

**2020-2021
NSW & ACT METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
For LASER, LASER RADIAL AND LASER 4.7**

**6th and 7th March 2021
Hunters Hill Sailing Club**

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by:

- a. The Racing Rules of Sailing;
- b. The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing;
- c. Part 2 of the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing; and
- d. The rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).

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 31st December 2021. Eligibility for all other age groups shall be the age on 6th March 2021

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located downstairs in the Hunters Hill Sailing Club boatshed.

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 HHSC flag mast located to the south of the HHSC clubhouse and east of the launching ramp.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

6. RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The racing schedule follows:

Event	Day	Date	Time
Briefing	Saturday	6 Mar 2021	1130 hours
Racing	Saturday	6 Mar 2021	First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
Racing	Sunday	7 Mar 2021	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 7 March 2021.

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 a 4.7 emblem.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Parramatta River in the vicinity of Hunters Hill Sailing Club.

10. COURSES

See Attachment A.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be inflatable pink cones.
- 11.2. The Start Mark will be an orange cylinder.
- 11.3. The Finish Mark will be a black and white check cylinder.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting order for Race 1 will be the Laser 4.7 fleet, followed by the Laser Radial fleet, and followed by the Laser Standard fleet. This 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 race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end Start Mark.

- 12.4. Boats whose warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.
- 12.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This amends rule A4.1.
- 12.6. 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.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a flag mast displaying a blue 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 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 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

RRS Appendix T shall apply.

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 and 27 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 completed races are required 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 each day, and sign off before the end of protest time.
- 20.2. Sign on and off will be online via URL <https://tinyurl.com/lasersignonoff>. This can be accessed by clicking the link or scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code below.
- 20.3. Competitors can use a PC provided for the purpose at the Hunters Hill Sailing Club to access the sign on/off link.



- 20.4. Boats failing to comply with Instruction 20.1 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

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

27. HARBOUR SAFETY

- 27.1. Competitors shall comply with the Navigation Collision Regulations of NSW. These regulations permit ferries flying the orange diamond priority over sail.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta. Attention is drawn to Clause 15 of the Notice of Race.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS \$10,000,000. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

Attachment A
2020-2021 NSW and ACT Laser Metro 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 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.
- 10.3 All rounding marks shall be left to port unless a green flag is displayed from the committee boat on the start line, indicating that all rounding marks shall be left to starboard.

Course Designator	Course Description
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Table 1 – Courses and Course Descriptions

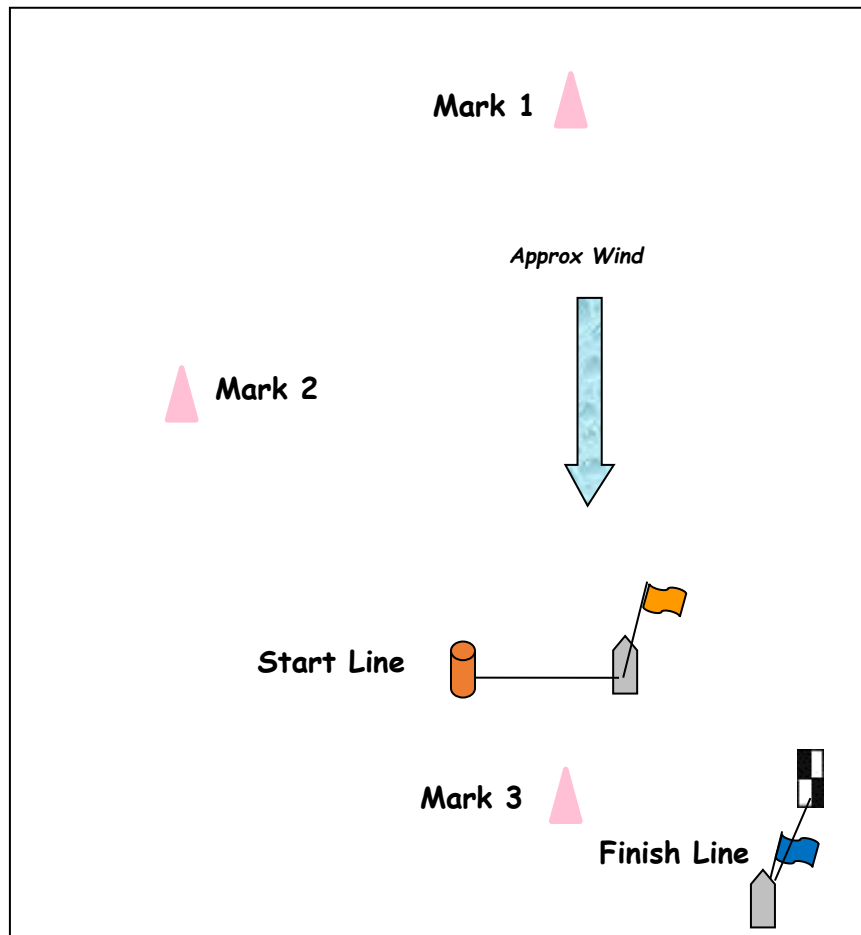


Illustration 1. Indicative Course Layout