

Laser Sailing Instructions Standard and Radial Fleets

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1.0 RACING RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the RRS, the Appendices, the NOR, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors shall conform to ILCA rules, except that Intensity sails may be used as an alternative to the official Laser Class sails in local fleet racing. ILCA approved sails are required on regatta days.
- 1.3 Should there be conflicts between these SI's and the Notice of Race, these SI's will govern.

2.0 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Competitors must wear USCG Type III PFD's and wet or dry suit, except while changing on the water.
- 2.2 To be scored, a competitor must have:
- (1) Completed and signed a registration form
 - (2) Paid the entry fee
 - (3) Signed-up for RC (One-week grace period)
 - (4) ILCA conforming sail numbers
- 2.3 A competitor may use a RC substitute. The substitute may serve on RC while the competitor sails. Competitor must request/pre-approve the substitute from the Fleet Captain.
- 2.4 A competitor who does not appear and serve on RC or provide a pre-approved substitute, when scheduled for RC, will be scored DSQ for each race sailed that day, and subsequent days, until they have been cleared by RC.

3.0 RACE PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The first warning signal will be at 12pm. If postponed ashore, no start will occur within 30 minutes of AP being lowered. Three boats must be in the area to start a race.
- 3.2 RC may continue to start races until 3:30pm.
- 3.3 The time limit for a race is 40 minutes, or 10 minutes after the first finisher, whichever is later.
- 3.4 All race signals and communication will be made by hails and/or sound signals from a RC boat.

4.0 COURSES AND MARKS

- 4.1 The start/finish line will be a staff on the RC boat with an orange flag. Marks will be small inflatable's.
- 4.2 Courses will be posted on placards on the RC boat. If no course is posted, the RC will announce the course by hail.
- 4.3 Windward/Leeward gates may be used. If gates are set, competitors are to round from inside to outside. If no gate is used marks shall be rounded to port.
- 4.4 Competitors will *finish* by leaving the Race Committee boat to port, unless otherwise announced.
- 4.5 The start/finish lines are "open" and may be disregarded except when starting or finishing

5.0 STARTING PROCEDURES

- 5.1 A 3-minute "dinghy start" sound signal system will be used.

- 5.2 The RC may invoke the 1-minute I-flag (rule 30.1, around-the-ends), Z-flag, or Black Flag rules by flag or hail.
- 5.3 No boat may start more than 3 minutes after the start signal
- 5.4 All hails will use the last 3 digits of the sail number.
- 5.5 Standards and Radials will start together.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 For daily scoring, the Low Point System of Appendix A will be used. Rules A2 & A4.2 are modified: *series* to *day*.
- 6.2 For daily scoring, there will be one throw out if 5 or more races are sailed.
- 6.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored as the lesser of 3 places worse than the last finisher, or one place worse than the number of starters in the race.
- 6.4 Rule A9 and the Low-Point Averaged Scoring System will be used for the Fall, Spring and Combined Series. To qualify, a competitor must race or receive credit in 50% of the races sailed or 50% of days raced in the series.
- 6.5 One throw out will be earned for every 3 races started over 45% of the total races run, excluding races sailed while serving on scheduled Race Committee.
- 6.6 Competitors serving their scheduled RC duty will receive one throw out toward series scoring.
- 6.7 A Standard or Radial Sailor may switch back and forth between Standard and Radial rigs unrestricted. Once a switch is made they will be scored as a Standard competitor for the series. If a sailor switches rigs during a series and sails enough races in a Radial rig, they will be eligible for a Radial division award.
- 6.8 A Radial sailor who only sails a Radial for the series will be eligible for Radial division award.
- 6.9 A competitor may petition the Fleet Captain for participation credit for races missed while helming in another event. (Certain restrictions apply) Only one such day credit will be awarded per series.
- 7.0 PROTESTS**
- 7.1 Competitors are expected to enforce the RRS themselves, by using hails and filing protests.
- 7.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified to require a one-turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.
- 7.3 Protests must be reported to the RC at the end of the race.
- 7.4 The RC may file protests when it observes rule violations, if no boat accepts a penalty or protests.
- 7.5 Competitors involved in protests must report to the RC within 20 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 7.6 A protest form is required, only if protestee requests one.
- 7.7 The Protest Committee will be appointed by the RC.

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