

# Gosford Sailing Club

Mason Parade  
Gosford NSW 2250

## NB SailSports Winter Sprint Series – GSC Leg

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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**General:** The regatta is the third leg of the NB SailSports Laser Sprint Series as described in the Notice of Race. Usual rules apply (RRS, YA and Laser Class rules).

**Entry:** Entry fee is \$5 payable at the club or to the committee boat at the starting line.

#### Schedule

- A briefing may be held at 12:15pm at the GSC clubhouse.
- Three back to back races are planned. The first warning signal will be at 1.00pm.

#### Fleet Flags

- *Laser Standard Rig* fleet flag is a white flag with red laser emblem.
- *Laser Radial* fleet flag is a green flag with red laser emblem.
- *Laser 4.7* fleet flag is a yellow flag with 4.7 emblem.

#### Courses

- Courses will be windward/return as shown in the diagram. The number of laps will be indicated by the appropriate numeral pennant displayed with or before the warning signal.
- Competitors may sail through the start/finish line on any leg but are discouraged from doing so on windward legs unless starting or finishing.

#### Marks

- The windward and leeward marks will be cylindrical shaped orange buoys.
- The distance mark adjacent to the windward mark will be an orange inflatable teardrop shaped buoy.
- The starting/finishing mark is a buoy displaying an orange flag.

#### Starting Sequence

- Standard and Radial Lasers shall have separate starts, with the Radials starting before the Standard Lasers in the first race.
- The 4.7's will have a separate start if 5 or more boats, and start first in the first race. Otherwise, 4.7's start with the Radials.

#### The Start

- Races shall be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- The warning signal for subsequent starts may be made at any time after the previous start.
- The starting line will be between the flag console on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

#### Starting Penalty - Black Flag as Preparatory Signal

The Race Committee will attempt to advise any boats which break the Black Flag Rule by hail before the next start. Amends RRS 30.3.

**The Finish:** The finishing line will be between the flag console on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

**Time Limit:** No race shall count unless the leading boat of each fleet finishes within 60 minutes of the start. Other boats will have their finish recorded up to 15 minutes after the leading boat finishes. Amends RRS 35.

**Protest:** A protest must be lodged in writing with any club official within one hour of the protesting boat finishing the last race of the day.

**Scoring:** The Low Point System will apply. All three races will count for scoring on the day. The scoring for the overall NB SailSports Laser Sprint Series will be based on the best 9 results from the planned 12 races as outlined in the Notice of Race.

**Prizes:** Prizes for the overall series will be awarded as per the Notice of Race and District web site ([laser.asn.au](http://laser.asn.au)). Separate prizes for the GSC leg of the NB SailSports Series may be provided on the day.

#### Safety Regulations

- All helmsmen must sign-on either at the club or verbally to the start boat. Boats retiring must notify the start boat if possible.
- All helmsmen and crew must comply with the AYF Special Regulations Part 2, 'Off the Beach Boats' and in particular must wear an approved buoyancy vest.

**Insurance:** Personal third party personal liability coverage is compulsory and is the responsibility of each competitor.

**Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Rule 4, Decision to Race. The club officials and race officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after racing.

**Protest Committee:** A Protest Committee will be formed as required.

#### Course Diagram:

