

# 2014 Pacific Coast Laser Master Championships

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including any and all amendments to these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The relevant prescriptions of Sail Canada, all of which are attached in Appendix 1, will apply.
- 1.3 The class rules of the International Laser Class Association will apply.
- 1.4 Appendix P of the RRS will apply with the following changes; Rule P2.3 is deleted and rule P2.2 is revised to read as follows: P2.2 Second and Subsequent Penalties: When a boat is penalized a second or subsequent time during the regatta, the penalty shall be to promptly retire from the race. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. If a boat is penalized a third time during the regatta and fails to promptly retire from the race the protest committee may consider calling a hearing under rule 69.2(a).

### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Jericho Sailing Centre Association (JSCA) and the Jericho Laser Fleet are the organizing authorities.
- 2.2 Participants are eligible by filling out the registration form, being members in good standing of a recognized yacht/sailing club or Association and being members of their National Authority.
- 2.3 Eligible boats are the International Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7.

### 3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main foyer, outside the main office of the JSCA, 1300 Discovery Street, Vancouver, BC

### 4 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 12:00 hrs on Friday, July 18, 2014 and before 11:00 hrs on Saturday, July 19 and before 11:00 hrs on Sunday, July 20, 2014 except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the JSCA flagpole, adjacent to the east end of the JSCA building.
- 5.2 When RRS flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal "AP".

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday, July 18	10:00 - 12:00	Registration
	12:00	Competitor's Meeting
	13:00	Scheduled warning signal of first race, more races to follow.

Saturday, July 19      12:00      Scheduled warning signal of first race, more races to follow.  
Sunday, July 20      12:00      Scheduled warning signal of first race, more races to follow. No warning signal shall be made after 15:00 hrs.

6.2 A total of 12 races are scheduled, this amends the second sentence of Notice of Race subsection 6.3.

6.3 One race shall constitute a series.

6.4 The last warning signal on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 shall be determined by the Race Committee as conditions dictate.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

The Laser Class Flag will be a white flag with the red Laser starburst symbol. The Laser Radial Class Flag will be a white flag with black X MO lettering.

## **8 RACE AREA**

8.1 The race area will be on English Bay, in the vicinity of the Jericho Sailing Centre.

8.2 There will be only one course area..

8.3 A line beginning at the northwest corner of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Jericho breakwater, through a series of white or orange can buoys, ending with the north end of the most westerly pier at the Jericho Sailing Centre, delimits an obstruction. Boats shall not pass south of this line.

## **9 THE COURSE**

9.1 There shall be a variety of courses.

9.2 The diagram in Appendix 2 to these Instructions show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.3 The courses to be sailed are as follows: all marks to be left to port.

Course 1 Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Course 2 Start - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course 3 Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Course 4 Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Marks 1 and 3 will be yellow or orange tetrahedron

10.2 The starting marks will be the orange paint on the mast on the committee boat and a staff displaying a red flag. The finish line marks will be orange paint on the mast on the committee boat and a staff displaying a red flag

## **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between the orange paint on the mast of the committee boat and a staff displaying a red flag.

11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. If she interferes with those boats in the race sequence, she may be scored DSQ for her next/previous race.

11.4 Following a "General Recall Signal". the race committee may display code flags "P". "I" or the "Black Flag".

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

This changes RRS A4.1.

- 11.6 The starting area extends 40 meters from all points of the starting line.

## **12 SHORTEN COURSE**

- 12.1 Should the Race Committee decide to shorten the course after the start, it will do so in accordance with RRS 32.
- 12.2 Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course for a particular class or classes, flag "S" shall be displayed with the class flag and the shorten course shall only apply to the class or classes displayed. Class flags will not be displayed when the Race Committee intends to shorten the course for all classes.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

- 13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the mark set boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the mark set boat to starboard, This changes RRS 28.1.

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between the orange paint on the committee boat and a staff displaying a red flag.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 The time will be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit for the first boat to finish, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5.
- 15.2 If no boat makes it to the windward mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

## **16 PROTESTS**

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available in the JSCA office and delivered to the protest room within one (1) hour after the docking of the Race Committee Boat.
- 16.2 Code Flag "B" will be flown for 60 minutes, during which time protests may be filed.
- 16.3 In addition to complying with RRS 61, sailors shall inform the Race Committee of their intention to file a protest as soon as practicable after they cross the finish line or withdraw from the race.
- 16.4 The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When four or less races have been completed, a boat shall score all its races. When five to nine races have been completed, a boat shall score all its races excluding its worst score. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of all its races excluding its two worst scores.
- 17.4 Yachts will be scored in the following fleets: International Laser, International Laser Radial and International Laser 4.7.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 Boats shall not sail between any tug and its tow. Any boat which does so may be protested for breaking the Sailing Instructions and her penalty may be disqualification from the race or all races in the event, this changes RRS 64.1.
- 18.3 Boats must obey all warning signals and directions from and shall not obstruct commercial traffic.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for submission shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 Substitution of sails or sail numbers will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for submission shall be made to the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be the JSCA Albatross, Jericho Marks, Jericho Rescue 1 and Jericho Rescue 2.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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