



# US LASER MASTERS NATIONALS

St. Francis Yacht Club  
August 14 – August 16, 2015

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: St. Francis Yacht Club (Organizer) and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).
- 1.2 Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply as amended in SI 15.
- 1.4 The Regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.
- 1.5 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing.

### 2 REGISTRATION / MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION / IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Competitors shall complete registration, measurement and inspections before racing.
- 2.2 Sail measurement will be required at this regatta. Please ensure your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules. Sails may be measured prior to racing, and may also be spot checked at any time during the regatta. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pens are not legal. Refer to <http://www.laserinternational.org/info/sailnumbersandletters> for detailed instructions.

### 3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the hallway adjacent to the side (Regatta) entrance of StFYC.
- 3.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0930 hours on the day they are to take effect, except any changes to sailing instruction 4, Number and Schedule of Races, will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the StFYC Race Deck.
- 3.4 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 3.5 Flag AP (which may be flown over a fleet flag) means the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered. Boats shall not go afloat until this signal is struck.
- 3.6 Questions regarding the sailing instructions may be submitted in writing to the race committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the official regatta notice board.

### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	1100-1700 hours	Registration & Sail Measurement
Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	1030 hours	Competitor's meeting
	1200 hours	First Scheduled Warning Signal
	<i>After racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	1200 hours	First Scheduled Warning Signal
	<i>After racing</i>	Social at St. Francis Yacht Club
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	1200 hours	First Scheduled Warning Signal
	1600 hours	No Warning Signal after this time
	<i>After racing</i>	Trophy Ceremony and social at St. Francis Yacht Club

### 5 RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on the San Francisco City Front.

### 6 COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1 The courses and marks are described in Attachment A – Official Description of Marks and Courses.

- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, a placard designating the course will be displayed from the signal boat.
- 6.3 No later than the warning signal, a flag designating the mark rounding direction for mark 1/1o will be displayed from the signal boat. If a red flag is displayed mark 1/1o shall be rounded to port. If a green flag is displayed, Mark 1/1o shall be rounded to starboard.
- 6.4 Mark 4g will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark 4 shall rounded in the same direction as the previous mark.
- 6.5 Mark 1o will be an offset mark set off of mark 1. In the event mark 1o is not in place, the single mark 1 shall be rounded as designated by the red or green flag flown on the signal boat at the start.
- 6.6 Mark 3 and mark 5 shall always be rounded to port.
- 6.7 New marks, as provided in instruction 10, will be the original mark color with a black band around it. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark without the black band.

## **7 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 For safety reasons, each of the lines bounded by the following two points is an obstruction:
  - (a) The northern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
  - (b) The southern end of the SF Marina entrance Wave Attenuator and the closest point ashore.
  - (c) The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- 7.2 Boats are prohibited from sailing across any of these lines while racing.

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the pin boat or a red inflatable cone.
- 8.2 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35.
- 8.3 The class flag will be a red Laser insignia on a white rectangular background

## **9 RECALLS**

The race committee may hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat hearing the hail or the order of the hails shall not be grounds for redress.

## **10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 For Course 1 and Course 4, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on the starting line signal boat and a red inflatable cone.
- 11.2 For Courses 3 & 5, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange and yellow striped flag on a race committee boat and an orange buoy located approximately 200 yards to windward of Mark 1.

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.2 The time limit for each race is 75 minutes.

## **13 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, SAFETY**

- 13.1 As stated in the RRS preamble to the Part 2 rules, when a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules. This supplements, but does not replace the rules of Part 2.

- 13.2** If a commercial vessel has sounded five blasts, and/or the vessel or the Coast Guard identifies an offending boat, the race committee shall protest the boat, in which case the protest committee shall assume that the identified boat has impeded passage or violated the U.S. Inland Navigation Rules, and the identified boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise. In the case of a complaint by a Vessel Traffic or the Coast Guard, the protest time limit shall be extended up to two days after the conclusion of the regatta. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 61.3.
- 13.3** A race committee boat may signal a boat to alter course to avoid impeding the passage of commercial vessels by making a sound signal (horn or whistle) and pointing Code Flag V at the boat. The signaled boat shall promptly comply with the signal unless compliance would create an unsafe condition. If a boat fails to comply with such a signal, the race committee shall protest the boat, in which case the protest committee shall assume that the course alteration would not have created an unsafe condition, and the protested boat shall have the burden of proving otherwise.
- 13.4** Boats may not take a penalty under rule 44 for breaking any part of this SI, and a resulting disqualification shall not be excludable under rule A2. The StFYC shall cooperate with and provide relevant information to the Coast Guard or other governmental authority regarding investigations of boats impeding ship traffic or violating U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 83).

## **14 PROTESTS**

- 14.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be written on Standard US SAILING Protest Forms. Protest Forms are available at the St. Francis Yacht Club Jury Desk. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with a representative at the jury desk within 60 minutes after the last finisher in the last race of the day, in her respective Class. The protest filing times will be posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 14.2** The time, place, and parties to all protest and redress hearing(s) will be posted on the official regatta notice board within 30 minutes after the close of filing time in 14.1 above. This shall serve as notification as per RRS 63.2.
- 14.3** A request to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing must be delivered to the Front Desk of the St. Francis Yacht Club within 60 minutes of the announcement of the protest committee's decision (oral or written). If no racing has taken place on that day, the request must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after 'AP over A' is displayed ashore. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.4** To request correction of any alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Inquiry form available at the Jury Desk.
- 14.5** A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted after racing each day.
- 14.6** Measurement protests will only be accepted from either the race committee or jury. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM FOR RRS 42 INFRINGEMENTS**

- 15.1** Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
- (a) If a first penalty is signalled after she has finished, a boat will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
  - (b) Appendix P4 is replaced with "An action by the jury under Appendix P shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. The jury may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action by a member of the jury or its designated observer under rule P1". This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 15.2** The Jury boats will be identified by a white JURY flag with black lettering.

## **16 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

Suggest we replace this sentence with: An arbitration meeting under the provisions of Appendix T5 will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident.

## **17 WHISTLE SYSTEM**

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1** Three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

- 18.2** When six or more races are completed a sailor may discard their worst score.
- 18.3** The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1** Before leaving shore, each competitor shall scan their RFID wristband at a kiosk located at the dock. Within 10 minutes of returning to the shore, sailors shall scan back in at a kiosk located at the dock. It is the responsibility of the competitor to visibly confirm their sail number or name when checking in/out with the kiosk. RFID wristbands will be issued at registration (1 per competitor). Replacement of lost RFID wristbands will be \$5.00.
- 19.2** A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a safety boat or the beach marshall as soon as possible.
- 19.3** The race committee may protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.

## **20 COACH/SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHES MEETING**

- 20.1** All coach/support boat drivers shall register their boat at registration and shall display a numbered flag issued by StFYC at all times during racing
- 20.2** There will be mandatory coach/support boat meetings the following dates/times for team leaders, coaches, parents, and other support personnel that will be on the water:  
-immediately following the Competitors Meeting on Friday, August 14th in the Starting Line Room  
At least one representative from each registered coach/support boat shall attend.
- 20.3** Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF channel 69.
- 20.4** Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 yards from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all fleets. When boats are starting, all coach/support shall be below the starting line. When boats are finishing, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 yards outside and to windward of the starboard end of the finish line until all boats in all fleets have finished.
- 20.5** If a coach/support boat does not comply with instructions 20.1, 20.2 or 20.4, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their coach/support boat.

## **21 DISPOSAL OF WASTE OR TRASH**

Boats observed breaking RRS 55 are subject to protest only by the race committee or protest committee. The penalty for a breach of this rule, which may include disqualification from a race, is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 55, 60.1(a) and 64.1.

## **22 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

By entering the championship, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **23 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded based upon class participation.

### ***Additional regatta information***

#### **BERTHING, HAUL OUT & TRAILER STORAGE**

- *All yachts competing in the event may be stored free of charge at StFYC from Wednesday, August 12th to Sunday, August 16th.*

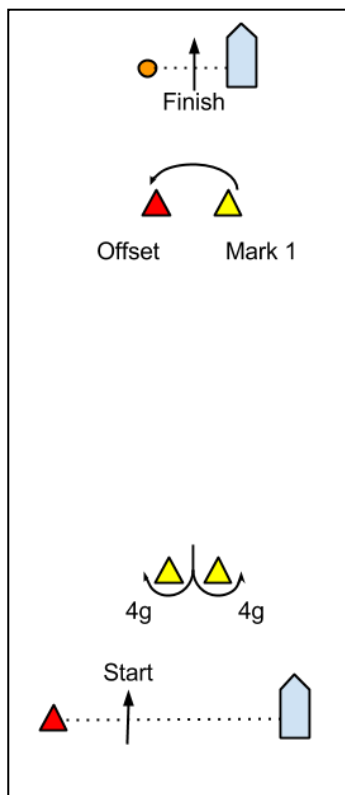
## ATTACHMENT A - OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF MARKS AND COURSES

MARK	DESCRIPTION
1	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a Windward Mark
1o	Inflatable red buoy set as an offset
3	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a wing mark below the start/finish line
4S/4P	Inflatable yellow buoys set as a Leeward Gate (located approximately 200 yards upwind of the start/finish line)
5	Inflatable yellow buoy set as a turning mark below the start/finish line

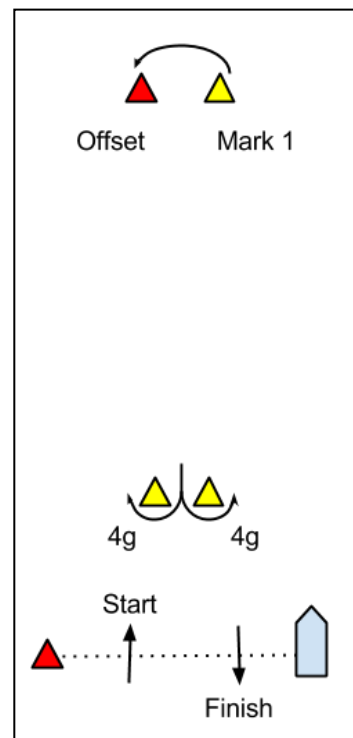
COURSE	DESCRIPTION
1	Start – 1 – 1o – 4g – 1 – 1o – 4g – 3 – 5 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1o – 4g – Finish
4	Start – 1 – 1o – 4g – 1 – 1o – Finish
5	Start – 1 – 1o – 4g – 1 – 1o – 4g – Finish



**Course 1**



**Course 3 & 5**



**Course 4**

**\*\*Mark 1 / 1o rounding shown as port in diagram. Refer to SI 6.3 for Mark 1 / 1o round direction.\*\***