

# Clearwater Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions

### Florida State Laser Championship December 15-16, 2007

#### **1. Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The organizing authority is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with the Florida Sailing Association. This event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida.

1.3 The regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

#### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries.

#### **3. Notices To Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the North porch at the Sailing Center.

#### **4. Changes In Sailing Instructions**

Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1 hour before the scheduled first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **5. Signals Made Ashore**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Sailing Center.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

#### **6 Schedule of Races**

##### **6.1 Saturday, December 15**

0900	Registration
1100	Skippers Meeting
1200	First Warning Signal, more races to follow
1800	Regatta dinner at Clearwater Yacht Club.

##### **Sunday, December 16**

1000	First Warning Signal, more races to follow.
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6.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled, of which a minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

6.3 No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday.

6.4 Awards will follow ASAP after the last race of the day.

#### **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico, Southwest of Clearwater Pass. The race committee reserves the right to race in Clearwater Harbor should conditions favor that location.

## **8. Courses**

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course designation letter will be displayed on a white board from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start.

## **9. Marks**

9.1 Marks 1,2 and 3 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 The start pin will be an orange cylindrical mark. The finishing mark will be a round orange ball.

9.3 If there is a change in the race course, new marks will be yellow tetrahedrons with a black band. If in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **10. The Start**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be;

Numeral 1 code flag for Laser Standards

Numeral 2 code flag for Laser Radials

Numeral 3 code flag for Laser 4.7's.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored did not start without a hearing

## **11. Change Of Course**

If a change of direction is signaled, it will be signaled by red or green flags rather than by compass heading.

## **12. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## **13. Time limits**

The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 90 minutes. All boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in its fleet finishes shall be scored "TLE" (time limit expired) without a hearing. A "TLE" score shall be two points more than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A 4.1 A 4.2 and is an addition to A 11.

## **14. Equipment**

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring his/her equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules.

## **15. Protests**

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the RC finish boat immediately after finishing by sailing to the non-course side of the finish boat. She shall clearly identify the protested boat and await acknowledgement. This changes RRS 61.

15.2 Protests shall be lodged at the sailing center office within 30 minutes of the time the race committee finish boat docks. The race committee will post this docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

## **16. Scoring**

16.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When fewer than five races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A-2.

## **17. Safety**

17.1 Each competitor shall wear, properly secured, a life jacket (PFD) from the time the competitor leaves the shore until s/he returns to the shore. A competitor shall not be penalized for removing a PFD, for the specific purpose of changing clothing. This changes RRS 40.1.

17.2 Before the warning signal of the first race of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number and class, which will be acknowledged by the race committee. It is the responsibility of each competitor to insure that they have been identified. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification from the races sailed that day.

17.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore the competitor will notify a regatta representative

## **19. Special Signals**

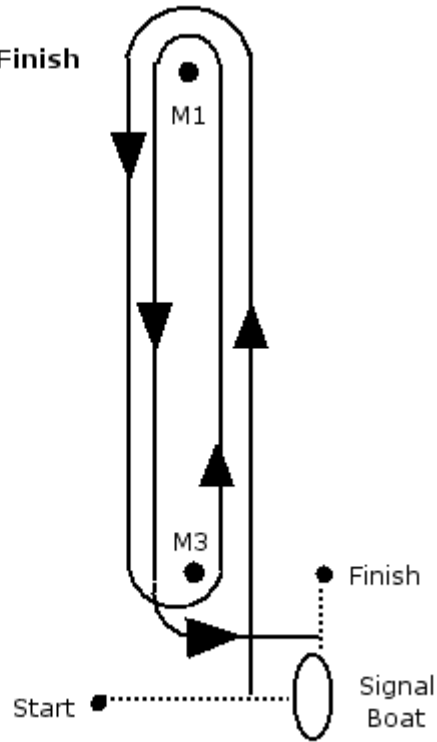
When flown from the finish boat, code flag "H" means "No more races today".

## **20. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A

**Course 'W'**  
Start, M1, M3, M1, M3, Finish



**Course 'T'**  
Start, M1, M2, M3, M1, M3, Finish

