

Laser and Laser Radial Atlantic Coast Championship

Sailing Instructions

May 16-17, 2015

Organizing Authority: Fishing Bay Yacht Club

1525 Fishing Bay Road, Deltaville, Virginia 23043

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules, and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 The first paragraph of RRS 40 will be replaced with "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, at all times when on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply.
- 1.4 No National Letters are required. This changes ILCA rule 4 (f).
- 1.5 These SI change other RRS rules.
- 1.6 Any questions regarding these SI shall be submitted in writing to the registration desk or protest desk located at Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC). The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board no later than 0800 of the day following submission.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located in the first floor screened porch of the FBYC main clubhouse.
- 2.2 The Protest Notice Board will be located at the Judges Desk in the lobby of the FBYC main clubhouse. All protest documents including time limits, hearing schedules, and results of hearings will be posted on this board.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted within 10 minutes after the end of a competitors' meeting.
- 3.2 If there is no competitors' meeting, changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0830 except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the dock closest to the FBYC main clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS 'Race Signals'

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Schedule of racing is as follows:

Friday May 15	1600 – 1800	Registration
Saturday May 16	0800 – 0900	Late Registration and Continental Breakfast
	0915	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	Warning Signal for 1st Race of Day
	After Racing	Dinner and Refreshments
Sunday May 17	0730 – 0900	Continental Breakfast
	1000	Warning Signal for 1st Race of Day
	After Racing	Regatta Awards at FBYC Club House

- 5.2 Seven races are scheduled. Refer to SI 16.1 for minimum number of races needed to constitute a series.
- 5.3 Any number of races may be sailed each day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, May 17.
- 5.5 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Laser Class flag will be a white flag displaying the 'Laser' logo.
- 6.2 The Laser Radial Class flag will be a red flag displaying the 'Laser' logo.

7 CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT

- 7.1 Before the warning signal of a boat's first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of a designated race committee boat displaying flag 'L' prior to the warning signal and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee repeating the boat's number.
- 7.2 A boat failing to comply with SI 7.1 shall receive a 20% scoring penalty in the first race of the day in which she competes without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 7.3 A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to compete, shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing areas will be on the Piankatank River between Fishing Bay and Godfrey Bay and on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Piankatank River between Stingray Point and Gwynn Island.
- 8.2 The chart insert shows the location of the racing areas.
- 8.3 The racing area for the first race of each day will be posted on the Notice Board.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 2s, 2p, 3s, and 3p will be orange cylinders. Mark 4 will be a yellow tetrahedron. Marks 5s and 5p will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1a will be a small round ball.
- 9.2 New marks, when used in accordance with SI 11 will be yellow cylinders.

10 THE START

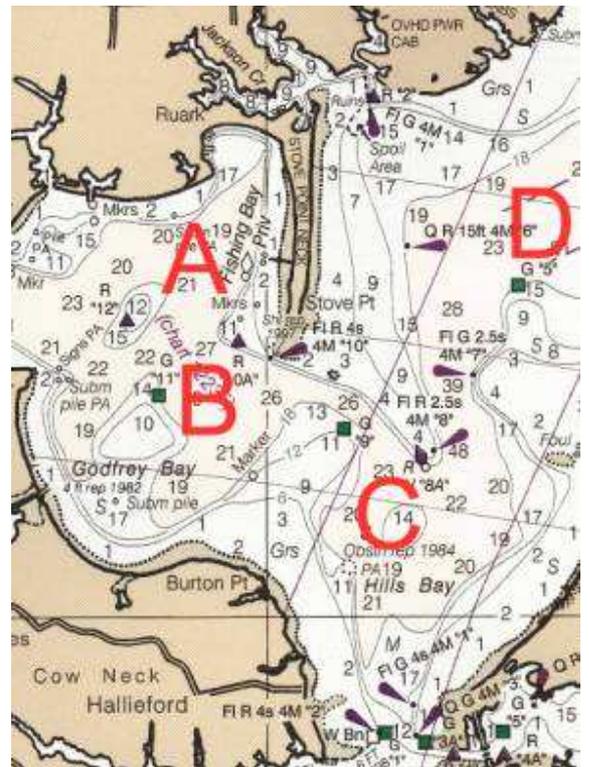
- 10.1 The starting line will either be between staffs or halyards with yellow flags on race committee boats at each end of the line, OR between a staff or halyard with a yellow flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow cylinder mark.
- 10.2 A boat that starts more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 10.3 RRS 26 is modified by adding 'U' as a visual preparatory signal. If flag 'U' has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

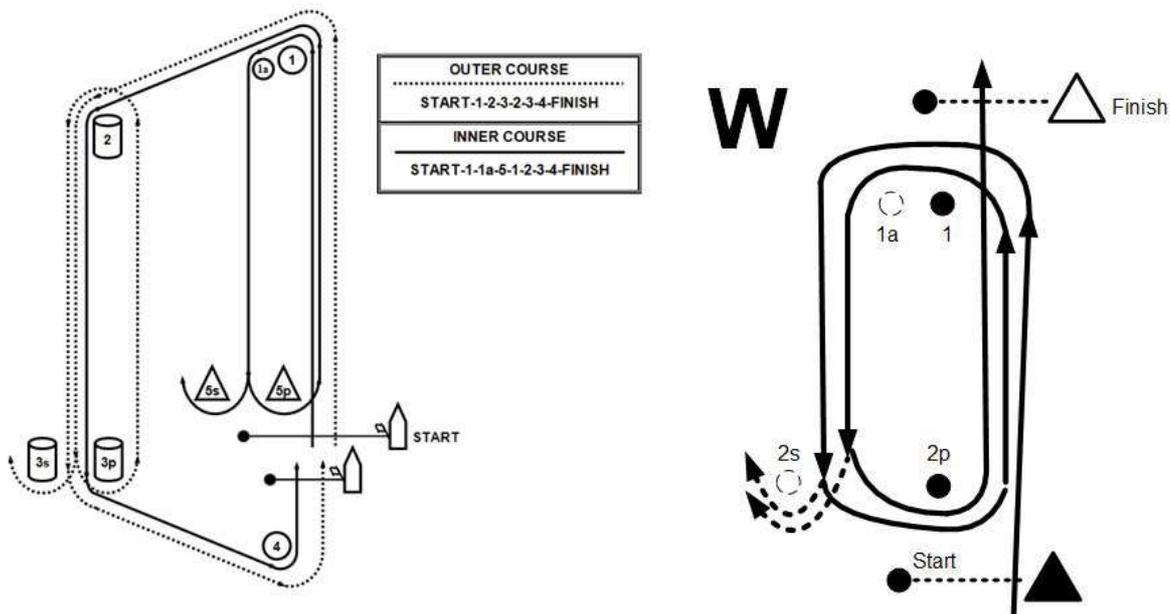
- 12.1 The finishing line will either be between staffs or halyards with orange flags on race committee boats at each end of the line, OR between a staff or halyard with an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange cylinder mark.



13 COURSES

13.1 The courses will be:

- ILCA Trapezoid Course



13.2 The race committee will designate the course by displaying a letter 'O' (Outer Trapezoid Course), 'I' (Inner Trapezoid Course), or flag 'W' (Windward Leeward Course) no later than the warning signal on a magnetic board on the starboard side of the signal boat.

13.3 If only one mark of a gate is present, it should be treated as a mark of the course, and rounded to port.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat passes the first mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 If no boat finishes within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats racing 15 minutes after the first boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being disqualified or given redress, will be score TLE (Time Limit Expired), and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the finishing period expires. This changes RRS 35.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.2 The Race Committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the Race Committee prior to the end of the protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

15.3 A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted on the Protest Notice Board within 20 minutes after the expiration of protest time. This posting constitutes the notice required for Race Committee and/or Protest Committee protests required under RRS 61.1 (b).

15.4 Breaches of SI 7 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

16 SCORING

16.1 A minimum of two completed races shall constitute a regatta.

16.2 RRS Appendix A is changed such that if fewer than six races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 The score (prior to application of other penalties) of boats scored TLE will be points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

17 PRIZES

17.1 The winning sailor of each class will be named the 2015 Atlantic Coast Champion.

17.2 Prizes will be given in both Standard and Radial classes for the top five competitors and top Woman.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.