

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Deep Creek Laser Invitational 2016

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), and the Notice of Race, except any changes made herein.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association. The event will be held at the Deep Creek Yacht Club at Turkey Neck, located at 204 Yacht Club Road, Swanton, Maryland 21561.

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 in accordance to the Notice of Race.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the upper level outside deck of the clubhouse to the right of the kitchen.

3.2 A competitors meeting will be held at 1000 hours on the first day of racing.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it is to take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the club house front lawn.

5.2 When code flag AP is displayed with two sounds (one sound when lowered) ashore, "one minute" will be replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." No warning signal will be made less than 30 minutes after code flag AP has been lowered.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, 7/16: Competitors meeting 1000

Saturday and Sunday, 7/16 and 7/17: First warning signal for Open class 1000, followed by Junior class.

6.2 Additional races to follow immediately after the previous finish on both days.

6.3 No warning signals will be made after 1630 on Saturday and 1430 on Sunday.

6.4 The number of races held will be at the discretion of the race committee. Code flag R will be displayed on the committee boat to indicate additional races to follow.

6.5 When there has been a long postponement, or when more than one (or sequence of races) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats, a series of short sound signals will be made just prior to the next warning signal.

7 CLASS FLAGS

No class flags will be used.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Deep Creek Yacht Club at Turkey Neck.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams on the last page of these instructions indicate the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed from the course board located on the starboard side of the committee boat no later than the warning signal of that race.

9.3 A boat sailing between a Turkey Neck mooring and the Turkey Neck shore while racing will be disqualified. Protests under this rule may be made only by the Protest Committee or the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 (3s and 3p) will be 24" diameter inflatable orange spheres. Mark 1b will be a yellow tetrahedron. Mark 1a and 1c will be 12" white spheres. The change of course mark will be 24" orange sphere or yellow tetrahedron with a black band.

10.2 The start/finish pin is a yellow cylinder.

11 START

11.1 The races will be started by using Appendix S - Sound Signal Starting System. This changes rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between the yellow flag on the committee boat and the start/finish mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.2.

11.5 The Race Committee shall attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, and the sequence or promptness of the hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will position the change mark as soon as possible. The mark will be in position before the first boat begins that leg of the course. The change will be signaled with code flag C and multiple sound signals only, this changes RRS 33.

12.2 To shorten the course, a mark boat will be on station before boats are to round. The finish line will be between the original mark of the course and the yellow flag on the mark boat. Code flag S will be displayed with multiple sound signals.

13 FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between the yellow flag on the race committee boat and the start/finish pin.

14 ABANDONMENT AND TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 60 minutes.

14.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat has finished or after the time limit (whichever is later), and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be assigned scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes rule A4.2.

14.3 The Race Committee may abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non course side of the finish boat and report their intentions. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protests shall be lodged at the upper deck of the Turkey Neck club house within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee boat docks. The Race committee will indicate the start and end of the protest period with one long sound signal and the display of flag B on the flagpole of the club house.

15.3 Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt. The time and place of the protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time period. This satisfies RRS 63.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except as modified here.

16.2 A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

16.3 If six (6) or more races are sailed, each boat's worst finish will be excluded.

16.4 The Open class (regardless of sail use) and the Junior class will be scored separately.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-in: All boats shall hail their sail number and class (open or junior) to the Race Committee before their first race of the day.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race or for the day shall notify the race committee or official patrol boat as soon as possible.

17.3 Competitors shall carry one USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the appropriate class. Competitors are strongly encouraged to wear their PFD at all times.

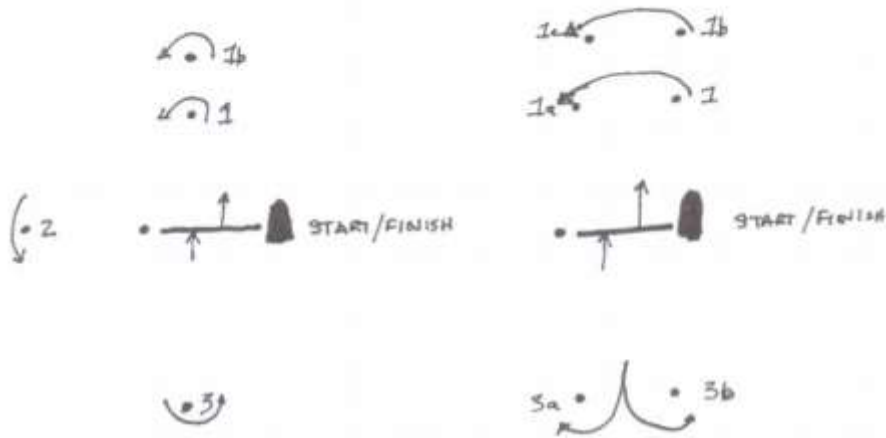
18. PRIZES

Trophies will be given in accordance to DCYRA policy for the Open and Junior fleets. Additional prizes may be awarded.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

Course Diagrams



NOT TO SCALE

Course W

(Modified Olympic)

Junior: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

Open: Start, 1b, 2, 3, 1b, 3, Finish

Course M

(Windward/Leeward 2 Laps)

Junior: Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, Finish

Open: Start, 1b, 1c, 3s/3p, 1b, 1c, 3s/3p, Finish