



**2014 - 2015**  
**NSW & ACT DISTRICT LASER ASSOCIATION**  
**LASER, LASER RADIAL AND LASER 4.7**  
**NSW COAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Gosford Sailing Club**

The Organising Authority is the NSW & ACT District Laser Association in association with  
Gosford Sailing Club

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Part 2 of the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia.

**2. ALTERATIONS TO THE RACING RULES**

- 2.1. Race Signal AP when displayed ashore is amended so that the Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal.
- 2.2. Rule 35 and A4.1 are amended so that all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 2.3. Rule 60.2 is amended in that the Race Committee shall be represented by the Race Officer or their nominated representative.
- 2.4. Rule 66 is amended so that on the last race day of the Championship, a request to re-open a hearing shall be made within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is the latest.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. Entries shall be lodged in accordance with NoR 3.
- 3.2. All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.
- 3.3. All competitors shall be current financial members of a district of the ILCA and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with a National Authority.
- 3.4. Eligibility for age group divisions shall be the competitor's age on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located in the foyer entrance at Gosford Sailing Club (GSC).

## **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagmast located on the upstairs western veranda of GSC.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP of RRS.

## **7. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 7.1. Races are scheduled as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Briefing	Saturday	18 Oct 14	1130 hours
Racing	Saturday	18 Oct 14	First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
Racing	Sunday	19 Oct 14	First Warning Signal at 1100 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race

- 7.2. A maximum of six races are to be conducted for the Championship.
- 7.3. No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

## **8. FLEETS**

- 8.1. The Laser Standard division shall sail as one fleet.
- 8.2. The Laser Radial division shall sail as one fleet.
- 8.3. The Laser 4.7 division shall sail as one fleet, providing there are more than eight entries. Otherwise they shall sail with the Laser Radial division.
- 8.4. The Race Committee may decide to change the fleet structures based on numbers. Any decision of the Race Committee regarding changes to divisions shall be communicated as a Change to Sailing Instructions.

## **9. FLEET FLAGS**

- 9.1. The Laser Standard fleet flag will be a white flag with a red Laser emblem.
- 9.2. The Laser Radial fleet flag will be a green flag with a red Laser emblem.
- 9.3. The Laser 4.7 fleet flag will be a yellow flag with a 4.7 emblem.

## **10. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the Brisbane Waters Gosford.

## **11. COURSES**

See Attachment A.

## **12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

While racing, the area between any registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER, and therefore an obstruction.

### **13. MARKS**

- 13.1 Marks 1 and 4 will be red inflatable cylinders.
- 13.2 Marks 2, 3 and 5 will be orange cylinders.
- 13.3 Mark 1A will be a fluoro green inflatable cherry buoy.
- 13.4 The Start Mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag.
- 13.5 The Finish Mark will be a danbuoy with a blue flag
- 13.6 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 16.2.

### **14. THE START**

- 14.1. The order of starts for Race 1 will be the Laser 4.7 division (if sailing as a separate division as per Instruction 8.3), followed by the Laser Radial division, and followed by the Laser Standard division. This order may be amended for subsequent races by the Race Officer.
- 14.2. Succeeding fleets may be started any time after the preceding fleet.
- 14.3. The starting line will be between the flag mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end Start Mark.
- 14.4. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and all boats who's Warning Signal has been made.
- 14.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This amends rule A4.

### **15. CHANGE THE NEXT LEG THE OF COURSE**

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 15.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

### **16. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the port end and the starboard end Finish Mark.

### **17. RETIREMENT**

A competitor who retires from a race, either before or after finishing, shall:

- a. notify the Race Committee; and
- b. sign off before the end of Protest Time.

### **18. TIME LIMIT**

- 18.1. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 90 minutes.
- 18.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of the same fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 18.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start the race will be abandoned.

## **19. ARBITRATION**

- 19.1. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 19.2. An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 19.3. The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 19.4. After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:
  - a. The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
  - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
  - c. No rule was broken and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
  - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- 19.5. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 19.6. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **20. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 20.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 20.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 20.3. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located in the clubhouse. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 20.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 20.5. Breaches of instructions 14.4, 22 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 20.6. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.

- 20.7. RRS 66 is amended by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision."

**21. SCORING**

- 21.1. Three completed races are required to constitute a series.  
21.2. When four or more races are completed, the worst will be discarded.  
21.3. All divisions will be scored separately.

**22. SAFETY REGULATION, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF**

- 22.1. Competitors shall sign on each day, and sign off before the end of protest time, outside the GSC race office.  
22.2. Failure to sign on or off may result in the competitor being awarded a penalty, without hearing, of up to and including disqualification from all races on the day in question.  
22.3. A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. The competitor shall sign off at the first reasonable opportunity.

**23. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost spars, boards, sail or hull will not be permitted unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**24. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the ILCA Class Rules and Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 2 Off The Beach Boats.

**25. 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 retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**26. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each Division. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 27.1. All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.  
27.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".  
27.3. The NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Gosford Sailing Club, their officers, and the Regatta officials, volunteers and sponsors do not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior, during or after the regatta.  
27.4. Gosford Sailing Club and/or the NSW and ACT District Laser Association reserve the right to refuse an entry.

**28. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS \$10,000,000.

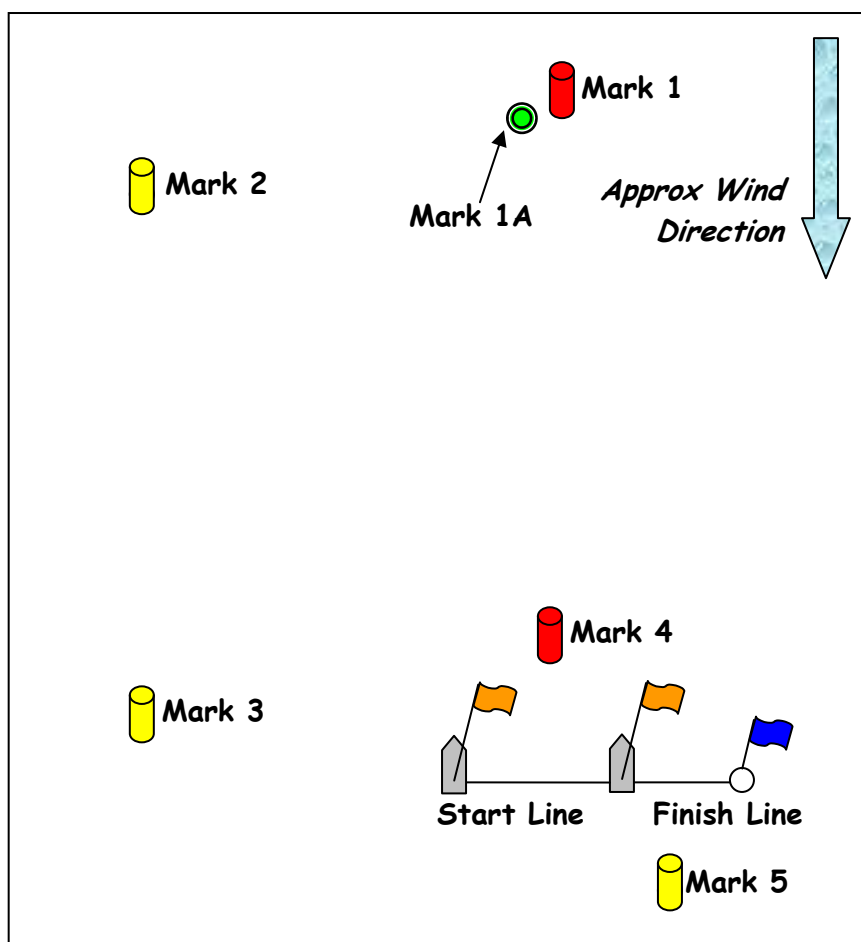
**INSTRUCTION 11 COURSES**

- 11.1 The Course Designator (as described in Table 1 below) shall be displayed on a board on the stern of the start boat, before or with the Warning Signal.

Course Designator	Course Description
I2	Start – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish

**Table 1 – Course Designators and Course Descriptions**

- 11.2 All marks shall be rounded to port.
- 11.3 The indicative course layout is shown in Illustration 1. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instructions.



**Illustration 1. Indicative Course Layout**