



2016 - 2017

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

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club**

The Organising Authority is the NSW & ACT District Laser Association in association with  
South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by:

- a. The Racing Rules of Sailing;
- b. the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing;
- c. Part 2 of the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing; and
- d. the rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)..

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entries shall be lodged in accordance with NoR Clause 3.
- 2.2 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Eligibility for age group divisions shall be the competitor's age on 22 October 2016.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC).

## 4. 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 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SLMASC flagmast located on the upper deck.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

## 6. RACING SCHEDULE

6.1 The racing schedule follows:

| Event    | Day      | Date      | Time  |
|----------|----------|-----------|---|
| Briefing | Saturday | 11 Oct 16 | 1130 hours  |
| Racing   | Saturday | 22 Oct 16 | First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race |
| Racing   | Sunday   | 23 Oct 16 | First Warning Signal at 1100 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race |

6.2 A maximum of six races are to be conducted for the Championship.

6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours Sunday 23 October 2016.

## 7. FLEETS

7.1. The Laser Standard division shall sail as one fleet.

7.2. The Laser Radial division shall sail as one fleet.

7.3. 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.

7.4. 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.

## 8. FLEET FLAGS

8.1. The Laser Standard fleet flag will be a white flag with a red Laser emblem.

8.2. The Laser Radial fleet flag will be a green flag with a red Laser emblem.

8.3. The Laser 4.7 fleet flag will be a yellow flag with a 4.7 emblem.

## 9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of south Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of SLMASC.

## 10. COURSES

See Attachment A.

## 11. MARKS

11.1. Marks 1, 4 and 5 will be yellow inflatable cylinders with a blue band.

11.2. Mark 1A will be an white inflatable buoy.

11.3. Marks 2 and 3 will be yellow cylinders with "BHP" emblems.

11.4. The Start Mark will be a yellow column buoy.

11.5. The Finish Mark will be pole mark with a blue flag.

## 12. THE START

12.1. The starting order for Race 1 will be the Laser 4.7 fleet (if sailed separately), followed by the Laser Radial fleet, and followed by the Laser Standard fleet. This may be amended for subsequent races by the Race Officer.

12.2. Succeeding fleets may be started any time after the preceding fleet.

12.3. 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.

12.4. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and all boats who's Warning Signal has been made.

12.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This amends rule A4.1.

- 12.6. Use of engines by a race committee boat to hold position shall not be an improper action of the race committee. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters Rule 60.1(b) and 62.
- 13. CHANGE OF COURSE**
- To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 14. SHORTENING COURSE**
- The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. Amends Instruction 15.
- 15. THE FINISH**
- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Use of engines by a race committee boat to hold position shall not be an improper action of the race committee. Any effects will not be grounds for granting redress. This alters Rule 60.1(b) and 62.
- 16. RETIREMENT**
- 16.1. A competitor who retires from a race, either before or after finishing, shall:
- notify the Race Committee aboard the race committee boat; and
  - sign off before the end of Protest Time.
- 17. TIME LIMIT**
- 17.1. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 90 minutes.
- 17.2. 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, A4 and A5.
- 17.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes from the start the race will be abandoned.
- 18. ARBITRATION**
- 18.1. An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 and Instruction 19, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 18.2. The arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be called. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 18.3. After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- 18.3.1 The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 18.3.2 The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason the decided by the arbitrator.
  - 18.3.3 No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 18.3.4 A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved and the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor

shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.

- 18.4. An arbitration hearing will not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 18.5. 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.

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

- 19.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 19.3. 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.
- 19.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 19.5. For the purpose of Rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 19.6. Breaches of Instructions 12.4, 21, 24, 25 and 26 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.
- 19.7. Rule 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.
- 19.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1. Six races are scheduled, of which three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 20.2. When four or more races are completed, the worst will be discarded.
- 20.3. All age and gender divisions will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

## **21. SAFETY REGULATION, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF**

- 21.1. Competitors shall sign on prior to going afloat for any racing session, and sign off each day before the end of protest time.
- 21.2. Two methods of sign on and off will be used as follows;
  - 21.2.1. Sign on and off on the paper form located in the SLMASC Clubhouse.
  - 21.2.2. An SMS sign and off system will be employed. The SMS number is 0477 647 537. The SMS shall contain the sail number and the words "sign on" or "sign off". Multiple boats may be included on an SMS, noting that the sender takes responsibility for the accuracy of the SMS. No acknowledgement will be made of receipt of the SMS.
- 21.3. Competitors must use one of these two methods.

21.4. Boats failing to comply with Instruction 21.2 and 21.3 shall receive a five point penalty (but no boat is to be scored worse than DSQ) in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. This changes Appendix A4.2.

## **22. 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.

## **23. 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.

## **24. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless exception is granted by express authority from the Race Committee.

## **25. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **27. PRIZES**

27.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each Division.

27.2. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority 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. Attention is drawn to Clause 15 of the Notice of Race.

## **29. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS \$10,000,000. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

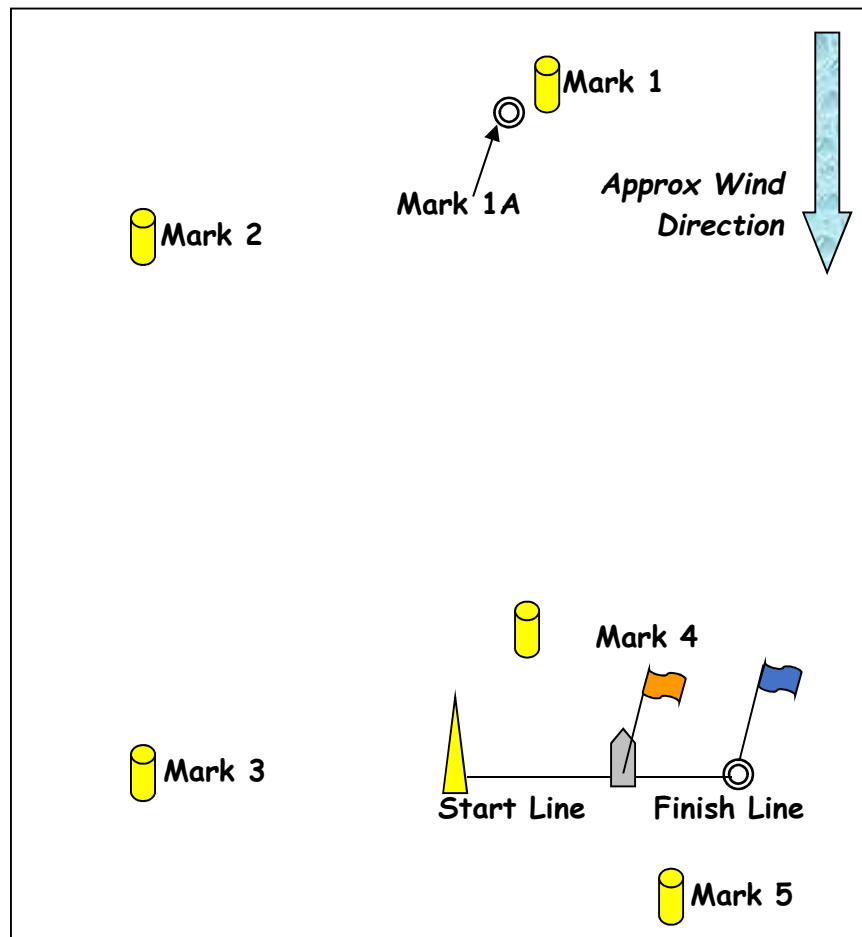
**Attachment A**  
**2016 - 2017 NSW and ACT Laser Coast Championship**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**INSTRUCTION 10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The Course (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.
- 10.2 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.

| 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 – Courses and Course Descriptions**



**Illustration 1. Indicative Course Layout**