



Laser Metros Dash for Cash

Organised by Lane Cove 12Ft. Sailing Skiff Club (LC12ftSSC)

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-16*, the *Prescriptions & Special Regulations of Yachting Australia*, as amended and as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

The race is open to all Lasers with a valid entry in the 2014 NSW Laser Metropolitan Championships.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors for this race will be posted on the official notice board at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club, Stuart Street, Longueville.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Dash for Cash Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 11:10 am Saturday 8th March.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the LC12ftSSC clubhouse balcony.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dash for Cash – Saturday 8th March 2014, Warning Signal 12:40pm.

7. *RACING AREA*

The Lane Cove River and the Parramatta River.

PROHIBITED WATER (WHICH RANKS AS AN OBSTRUCTION)

- a) The area of water between registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER (i.e. continuing obstruction for the boats that are racing).
- b) Boats that enter Prohibited Water are required to exit by the same path they entered.

8. *THE COURSE - DASH for CASH*

The course will be from the start line at the LC12ftSSC clubhouse on the Lane Cove River to a finish line on the Parramatta Rive in the vicinity of the RC boat for the 2014 NSW Laser Metropolitan Championships.

9. *MARKS*

- a) The Start marks for the Dash are described in 10.
- b) The Finish marks for the Dash are described in 11.

10. *THE START - DASH for CASH*

- a) The Start will be a single start for all Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7 rigs.
- b) The Class Flag will be a Standard Rig Class flag (Red Laser symbol on a white background) for all rig types.
- c) The Start Line will be between the LC12'SSC flag mast displaying the LC12'SSC burgee on the south eastern end of the Club balcony at the port end. The Start mark is a buoy displaying a yellow flag with black "12" at the starboard end. Race signals will be made from the LC12ftSSC clubhouse balcony.
- d) Clubhouse Clearance mark shall be a buoy displaying a white/black/white horizontal bar flag.
- e) The Start for the Dash for Cash shall use the Black Flag as the Preparatory Signal.

11. *THE FINISH - DASH for CASH*

The Finish Line will be between the flag mast displaying a yellow flag with black "12" on the Finish Boat at the starboard end and the port end Finish Mark also displaying a yellow flag with black "12". The Finish Line will be in the vicinity of Clarkes Point (see Map area in the Sailing Instructions for the Metros).

12. *TIME LIMITS*

- a) The Dash Time Limit will be 35 minutes.
- b) Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored as DNF. This alters RRS 35 and A4.1.
- c) Dash Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes. This alters RSS 61.3

13. *SCORING*

Boats will be scored in order of finishing as place only. The winner will be the first placed boat in each division subject to the attendance clauses as described in 15.

14. *PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS*

Protest Forms shall be accepted with the payment of a fee of \$75.00. The fee will be waived for protests involving RSS 69.

15. *PRIZES*

Prizes will be presented at the LC12ftSSC clubhouse after racing has been completed for Saturday 8th March and you must be present to collect your prize. If a winner is not present then the next placed Laser sailor in each division will be called. The recipient of each prize will be the best placed laser in each division who is present at LC12SSC in person to receive the Prize. Prizes will be awarded for:

1st Standard Rig	\$100
1st Radial Rig	\$100
1st 4.7 Rig	\$100

16. *DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY*

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities 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.

17. *RISK WARNING*

This RISK WARNING is issued by the Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities associated with the Dash for Cash and the 2014 NSW Laser Metropolitan Championships.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the event.

18. *INSURANCE*

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance for racing with a minimum cover of \$10 million. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

19. *NOTICE TO COMPETITORS*

Competitors shall keep clear of Sydney Harbour Transport vessels displaying an orange diamond and commercial shipping as described below. NSW Maritime has specified that the required distances to keep clear are:

- Tanker and Seagoing Cruise Shipping – bow 500m, side and stern 30m, and,
- ‘Timetable’ ferries and commercial vessels bow 200m, side and and stern 30m.

Competitors failing to comply may be disqualified.