

**2015 - 2016  
LASER, LASER RADIAL AND LASER 4.7  
NSW AND ACT COAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Port Kembla Sailing Club**

The Organising Authority is the NSW & ACT District Laser Association in association with Port Kembla 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, 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. 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.
- 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**

- 2.5 Entries shall be lodged in accordance with NoR 3.
- 2.6 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 Eligibility for age group divisions shall be the competitor's age on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located in the Port Kembla Sailing Club Clubhouse.

**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 on the day before it will take effect.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Port Kembla Sailing Club flag mast located in front of the clubhouse.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

## **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	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 15	1130 hours
Racing	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 15	First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
Racing	Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 15	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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## **8. FLEETS**

- 8.1. The Laser Standard division will sail as one fleet.
- 8.2. The Laser Radial division will sail as one fleet.
- 8.3. The Laser 4.7 division will sail as one fleet, providing there are more than five entries. Otherwise they will 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 waters of north Lake Illawarra in the vicinity of the Port Kembla Sailing Club.

## **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 orange inflatable cylinders with yellow bands.
- 13.2. Marks 2 and 3 will be yellow cylinders.
- 13.3. Mark 5 will be an orange inflatable cylinder with yellow bands.
- 13.4. Mark 1A will be a red cherry buoy.
- 13.5. The Start Mark will be a yellow danbuoy with an orange flag.
- 13.6. The Finish Mark will be a yellow danbuoy with code flag "O" (red and yellow triangles).
- 13.7. A new mark, as provided in Instruction 15.1, will be an orange inflatable cylinder with a black band.
- 13.8. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 15.2.

#### **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 7.3), followed by the Laser Radial division, and followed by the Laser Standard division. This 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". This amends rule A4.1.

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

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee shall lay a new mark (or move the Finish Line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 15.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port<sup>1</sup> and the race committee boat to starboard<sup>2</sup>. This changes rule 28.

#### **16. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. Amends Instruction 16.

#### **17. 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.

#### **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, A4 and A5.

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

- 19.1. Rule 60.2 is amended in that the Race Officer or their nominated representative shall represent the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests are to be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 19.4. Notices shall be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of hearings and the time of the first hearing.
- 19.5. Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).
- 19.6. Breaches of Instructions 13.4, 20, 21, 23 and 24 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a).
- 19.7. The Protest Committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than in Part 2.

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<sup>1</sup> To starboard if a starboard hand course has been signalled

<sup>2</sup> To port if a starboard hand course has been signalled

- 19.8. On the last day of the Championship a request for reopening of a hearing shall be delivered: within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

**20. SCORING**

- 20.1. 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 divisions will be scored as part of their fleets.

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

- 21.1. Competitors shall sign on each day, and sign off before the end of protest time, either at the Race Office at the Port Kembla Sailing Club clubhouse or by SMS sent to 0427 146 400. SMS sign on or off shall include in the message the boat number and helmspersons name.  
21.2. 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.  
21.3. A boat that retires shall notify an Official boat or the Race Office. The helmsperson shall sign off at the first reasonable opportunity.

**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. 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.

**25. PRIZES**

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

**26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. 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". The NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Port Kembla 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. Port Kembla Sailing Club and/or the NSW and ACT District Laser Association reserve the right to refuse an entry.

**27. INSURANCE**

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

**Attachment A to**  
**2015-2016**  
**NSW and ACT Coast Championship**  
**Sailing Instructions**

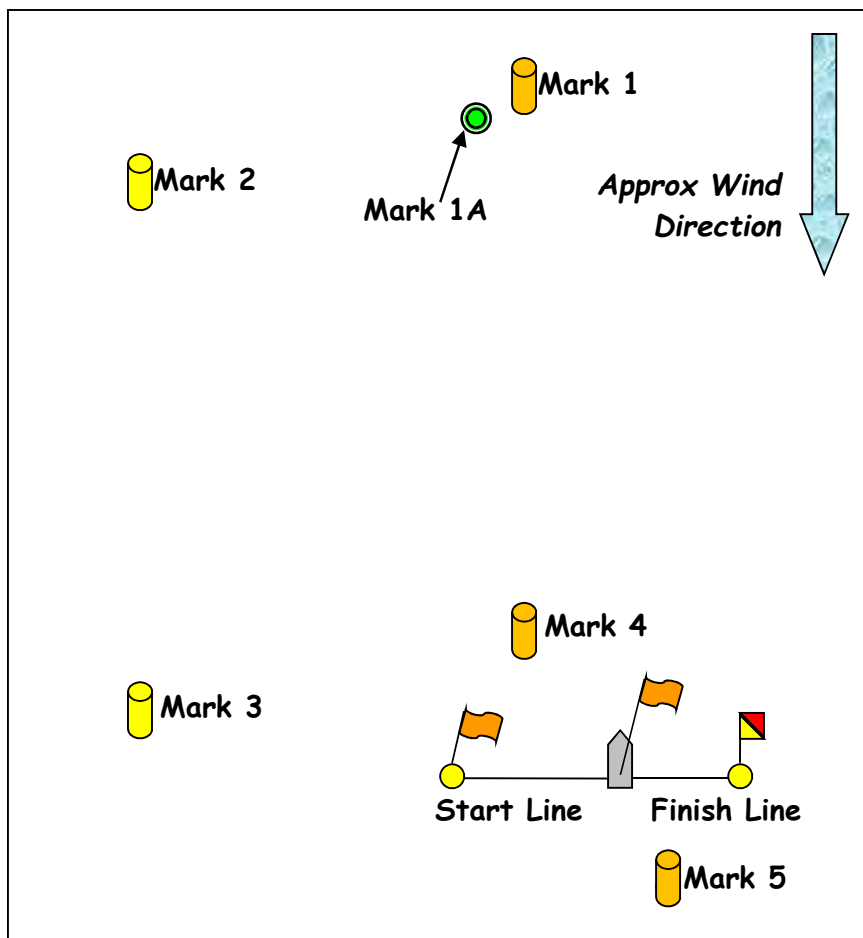
**INSTRUCTION 10 COURSES**

10.1 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**

- 10.2 A red flag displayed before or with the Warning Signal indicates that all marks shall be rounded to port. A green flag displayed before or with the Warning Signal indicates that all marks shall be rounded to starboard.
- 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. The port rounding layout is shown. The starboard rounding course will be the mirror image, except the Start and Finish lines shall remain in the same position as displayed in this diagram.



**Illustration 1. Indicative Course Layout**