



Sailing Instructions

Laser/ILCA 50th Anniversary Hosted by Double Bay Sailing Club

Sunday 20th June 2021

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Double Bay Sailing Club (“DBSC”) is organising and conducting the Event, in consultation with the NSW & ACT Laser Class Association.

2. RULES

The Event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), the rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association, the NSW Special Rules contained in Schedule 4 of the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 (NSW), the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the Notice of Event (all as amended by these Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions (as may be amended from time to time).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Entries shall be lodged in accordance with the Notice of Event.
- 3.2. Defined terms in these Sailing Instructions have the same meaning as in the Notice of Event, unless otherwise stated.
- 3.3. All Participants shall complete registration online at www.dbsc.com.au/laser-50th.
- 3.4. Each participating boat shall carry a minimum of \$10 million of third-party insurance. All Participants are deemed by their participation to have made a declaration to DBSC that they hold such cover. Participants may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any Participant not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry and shall not participate.

4. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANTS

Any Notices to Participants will be posted and available on the website of DBSC, at www.dbsc.com.au/laser-50th.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the start of the Event.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the DBSC flag mast located in Steyne Park immediately outside the DBSC roller door, and will be posted on DBSC’s Instagram IGTV account, at www.instagram.com/doublebaysailingclub

7. SCHEDULE

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| 0830h | Launch from DBSC (or at other times as needed from elsewhere on the harbour) |
| 0930h | Participants marshal in Farm Cove |
| 1000h | Event will start from a start line positioned in the vicinity of Mrs Macquarie's Point, and boats will proceed in a single fleet to Watsons Bay |
| 1300h | Free BBQ on the deck at DBSC, all welcome |

8. FLEET

The Laser Standard division, the Laser Radial division and the Laser 4.7 division shall sail as one fleet.

9. SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be the waters of Sydney Harbour from Farm Cove to Watsons Bay.

10. COURSE

See Attachment A. which is indicative only, and not to scale. The angle of the Start Line may be altered at the discretion of the Event committee, which is likely to occur to allow a reaching start, having regard to wind direction.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. The port end Start Mark will be a small orange truncated cone.
- 11.2. Mark 1 will be a large orange truncated cone.
- 11.3. Mark 2 will be the yellow shipping channel marker off Shark Beach.
- 11.4. The starboard end Finish Mark will be a large orange truncated cone.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between (a) the flag mast displaying an orange flag on the Event committee boat at the starboard end and (b) the port end Start Mark.
- 12.2. In order to avoid impact on ferry traffic, boats must remain in the marshalling area and not proceed to the starting line until the orange "on station" flag is displayed on the Event committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line. The orange "on station" flag will not be displayed until the 10:00am Manly Ferry has transited Fort Denison.
- 12.3. For the avoidance of doubt, the starting sequence will be a five minute start sequence as set out in RRS Rule 26.
- 12.4. It is likely that the starting line will be angled to ensure a reaching start. If the line is angled such that a port start is intended, we request that starboard boats do not seek to exert their rights on port boats that are lining up for the start, notwithstanding RRS 10, which still applies.
- 12.5. In order to obtain the best possible media footage of the start the line, we would appreciate the assistance of all participants to ensure that boats are spaced along the length of the line rather than bunched at either end. If the Event committee deems it to be necessary, there may be one or more general recalls to achieve a good start and good footage.
- 12.6. **PLEASE NOTE:** The commemorative gold laser produced for the Event by Performance Sailcraft Australia will start on course side, and during the start sequence will be sailed in a series of exhibition manoeuvres on course side. Other boats must remain behind the starting line until the start.
- 12.7. Boats that are recorded on course side during the start sequence may, in the absolute discretion of the Event committee and without a hearing, be disqualified from eligibility to participate in the prize draw. This modifies RRS Rule 30.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1. The course may be shortened.
- 13.2. Participants may retire from the Event and leave the course without finishing.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between (a) the Wedding Cake east lighthouse and (b) the starboard end Finish Mark.

15. PRIZE DRAW ELIGIBILITY

- 15.1. As set out in the terms and conditions published in the Notice of Event, in order to be eligible to participate in any prize draw and to claim a prize, each Participant must have, among other things, participated in the Event.
- 15.2. For the purpose of those terms and conditions, a Participant will be deemed to have participated in the Event only if:

- a) that Participant has successfully completed online registration prior to 5.00pm on Saturday, 19 June 2021, and such registration is recorded in DBSC's event database;
 - b) that Participant has sailed from the starting line and has continued in the Event at least as far as Mark 1, and has had their sail number recorded by an Event committee member at that point; and
 - c) the sail number so recorded in respect of that Participant is the same as the sail number that was recorded in respect of that Participant through the online registration, or otherwise the Event committee exercises its discretion as contemplated in paragraph 15.3.
- 15.3. Where a Participant has borrowed a boat and that borrowing arrangement is facilitated by DBSC, if that Participant does not know the sail number at the time of registration, the requirement in sub-paragraph 15.2(c) may be waived by the Event committee in its absolute discretion.
- 15.4. A Participant will be deemed not to have participated in the Event for the purposes of paragraph 15.2 if the Event committee exercises its discretion under paragraph 12.5 in respect of that Participant.
- 15.5. In the event the course is shortened before Mark 1, the Event committee may determine in its discretion the basis on which participation will be deemed to have occurred.
- 15.6. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Participant retires from the Event and leaves the course without finishing, that Participant will still be deemed to have participated, provided the requirements of this paragraph 15 are otherwise met.

16. HARBOUR SAFETY

- 16.1. Participants shall comply with the NSW Marine Safety Regulation 2016.
- 16.2. Participants are reminded that Schedule 4 of the Regulation gives ferries flying an orange diamond shape priority over sail.
- 16.3. Participants shall not interfere with inbound or outbound shipping.
- 16.4. Participants shall not loiter in the Eastern or Western navigation channels, the regular ferry lanes, or near heavy traffic areas such as Kirribilli Point, Garden Island, Bradley's Head, Steele Point, Chowder Head and Georges Head.
- 16.5. Participants shall not approach within 50 metres of Naval property, such as Garden Island and the Chowder Bay wharf.
- 16.6. Participants should be aware the Double Bay Ferry wharf is immediately to the east of the DBSC clubhouse and is in constant use by Sydney Ferries and other vessels. Participants should exercise caution when leaving from and returning to DBSC.

17. SUSTAINABILITY

- 17.1. DBSC is committed to sustainability. Participants are required to assist DBSC in achieving this objective, including by:
- a) avoiding single-use plastics;
 - b) observing RRS Rule 47 in relation to trash / waste disposal on the water;
 - c) appropriate use of waste separation bins; and
 - d) carrying spill kits on support craft.
- 17.2. For those launching from DBSC, water bottles can be filled using the taps at the entrance of the clubhouse and, in addition to usual waste separation bins, there is a barcode-enabled bin for containers under the container deposit scheme.
- 17.3. Participants should be mindful of the biodiversity on the foreshore and, for those launching from DBSC, please note there are often stingrays on the harbour floor, which may inflict serious pain and/or injury if contacted.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

