.

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day in its course area and will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3 Competitors are reminded that this is a "gentlemen's and ladies' regatta" and that protests should be avoided at all costs.

15. Scoring:

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. There will be one throw-out if 5 or more races have been completed.

15.2 Eight races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 No more than 4 races will be sailed in one day.

15.4 In addition, the North American Masters Age Handicap system will be used to determine the overall winner as follows: GGM (65+) add 0 points per race, GM (55-64) add 1 point per race, M (45-54) add 2 points per race, and APP (35-44) add 3 points per race to their score.

15.5 The age of the competitor on the first day of the Regatta determines the age division in which the competitor will be placed for applying the Laser Master Handicap Points.

15.6 Ties will be broken as follows:

a) within age divisions: according to RRS A8 and

b) across age divisions: in favor of the sailor from the older division

16. Safety: Each competitor will be responsible for wearing an USCG approved PFD at all times on the water. This changes RRS 40.

17. Prizes:

17.1 One overall prize will be awarded for the New England Masters champion determined by the NA age handicap system

17.2 Divisional prizes will be awarded for the top 3 in each age division

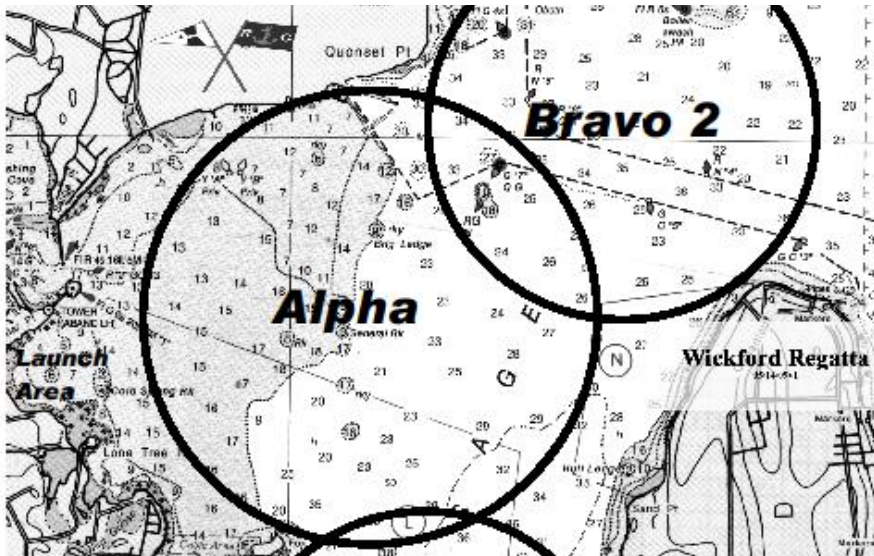
17.3 One prize will be awarded for the top female finisher

17.4 Divisional finishing positions will be extracted from the overall results without re-scoring.

18. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A

Course Areas



Tide Times and Heights

	Hi	Lo	Hi
Sat 27	4:25 AM 3.03'	10:04 AM 0.50'	5:04 PM 3.79'
Sun 28	5:22 AM 3.17'	10:51 AM 0.36'	5:55 PM 4.03'

Appendix B – Course Diagrams

Course W
Start, 1, 2g, 1, 2g, Finish

Course G
Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

