



**2012 - 2013**  
**NSW & ACT DISTRICT LASER ASSOCIATION**  
**LASER, LASER RADIAL AND LASER 4.7**  
**NSW COASTS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012**  
**Toukley Sailing Club**

The Organising Authority is the NSW & ACT District Laser Association in association with  
Toukley Sailing Club and under the authority of Yachting NSW

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the 2009 to 2012 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 the these Sailing Instructions.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 Entries shall be lodged in accordance with the NoR.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located upstairs at Toukley Sailing Club.

**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 Toukley Sailing Club flag mast.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

## **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Briefing	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12	1130 hours
Racing	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12	First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
Racing	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 12	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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

### **6. FLEETS**

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

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

6.3. The Laser 4.7 division shall sail as one fleet, providing there are more than five entries. Otherwise they shall sail with the Laser Radial division.

6.4. 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.

### **7. FLEET FLAGS**

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

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

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

### **8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the waters of Tuggerah Lakes in the vicinity of Toukley Sailing Club.

### **9. COURSES**

See Attachment A.

### **10. MARKS**

Marks will be described on the Official Noticeboard and at the Competitors' briefing.

### **11. THE START**

11.1. The order of starts for Race 1 will be the Laser 4.7 division (providing over five entries received), followed by the Laser Radial division, and followed by the Laser Standard division. This may be amended for subsequent races by the Race Officer.

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

11.3. 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.

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

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

### **12. CHANGE OF COURSE**

Courses will not be changed whilst a race is in progress.

### **13. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. Amends Instruction 14.

#### **14. 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.

#### **15. RETIREMENT**

15.1. A competitor who retires from a race, either before or after finishing, shall:

- a. notify the Race Committee aboard the race committee boat; 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 90 minutes.

16.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 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. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

17.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 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.

17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.

17.6. 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.

#### **18. SCORING**

18.1. Three completed races are required to constitute a series.

18.2. When four or more races are completed, the worst will be discarded.

18.3. All divisions will be scored in each fleet Standard Radial and, if there are more than five entries, 4.7.

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

19.1. Competitors shall sign on each day, and sign off before the end of protest time, at the race office.

19.2. Failure to sign on or off may result in the competitor being awarded a penalty, without hearing, up to and including disqualification from all races on the day in question.

#### **20. 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.

**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**

22.1. Prizes will be awarded to Division winners and to minor placegetters at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

22.2. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the organizers.

**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. Yachting NSW, the NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Toukley 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.

23.4. Toukley Sailing Club and/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.

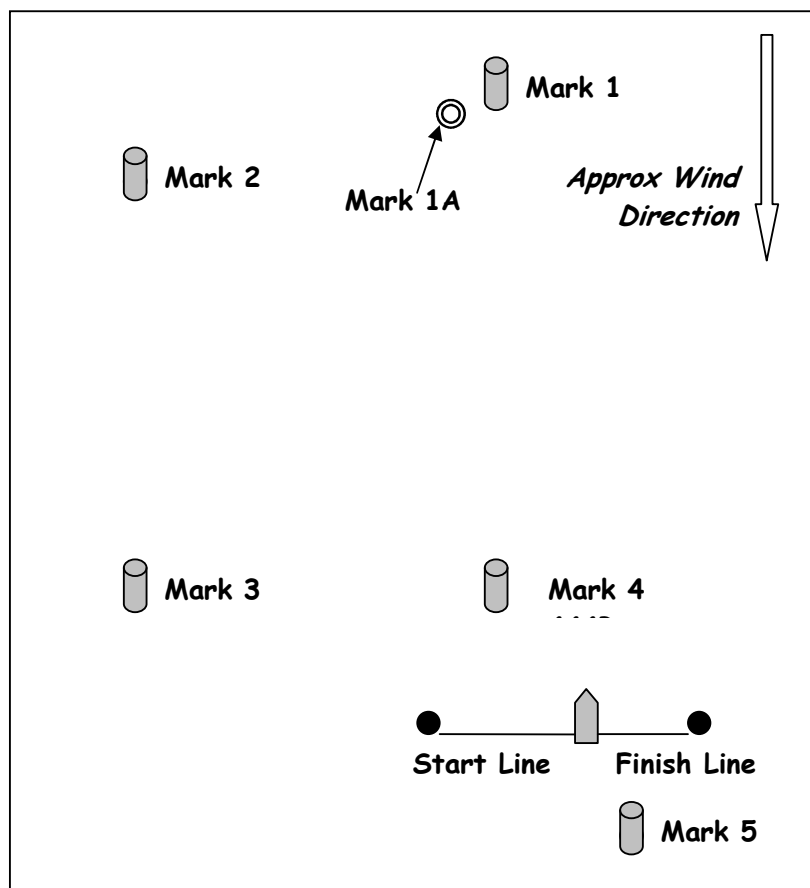
**INSTRUCTION 9 COURSES**

9.1 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
I4	Start – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
I5	Start – 1 – 1A – 4 – 1 – 1A – 4 – 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
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish
O5	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish

**Table 1 – Course Designators and Course Descriptions**

- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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**