



**2016**  
**NB SAILSPORTS WINTER SPRINT SERIES**  
**LASER, LASER RADIAL AND LASER 4.7**  
**Round 3 – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**Royal Sydney yacht Squadron**

The Organising Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in Association with  
NB SailSports and NSW & ACT District Laser Association

# 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. Entries shall be lodged in accordance with the NOR and may be accepted on the 7<sup>th</sup> August up to 1000hours and accompanied by the entry fee of \$20.
- 2.2. 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located underneath the Careening Cove Room Stairs of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first race.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagmast located on the lawn at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP of RRS.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1. Races are scheduled as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Briefing	Sunday	7 August 16	1000 hours, RSYS lawn
Racing	Sunday	7 August 16	First Warning Signal at 1100 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race

6.2. A maximum of three races are to be conducted for this leg of the NB Sail Sports Sprint Series.

## **7. FLEETS**

7.1. The Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7 divisions will be started separately unless the Race Committee decides to change the fleet structures based on number of entries. Competitors will be advised at the briefing.

## **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 red Laser emblem.

## **9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the waters of Sydney Harbour between the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Shark Island.

## **10. COURSES**

10.1. See Attachment A.

10.2. The course number will be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed with or before the warning signal.

## **11. MARKS**

11.1. Marks 1 and 2s/2p will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

11.2. The Start Mark will be an orange inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

11.3. The Finish Mark will be a black and white inflatable mark with the lettering RSYS.

## **12. THE START**

12.1. The order of starts for Race 1 will be the 4.7 division followed by the Radial division, followed by the Standard division. This order 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 Committee Vessel and the course side of the 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" without a hearing. This amends rule A4.

## **13. CHANGE OF COURSE**

There will be no change of course during any race.

#### **14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the flag mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and the course side of the Finish Mark.

#### **15. 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.

#### **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 60 minutes.
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 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.
- 16.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start that race will be abandoned.

#### **17. ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 17.6. 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.

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

- 18.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 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 RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5. 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.
- 18.6. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 18.7. 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."

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1. This event comprises three heats of the five venue fifteen race NB SailSports Sprint Series.
- 19.2. The worst three scores during the series will be discarded at the end of the series.
- 19.3. All divisions will be scored as part of their fleet.

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

- 20.1. Competitors shall sign on and sign off before the end of protest time, at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- 20.2. Alternatively sailors who have pre-entered and are rigging at other clubs can call on at the start boat. They must also call off when they have finished sailing for the day. The responsibility for the safe return after calling off in this way rests with the sailor.
- 20.3. Failure to sign or call 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.
- 20.4. A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. The competitor shall sign or call off at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.5. The Race Committee may be contacted by text or message to 0419 266 257.

## **21. 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.

## **22. PRIZES**

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

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1. All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 23.2. 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".

- 23.3. The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NB SailSports and the NSW and ACT District Laser Association 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.
- 23.4. Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, NB SailSports or the NSW and ACT District Laser Association reserve the right to refuse an entry.

**24. INSURANCE**

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

**INSTRUCTION 10 COURSES**

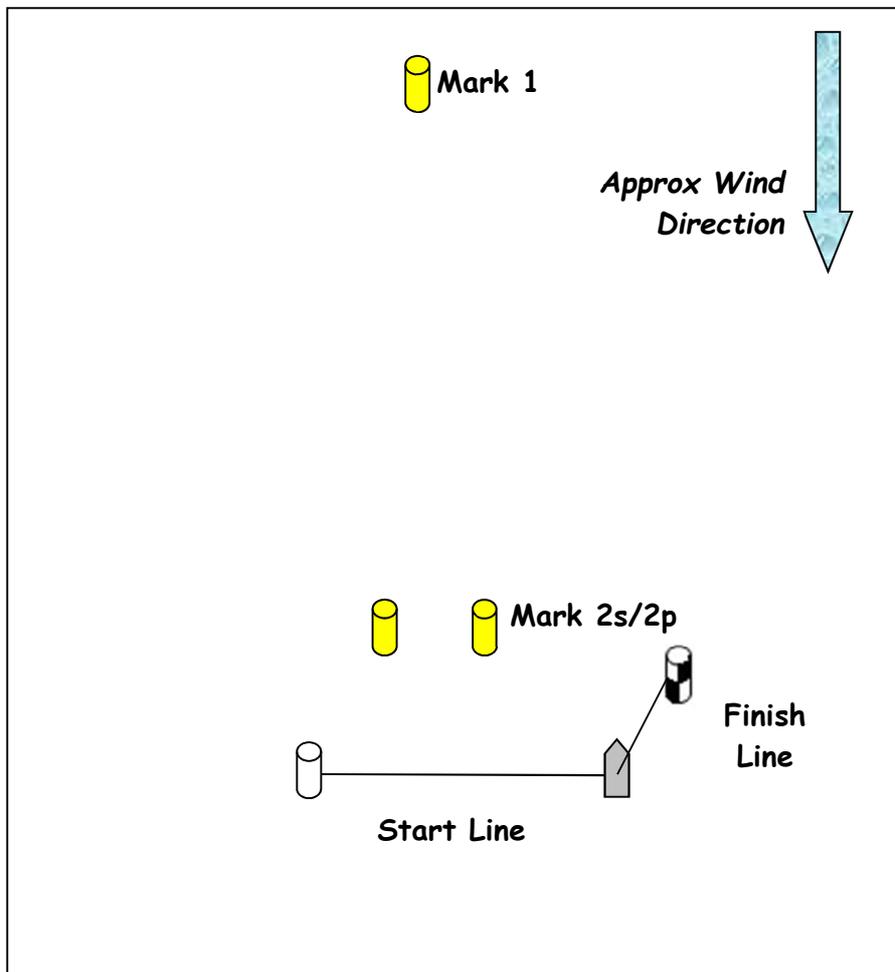
Course 1 will be Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Course 2 will be Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Course 3 will be Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Mark 1 shall be rounded to port. If the gate is not laid Mark 2 shall be rounded to port.

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**