

Sailing Instructions
2011 Laser District 11 Championship &
US Sailing Singlehanded Championship Area C Elimination
May 14-15, 2011
Fishing Bay Yacht Club
Deltaville, Virginia

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the International Laser Class Association.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the 1st floor screened porch of the main clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the club dock on Fishing Bay.

4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Saturday, May 14

Registration, check-in and Breakfast 0800-0945

Skippers Meeting 1000

Warning signal for first race 1100

Followed by subsequent races

Dinner 1800-2100

5.2 Sunday, May 15

Breakfast 0800-0900

Warning signal for first race 1000

Awards to follow as soon as possible after the last race.

5.3 On Sunday no warning signal shall be made after 1500.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Standard rig fleet class flag will be numeral pennant "1."

6.2 The Radial rig fleet class flag will be numeral pennant "2."

6.3 The 4.7 rig fleet class flag will be numeral pennant "3."

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Attachment 1 shows that the location of the initial racing area each day will be either "A" or "B".

8 COURSES AND MARKS

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- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course will be designated on the white board or lettered placards on the Starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 8.3 For courses “H” and “W,” the number of laps will be designated by a number following the course designation. Absence of a number shall indicate 1 lap.
- 8.4 If numeral pennant 9 is flown during the starting sequence, after rounding the windward mark, boats will be required to round an offset mark, if present. For courses “F” and “T”, the offset is not a mark of the course on the first reaching leg.
- 8.5 Marks will be orange.
- 8.6 New marks, as provided in instruction (9), will be yellow.

9 STARTING AND FINISHING

- 9.1 The starting and finishing lines will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end mark.
- 9.2 Boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 A boat still racing but not yet finished 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expired and shall receive points equal to the number of finishers plus one. This changes rules 35, A5, and A4.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee by hail immediately after finishing or retiring and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should sail to the non-course side of the Finish Boat and report to the Finish Boat. This notification must include the sail number of the boat being protested and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 12.2 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk inside the 1st floor of the main clubhouse. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, and written requests to participate in applicable hearings shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.3. The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee has docked. This protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD, on the Official Notice Board before expiration of the protest time limit, the time limit for filing a request for redress based on such a score shall be no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 12.4 A notice of protests and requests for redress and a tentative schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the expiration of protest time. This posting will also serve as the notification of Race Committee and Protest Committee protests required in RRS61.1(b).
- 12.5 Notice of a redress hearing properly posted on the Official Notice Board shall serve as notice to all boats, whether listed as parties to the hearing or not, that they may attend the hearing.

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12.6 It is the responsibility of each skipper to check the Official Notice Board to see if his boat has been cited in a Protest or scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD. Failure to appear for a protest hearing will be considered avoidable absence under RRS 63.3 (b).

12.7 Hearings will be held in the jury room, located on the 2nd floor of the main club house at the time posted on the notice.

12.8 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 66

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, shall apply. Competitors may discard their worst score if 6 or more races are sailed.

13.2 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

13.3 A minimum of 3 races must be completed in order for ILCA-NA Grand Prix Points to be awarded.

13.4 A maximum of 9 races over the two days may be sailed with no limit as to how many races may be sailed on a particular day.

13.5 Men sailing in the Standard Rig in the Area C Elimination and Women sailing in the Radial Rig in the Area C Elimination will be scored as a subgroup in their respective fleets. Their overall fleet scores will be used to determine their sub-group order.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy device shall be worn at all times while racing. Competitors are subject to US Coast Guard regulations. This changes rule 40.

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

15 TRASH

15.1 Competitors are forbidden from depositing any trash in the water. All trash should be kept onboard or deposited with any coach, spectator, support, or Race Committee boat.

16 COACH, SPECTATOR AND SUPPORT BOATS

16.1 During each race; coach, support and spectator boats shall stay well outside the course including the lay lines to the windward mark.

16.2 After the finish coach, spectator and support boats shall not communicate with competitors until they are well clear of the finish area.

16.3 All coach, spectator and support boats shall carry a trash bag onboard. They shall accept trash from any competitor. 17.4 All coach, spectator, and support boats shall carry a VHF radio and shall monitor channel 65. Coach spectator and support boats shall adhere to any directions given to them by the Race Committee.

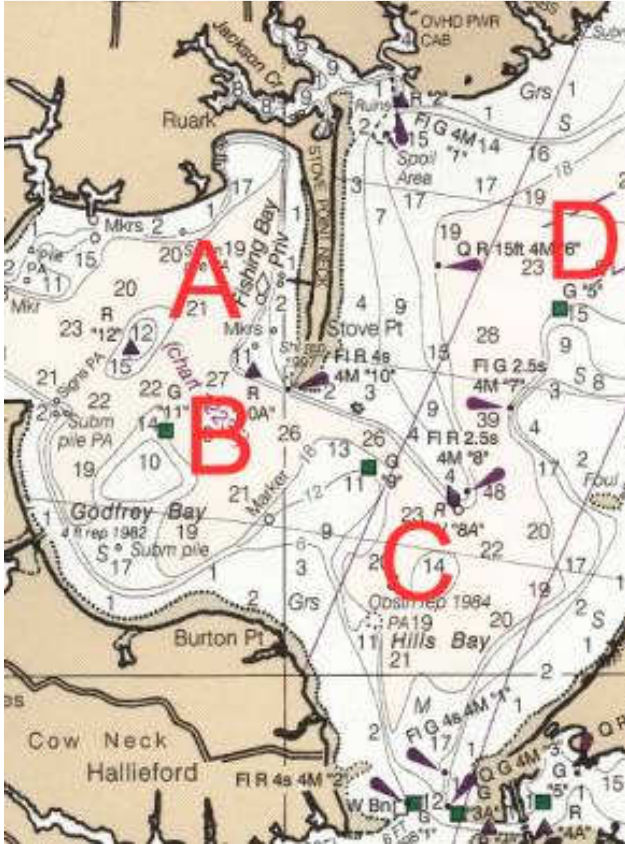
16.5 In the event that racing is abandoned due to impending foul weather and the race committee directs all competitors, coaches, spectators and support boats to evacuate the racing area, all powered boats should go directly to the nearest competitors to tow them in, even if their competitors (who will be towed in by others) are not nearby.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

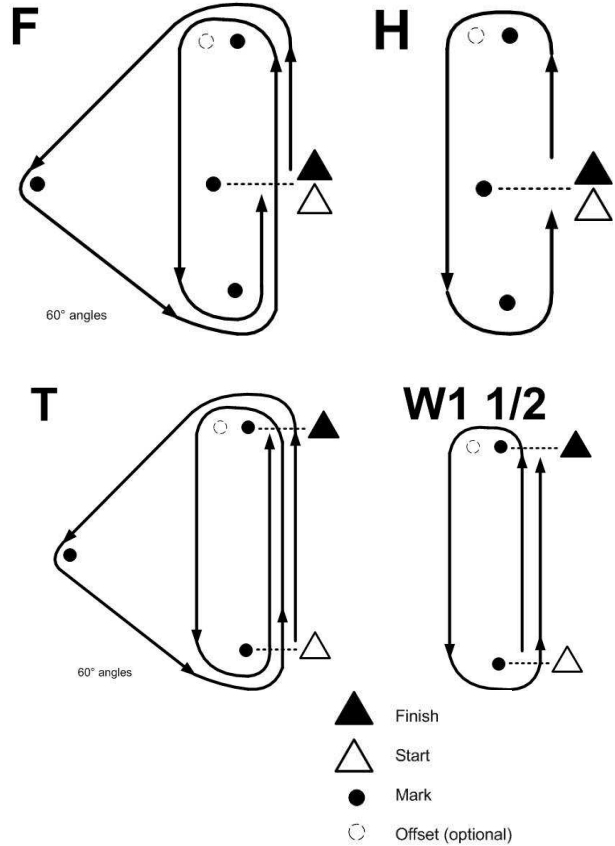
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17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS #4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



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