



51ST ANNUAL LOTSA LASERS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Laser Class Association. RRS Appendices T (Arbitration), U (Audible Signal Racing System) and V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.

1.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 26 (Starting Races), 29.1 (Individual Recall), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty), 61.1 (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A5.1 and A5.2 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), U4 (code flag X will be displayed to signal individual recalls), Race Signal AP (Postponement).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

3.2. The schedule for Saturday's races will not be changed.

3.3. Any change to the schedule for Sunday's races will be posted by 1800 hours Saturday.

3.4. Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee boat Bob 'n' Jack at the dock.

4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal "AP". This changes the meaning of Race Signal "AP"

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

5.1. The first race will begin at 1300 Saturday with as many others to follow as conditions permit. Remaining races will begin at 1000 Sunday.

5.2. There will be no starts after 1300 Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

6.1. If all classes are to start at the same time the class flag for the start will be a white flag imprinted with the Laser emblem.

6.2. If each class is to start separately the class flag for full rigs (standard Laser/ILCA 7) will be a red flag imprinted with the letter "A", for radial rigs (ILCA 6) it will be a blue flag imprinted with the letter "B", and for 4.7 rigs (ILCA 4) it will be a green flag imprinted with the letter "C".

7. COURSES:

7.1. All courses will be windward/leeward in configuration. See Appendix A for course diagrams.

8. MARKS:

8.1. Marks of the course, including the start and the finish will be orange (fender type) buoys.

8.2. The offset mark will be a smaller buoy than the windward mark. The windward mark will serve as the finishing mark for windward finishes. The finishing line boat for windward finishes will be the windward mark boat.

8.3. The starting mark will "double" as one of the leeward gate marks.

8.4. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a smaller buoy set on the starboard side of the committee boat Bob 'n' Jack.

9. THE START:

9.1. The starting line will be between the course side of the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

9.2. The race committee may trail a mark from the stern of the race committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. The trailing mark will be considered to be an extension of the race committee boat.

10. RECALLS: Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 (displaying code flag "X" with one sound signal). This modifies Appendix U4. The race committee will hail the sail number(s) or other identifying characteristic(s) of any boat(s) starting prematurely.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

11.1. When changing the course after the start, the race committee will move the original mark to a new location. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11.2. A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by displaying code flag "C".

12. THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between the course side of the staff displaying blue flag on a committee boat (which may be the Scout or the Aquasport rather than Bob 'n' Jack) and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMIT:

13.1. The time limit for a race is one hour.

13.2. If a boat in a class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, only those boats in the same class finishing within 20 minutes of the first finisher will be counted as finishing. All other boats will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. A5.1 and A5.2.

13.3. If the time limit in Sailing Instruction 13.2 has expired, the race committee will notify the boats that have not finished. When a boat has been notified that the time limit has expired, she shall promptly return to the starting area to prepare for the start of the next race. If no more races will be sailed for the day, she shall return to the harbor.

14. PROTESTS

14.1. Competitors intending to protest about an incident that occurred in the racing area shall notify the RC Finish Boat, after finishing and while still in the immediate area of the RC Finish Boat of their intent to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

14.2. Protests will be written and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson or PRO before the end of "Protest Filing Time," which will begin when the committee boat docks and end 45 minutes later. These times will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors of the place and time of hearings.

14.4. Protests will then be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt.

14.5. Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.

14.6. Appendix V "Alternative Penalties" will apply.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.2. The course, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect.

15.3. When a boat is becalmed or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, she may use any other method of propulsion to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This changes RRS 42.3(h).

15.4. When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules. Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.

15.5. Competitors must wear personal flotation devices at all times on the water.