

2016 Flights of Spring Regatta

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.
- 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 / Kirby Torch, International Laser Radial / Kirby Torch Radial, International Laser 4.7 / Kirby Torch 4.7, the International Tasar and the International 29’er will apply.
- 1.4 These Sailing Instructions and any amendments to these Sailing Instructions will apply.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Jericho Laser Fleet and the Jericho Sailing Centre 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 yachts are the International Laser / Kirby Torch, the International Laser Radial / Kirby Torch Radial, International Laser 4.7 / Kirby Torch 4.7. International 29’er and the International Tasar.

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 Jericho Sailing Centre, 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 Saturday, April 30, 2016 and before 11:00 hrs on Sunday, May 1, 2016 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:

Saturday, April 30

10:00 - 12:00 Registration

12:00 Competitor's Meeting

13:00 Scheduled warning signal of first race, more races to follow.

Sunday, May 1

12:00 Scheduled warning signal of first race, more races to follow.

- 6.2 There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.3 One race shall constitute a series.
- 6.4 The last warning signal on each day of racing shall be determined by the CRO as conditions dictate.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the class insignia with the exception of the 29'er class which will be a white flag with black X-MO.

8 RACE AREA

- 8.1 The race area will be to the northwest of the Jericho Sailing Centre unless conditions dictate otherwise.
- 8.2 There will be only one course.
- 8.3 The entire area bordered by the pier at the west end of JSCA, the RVYC breakwater and the imaginary line created by the special purpose orange can buoys north of this reference and any yacht sailing south of this reference shall be subject to disqualification.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course to be sailed shall be displayed on the starting line boat before or at the preparatory signal for each class. This modifies RRS 27.1.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed are as follows: all marks to be left to port.

FLAG	COURSE	MARKS
1	Standard Triangle	Start - 1(1A) - 2 - 3 - Finish
2	Windward Leeward	Start - 1 (1A) - 3 - Finish
3	Bermudan Triangle	Start - 1(1A) - 2 - 3- 1(1A) - 3 - Finish
4	2X Windward Leeward	Start - 1(!A) - 3 - 1(1A) - 3 - Finish
5	Downwind Course	Start - 1(1A) - 3 - 1(1A) - Finish

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow or orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Mark 1A will be a contrasting colour from mark 1.
- 10.3 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 blue flag

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, system 1, with classes starting a 5 minute intervals. Order of starts will be determined by the CRO.
- 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 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clean of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made. If she interferes with those yachts 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 25 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 insignia and the shorten course shall only apply to the class or classes displayed. Class signals 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 signaled 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 signaling 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 signaling 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 mast of the committee boat and a staff displaying a blue flag.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.
- 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 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.
- 16.3 The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible.

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's score shall be the sum of all its races excluding it's worst score. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of all its races excluding it's two worst scores.
- 17.4 Yachts will be scored in the following fleets: Laser / Kirby Torch Standard, Laser / Kirby Torch Radial, Laser / Kirby Torch 4.7, 29'er and Tasar.
- 17.5 Four or more boats are required for a separate start.

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 Any boat that sails between a tug and its tow will be disqualified. The boat may be disqualified from the race or the series.

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 Albatross, Jericho Marks, Jericho Rescue Titan and Jericho Rescue Hurricane.

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.