



Clearwater Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions: Laser Midwinter's East February 18-22, 2009

1. Rules

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

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

2. Eligibility and Entry

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

3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board upstairs at the CCSC.

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in these sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 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 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. Additional Identification

For split fleets each boat shall display, while racing, a colored band corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. For the first day the bands will be distributed during registration. On subsequent days the bands will be available from the desk located near the official notice board, at least two hours before the first warning signal. The colored band should be securely taped to the mast below the gooseneck, where it is clearly visible.

7. Schedule of Races

7.1

Wednesday, February 18

1500 – 1900 Registration & Sail Measurement

Thursday, February 19

0800 – 0900 Registration & Sail Measurement

0930 Skippers Meeting

1100 First warning signal, races to follow

Casual Dinner served after racing

Friday, February 20

1100 1st warning signal, races to follow

Saturday, February 21

1100 1st warning signal, races to follow

1830 Regatta Banquet at CYC

Sunday, February 22

1000 1st warning signal, races to follow

Awards to follow ASAP after last race

7.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. A maximum of three races will be completed on any race day.

7.3 No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday, February 22.

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be the Gulf of Mexico, north of Clearwater Pass.

9. Courses

9.1 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. The angles between legs of the trapezoid will be 70/110 degrees.

9.2 The course designation letter and the approximate compass bearing to the first mark will be displayed on a whiteboard from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start.

10. Marks

10.1 Marks 1, 2 & 4 will be yellow tetrahedron marks. Marks 3(P&S) & 6(P&S) will be orange tetrahedron marks. In the event that only one mark is in place for a gate shown on the course diagrams it shall be rounded to port.

10.2 The start pin will be a yellow cylindrical mark. The finish pin will be an orange cylindrical mark.

10.3 New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 12, Change of Course will be original marks, banded with a black band. At a gate, only the port mark will be banded.

11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The Class Flags will be:

Laser Full Rig - Numeral code "1" (one) pennant.

Laser Radial - Numeral code "2" (two) pennant.

Laser 4.7 - Numeral code "3" (three) pennant.

For split fleets, the color corresponding to the fleet being started, will be flown with the class flag as follows: Yellow Fleet – yellow, Blue Fleet – blue, Gold Fleet – yellow, Silver Fleet - blue.

11.3 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.

11.4 During a starting sequence, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. Change To The Next Leg Of The Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable, subsequent original marks of the course may also be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. The Finish

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

14. Time limits

The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. In addition, any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 A4 and A5.

15. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Sections 2 and 3 of the NOR will be enforced and other measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

16. Appendix P

Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply to all fleets.

17. Protests

17.1 Protests shall be lodged at the scorer's office upstairs at the CCSC within 45 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 after docking.

17.2 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

18. Scoring

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

18.2 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

18.3 When fewer than six races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst excludable score. This changes the Notice of Race.

18.4 The Laser Radials will have split fleets and the following will also apply.

18.4A Boats will sail a qualifying series and will be assigned to fleets Yellow & Blue, of as nearly as possible equal sizes. The initial fleet assignments will be made by the organizing authority using ISAF World ranking and the 2008 North American Grand Prix ranking as guides. Any competitors who register on site, or for which neither rankings are available will be alternated between fleets by family name alphabetically.

18.4B The qualifying series will last two days, provided at least 4 races have been completed for each fleet of a class. If 4 races have not been completed, the qualifying series for that class will last three days. Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores in the qualifying series are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

18.4C During the qualifying series, after each day in which more than one race was completed, boats will be reassigned to fleets based on series scores to date. Reassignments will be made as follows:

<i>Rank in Series</i>	<i>Fleet Assignment</i>
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
and so on	

If both fleets for a class have not completed the same number of races the series scores for assignments will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both fleets. These assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 that day. The Jury may extend this time limit.

18.4D At the conclusion of the qualifying series, boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver based on their series scores. The two fleets will be of as nearly as possible equal sizes and the Silver fleet will not be larger than the Gold fleet. In the event that one fleet has completed fewer races in the qualifying series than the other, the assignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both fleets. The extra race(s) completed by one fleet will not be included in the final series scores for either the Gold or Silver fleet.

18.4E Each final series fleet will be scored separately and do not need to complete the same number of final series races. The boats assigned to Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than boats assigned to Silver fleet.

19. Safety

19.1 Before going afloat and immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than the end of the Protest Time limit, each sailor shall personally sign his or her name on a sign-out/sign-in sheet located near the Official Notice Board on the second level of the CCSC.

19.2 A USCG approved (or International equivalent) PFD shall be worn at all times while racing, except temporarily while changing clothes. This changes RRS 40.

19.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is impossible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify a regatta representative and follow the same procedure as in paragraph 19.1.

19.4 Failure to comply with any part of 19.1 or 19.3, shall result in a competitor having 5 points added to their score without a hearing for the first violation, 10 points for the second violation without a hearing and for the third and subsequent violations a penalty as determined at a hearing by the Protest Committee which may include DSQ for the series.

19.5 Competitors may not protest under SI 19.

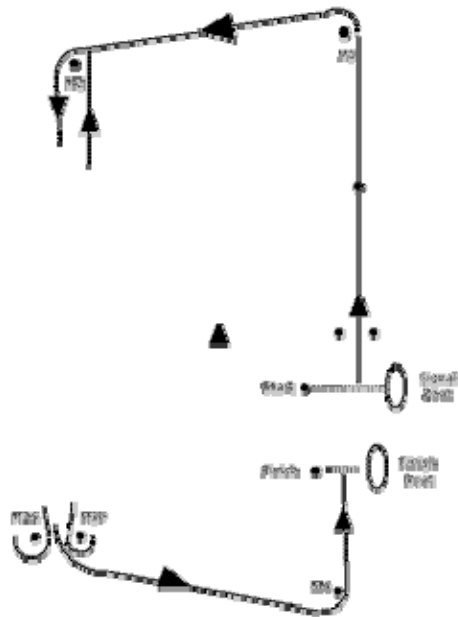
20. Special Signals

When flown from the finish boat, code flag "H" means "No more races today". If flown with one or more class flags, this only applies to the class(es) indicated.

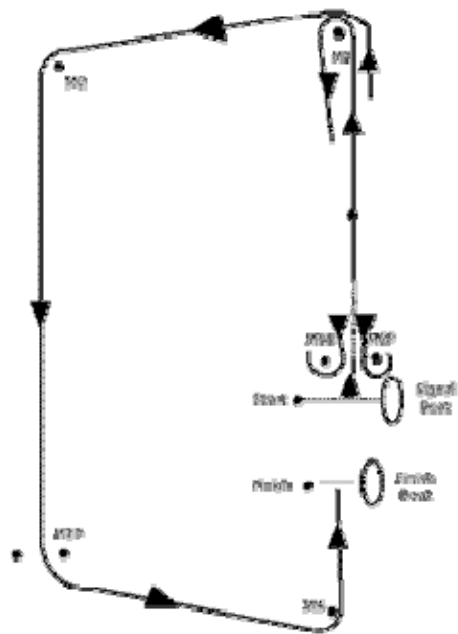
21. Disclaimer of Liability

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 - Courses

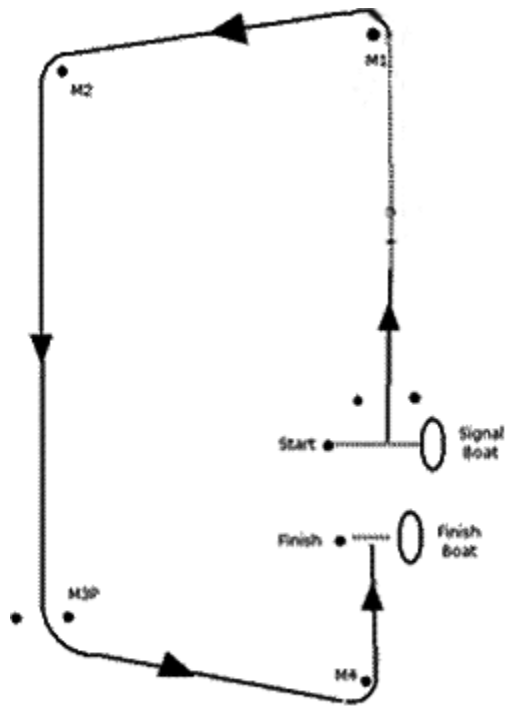


Course 'Q' Outer Trajectory
Start, Q1, Q2, Q1/Q2, Q1, Q2, Q2, Q1, Finish



Course 'V' Inner Trajectory
Start, V1, V2/V1, V1, V2, V1/V2, V1, Finish

Appendix A – continued



Course 'T' Start, M1, M2, M3P, M4, Finish
