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

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013**  
**Great Lakes Sailing Club**

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

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Part 2 of the 2009-2012 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 NoR 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 age group divisions shall be the competitor's age on 9 February 2013.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located at the front of the Great Lakes 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 GLSC flagmast located in front of the Great Lakes Sailing Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP of RRS.

## **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Briefing	Saturday	9 Feb 13	1130 hours
Racing	Saturday	9 Feb 13	First Warning Signal at 1330 hours. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
Racing	Sunday	10 Feb 13	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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **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. DIVISION MARKING SYSTEM**

8.1. Each Age Division will be allocated a mast wrap colour. These mast wraps are to be fixed around the mast between the boom and the deck and will be available at Registration. The wraps should be returned when signing off after racing on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

8.2. The division colours are:

<b>Age Division</b>	<b>Colour</b>
Apprentice	Yellow
Master	Orange
Grand Master	Blue
Great Grand Master	White

8.3. The boats of female competitors shall display a red diamond on their sail in accordance with ILCA Women's Policy

### **9. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the waters of Wallis Lake in the vicinity of GLSC.

### **10. COURSES**

See Attachment A.

### **11. MARKS**

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

### **12. THE START**

12.1. The fleet starting order will be at the discretion of 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 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". This amends rule A4.1 of RRS.

**13. CHANGE OF COURSE**

Courses may be changed whilst a race is in progress and will be done so in accordance with RRS 33.

**14. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. Amends Instruction 15.

**15. 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.

**16. RETIREMENT**

- 16.1. 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.

**17. TIME LIMIT**

- 17.1. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 90 minutes.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start the race will be abandoned.

**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 RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5. For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 18.6. 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."

**19. MEDIATION**

- 19.1. Mediation may be conducted for protests delivered in accordance with rule 61 which allege a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.

- 19.2. Mediation will be held after the protest is lodged and before the protest hearing. The mediator will decide the time and place of the mediation and may advise such details orally. One representative from each boat shall attend the mediation. No witnesses will be called.
- 19.3. Representatives of boats protesting are requested to bring a representative of the boat being protested to the race office at the time of delivering their protest to enable mediation to take place promptly.
- 19.4. After hearing from each boat the mediator shall express one of the following opinions:
  - a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest;
  - b. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest;
  - c. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, and the boat(s) that broke a rule may accept a 40% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with Rule 44.3(c). The points of other boats shall not be adjusted;
  - d. The protest is unsuitable for mediation and will proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules other than Part 2 or Rule 31 are or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to allow a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.
- 19.5. If a boat agrees to withdraw a protest, or if a boat accepts a scoring penalty, as proposed by the mediator and the other boat agrees to withdraw the protest, the mediator may, on behalf of the protest committee, allow the protest to be withdrawn.
- 19.6. A mediation will not be reopened. No conclusion or decision of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 19.7. If the protest proceeds to a protest hearing, the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **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 separately.

## **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, at the race office.
- 21.2. 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.

## **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. PRIZES**

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each Age Division by fleet.
- 24.2. Cubes will be awarded according to ILCA By-Laws.
- 24.3. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the organizers.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 25.2. 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”.
- 25.3. Yachting NSW, the NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Great Lakes 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.
- 25.4. Great Lakes Sailing Club and/or the NSW and ACT District Laser Association reserve the right to refuse an entry.

**26. INSURANCE**

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

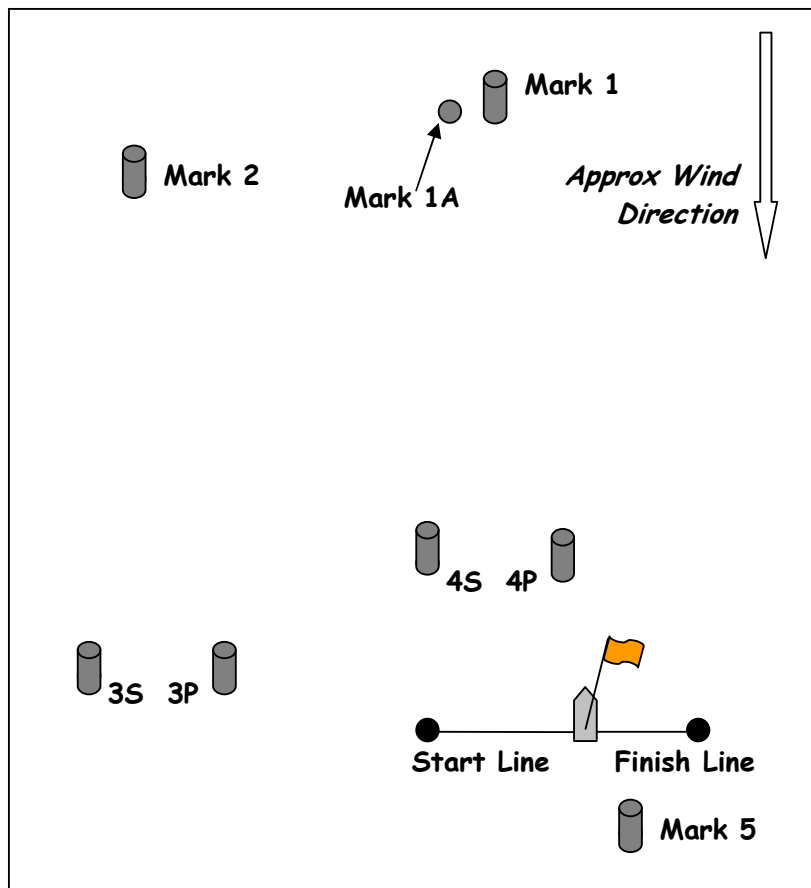
**INSTRUCTION 10 COURSES**

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 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 1A – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 5 – Finish

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

- 10.2 All Marks shall be rounded to port.
- 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.



**Illustration 1. Indicative Course Layout**