

# 2024 *LASER* Weekend and Thursday Night Sailing Instructions

## 1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Note that RRS Appendix U will be in effect. This allows any Race Signal to be made by hailing. Hails will be made on the Signal Boat hailer. Wearing a PFD is required.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All members in good standing of NBYC are eligible to race. Boats register by participating in racing. Scores will be recorded based on the sail number displayed on the vessel.

2.2 Non-members may race if they are approved NBYC Racing Members or at the invitation of the Fleet Captain of the Laser Class.

## 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board near the Galley window.

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Changes to the Sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the day's racing and announced on the hailer prior to the start of racing. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day prior.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the flagpole and shall be announced on the hailer.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Thursday Nights: Starting and ending date of the series and race starting time will be announced in the club newsletter and posted on the bulletin board. The number of races that will be scored will be determined by the scorer and announced no later than August 1st.

6.2 Weekend Series: warning signal for the first class to start will be at 1400 hours. Additional classes will start as signaled by the race committee. Starting and ending date of the series as well as any special series scoring (ie, Holiday Weekends) will be announced in the club newsletter or posted on the bulletin board. The number of races that will be scored will be determined by the scorer and announced no later than August 1st.

## 7 THE COURSES

7.1 Thursday Nights the course shall be announced by hail from the Race Committee vessel before each race. No course designation will be posted.

7.2 Weekends:

7.2a The course for each class will be posted on the course board on the Signal Boat and designated by class logo or number. All marks are to be rounded in the order listed on the course board. A numeral placed in the sequence indicates the number of times the preceding marks or sequence of marks is to be rounded. All marks shall be rounded to port. See attached diagram for course and mark designation.

7.2b If a red flag is displayed on the Signal Boat, the Start and Finish line must not be crossed except when starting or finishing or rounding Mark X or Mark F. Boats in violation of this instruction will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 8 MARKS

8.1 Thursday Nights marks will be inflatable or plastic marks with one located to windward of the Signal Boat and one to Leeward of the Signal Boat. The Starting mark is to be to port of the Signal Boat. All marks to be rounded to port.

8.2 Weekends marks will be inflatable marks as designated on the attached diagram except 'W' which is R-2 'White Rock'.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started per RRS Appendix U (3 minute sound signals).
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 9.3 Weekends:
  - 9.3a Classes will start in the order listed on the course board.
  - 9.3b More than one class may be started together. If so, both classes will be listed together on the course board.

## 10 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 10.1 Changes to the course will NOT be signaled per RRS Race Signals but will be announced on the hailer as per Appendix U. Changes may be made 'per class'.

## 11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 Thursday Nights the finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Start/Finish mark.
- 11.1 Weekends the last mark listed on the course board will be X or F. If X (port side of committee vessel), the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of mark X. If F (starboard side of the committee vessel), the finish line will be between a staff displaying a white flag on a race committee boat and the course side of mark F.

## 12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Thursday Nights the first Laser must finish within 30 minutes of the start or the race will be abandoned. Any boat not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to properly finish will be scored DNF.

## 13 SCORING

- 13.1 Series scoring shall be done using the high point scoring system. (Special Weekend scoring is possible – see 6.2 above.)

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the clubhouse office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the clubhouse office within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock or, for a given class, 60 minutes after the last boat of that class finishes, whichever is earlier EXCEPT Thursday Nights time limit is 30 minutes instead of 60.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses as well as when and where hearings will be held. Hearings may be held after the event or on the following Saturday.
- 14.4 Notices of protest by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1b.