



2016 - 2017

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

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

26th and 27th November 2016

Georges River Sailing Club

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Part 2 of the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race (all as amended by these Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions.

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 youth age groups shall be the age on 31 December 2016. Eligibility for all other age groups shall be the age on 26 November 2016.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located in the Regatta Office of Georges River Sailing Club (GRSC).

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 on the flag mast located in the rigging area at the western end of the GRSC building.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 40 minutes" in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

| Day | Date | Activity and Time |
|----------|-----------|--|
| Saturday | 26 Nov 16 | Briefing 1130 hours First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race |
| Sunday | 27 Nov 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 27th November 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.

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 Notice to Competitors.

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 red Laser emblem and '4.7'.

9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Botany Bay and the Georges River.

10 COURSES

The Courses are described in Attachment A.

11 MARKS

11.1 Mark 1 will be a red inflatable cylinder.

11.2 Mark 1A will be an orange cherry buoy.

11.3 Mark 2 will be a pink inflatable cylinder.

11.4 Marks 3S and 3P will be pink inflatable cylinders.

11.5 Marks 4S and 4P will be red inflatable cylinders.

11.6 Mark 5 will be a pink inflatable cylinder.

11.7 The Start Mark will be a green inflatable buoy with an orange stripe.

11.8 The Finish Mark will be a conical orange inflatable buoy.

12 THE START

12.1 For Race One the order of starts will be Laser 4.7 fleet, then Laser Radial then Laser Standard Open. The subsequent order of starts will be at the discretion of 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 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes Rule A4.1.

12.6 If Flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and Mark One during the last minute before the starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes Rule 26.

12.7 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 changes Rule 60.1(b) and 62.

13 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling a change of the next leg and the nearby mark. This changes Rule 28.1.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end Finish Mark.
- 14.2 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.

15 RETIREMENT

- 15.1 A competitor who retires from a race, either before or after finishing, shall:
 - a. notify an Official Boat or the Race Office; and
 - b. sign off at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 90 minutes.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes from the start the race will be abandoned.

17 ARBITRATION

- 17.1 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 and Instruction 18, 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
 - a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - b. 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.
 - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - d. 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.
- 17.4 An arbitration hearing will not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator will be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 17.5 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.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 18.5 For the purpose of Rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 18.6 Breaches of instructions 12.4, 20, 23, 24 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.
- 18.7 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."
- 18.8 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.

19 SCORING

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

20 SAFETY REGULATION, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF

- 20.1 Competitors shall sign on prior to going afloat for any racing session, and sign off each day before the end of protest time.
- 20.2 Two methods of sign on and off will be used as follows:
 - a. Sign on and off on the paper form located in the GRSC Regatta Office.
 - b. 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.
- 20.3 Competitors must use one of these two methods.
- 20.4 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.

21 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.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

23 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.

24 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

25 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.

26 PRIZES

Cubes will be awarded for Open and Youth categories in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

27 INSURANCE

All competing boats shall certify, by entering, that they carry third party liability insurance of an amount of not less than \$10,000,000. All competitors who sign the entry form / complete on line entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The helmsperson of each boat must be able to produce proof of cover if requested to do so.

28 RISK WARNING AND DISCLAIMER

Attention is drawn to NoR Clause 15. All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing". The NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Georges River 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. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse an entry.

29 MEDIA RIGHTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

In participating in the Regatta, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/ her taken during the period of the Regatta and to use his /her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related to the Regatta without compensation.

Attachment A
2016 - 2017 NSW and ACT Laser State 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 Marks 3S/3P and 4S/4P may be replaced by a singular mark 3 or 4, which shall be rounded to port, and coloured the same as the two gate marks it replaces.
- 10.3 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.

| Course | Course Description (All rounding marks to Port) |
|--------|--|
| I2 | Start – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| I3 | Start – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| I4 | Start – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| O1 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| O2 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| O3 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |
| O4 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3P – 5 – Finish |

Table 1 – Courses and Course Descriptions

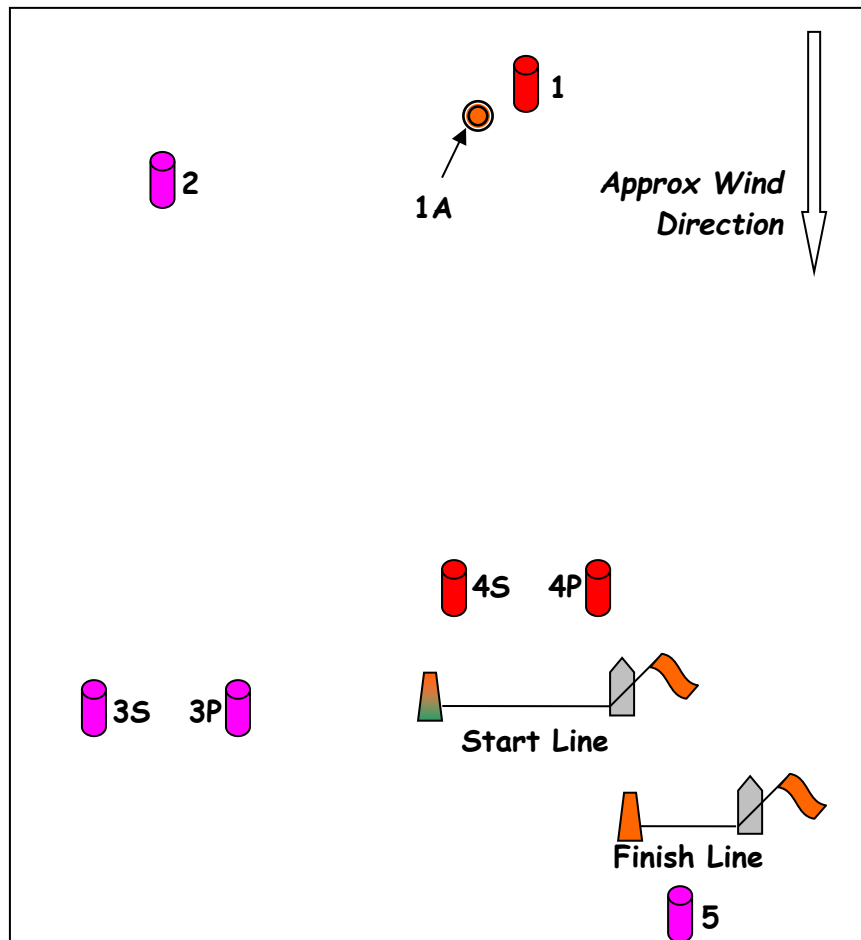


Illustration 1. Course Layout