

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOTSA LASERS

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Old Hickory Lake, Tennessee

September 26-27, 2009

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and these sailing instructions.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 This event is open to all Laser and Laser Radial sailors. Participants may enter by completing registration at the table in the HIYC clubhouse.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the mantle over the fireplace in the clubhouse.

3.2 There will be a skippers' meeting at 1130 Saturday.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on Saturday and before 0900 on Sunday.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat at the dock.

5.2 Code flag "AP", the Answering Pennant, with two sounds, means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered (accompanied by one sound when lowered).

5.3 Code flag "L" means that a change in sailing instructions has been posted on the official notice board.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The first race will begin at 1300 Saturday with as many others to follow as conditions permit. Remaining races will begin at 1000 Sunday.

6.2 There will be no starts after 1230 Sunday.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Race courses set outside the harbor on Old Hickory Lake may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over Lasers and must be treated with utmost respect; specifically, the approach of a barge obligates us to **clear the channel** and to **continue sailing away from the channel** until the barge has passed.

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Lasers (full rig) - - red flag

8.2 Radials (radial rig) - - green flag

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram below illustrates the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course for each race will be signaled by posting the letter (or fraction followed by a letter in the case of shorter "fractional" courses... "3/5 **I**" or "4/6 **O**" for example) designating the course configuration from the port side of the Race Committee Boat with a red class flag for Lasers and with a green class flag for Radials. Lasers and Radials may sail different courses.

9.2 Please note that boats must leave both the windward mark, 1, and the offset mark, 1A, to port and then pass **through the leeward gate** of an "**I**" course, between the marks designated 3 and 3A below, from the direction of the windward marks..

- 9.3 The starting mark in the diagrams below will also serve as mark 3 or 3A. It may be moved to a position directly downwind of 1 in an effort to make true windward legs.
- 9.4 The finishing mark will be that closest to the committee boat when on station for the finish.

COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE O

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

COURSE I

Start, 1, 1A, 3(A), 1, 1A, 3(A), Finish

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be orange spheres.
- 10.2 The committee boat may trail a mark from its stern, representing an extension of the RC boat.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with the Sound-Signal Starting System (Appendix Q of the RRS) as announced by "Ollie" and as reproduced below:

TIME BEFORE START	SOUNDS	SIGNAL	FLAG
3 minutes, 20 seconds	10 beeps	Attention	
3 minutes, 10 seconds	5 short horns	Serious attention	
3 minutes	3 long horns	Warning	Class flag
2 minutes	2 long	Preparatory	"P"
1 minute, 30 seconds	1 long, 3 short		
1 minute	1 long		"P" removed
30 seconds	3 short		
20 seconds	2 short		
10 seconds	1 short		
5 seconds	1 short		
4 seconds	1 short		
3 seconds	1 short		
2 seconds	1 short		
1 second	1 short		
0	1 very long	Start	Class flag removed

11.2 Audible signals will govern even when supplemental visual signals may be used. Signals will be timed from their commencement.

11.3 The starting line will be between the course side of the staff displaying an orange flag on

the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end starting mark.

11.4 A boat shall start no more than two minutes after her starting signal.

11.5 The Radial fleet will start after the Laser fleet.

12. RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 (displaying code flag "X" with one sound signal). The race committee will also make every effort to hail the sail number(s) or other identifying characteristic(s) of any boat(s) starting prematurely.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

13.1 When changing the course after the start, the race committee will move the original mark to a new location. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13.2 A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by displaying code flag "C" (*if there is a Radial fleet, over a green flag if it applies only to the Radials and over a red flag if it applies only to Lasers) from the committee boat or from a support boat and sounding a horn or whistle periodically.

14. SHORTENING OF COURSE

14.1 When shortening the course, the race committee will display code flag "S" with two sound signals **after** the leading boat has begun the final leg of the shortened course.

14.2 "O" courses will not be shortened to fewer than four legs and "I" courses will not be shortened to fewer than three legs.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between the course side of the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit for each race will be one hour.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS A2, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded only if six or more races have been completed. One race shall constitute a series.

18. PROTESTS

18.1 "Protest Filing Time" will begin when the committee boat docks and will end one hour later. These times will be posted on the official notice board.

18.2 Protests shall be written on forms found in the "Protest Box" on the bookshelf and delivered to the Protest Committee Chairperson or the Principal Race Officer before the end of "Protest Filing Time." The protesting boat must report protests of boats which do not take a 720 penalty to the race committee when she finishes.

18.3 RRS 67 will apply with the following modifications. By siren and hail, the race committee will attempt to warn each boat that approaches breach of RRS 42, Propulsion, once during the series before disqualifying that boat for a subsequent breach of RRS 42. The race committee will also make every effort to notify by hail all competitors about boats which break Rule 42 in a race at the conclusion of that race. Failure to hear or acknowledge warnings and hails will not be grounds for redress. A disqualification under this rule may be excluded from the boat's series score if six or more races are completed.

18.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of "Protest Filing Time" to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing to which they are parties or in which they are named as witnesses.

18.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

19. SAFETY

19.1 Competitors are encouraged to wear personal flotation devices at all times.

19.2 Each boat should carry a twenty foot long 1/4" bow line for towing.

20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five skippers in the regatta's final overall standings...and to the top three juniors (under 18, which amends ILCA definition) and the fastest of the new juniors (in their first district Laser regatta), first apprentice (35-44), first master (45-54), first grand master (55-64), first great grand master (over 65) and first lady.

20.2 There will also be an award for a featherweight (less than 60 kg) and for a Clydesdale (more than 80 kg).

20.3 The Middle of the Pack award will be presented to, for example, the fifth place skipper if there are nine boats...or to the sixth place skipper if there are ten boats.

20.4 The "Bookend Award" will be presented to the skipper who starts in every race and finishes with the highest point total.

20.5 There will be awards for the first , second and third Laser Radial.