

Sailing Instructions

2015 AMYA RC Laser National Championship Regatta

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E, and the class rules of The AMYA RC Laser Class.

2. COURSES and MARKS

2.1 The course and start/finish lines will be announced by the Race Director (RD) prior to each heat, modifying Rule 27.1.

2.2 With the exception of the start and finish marks, the RD will identify the course marks that may be touched without penalty, modifying Rule 31.

3. STARTING

3.1 Audible starting signals will apply using the AMYA starting tape or a copy thereof, modifying Rules 26 and E3.5.

3.2 Any boat being touched after the one minute preparatory signal shall be held until after the starting signal. Boats may not be pushed when launching after the starting signal.

3.3 A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line (OCS) during the one minute period prior to the starting signal shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting (i.e. no dip starts), modifying Rules 30 and E3.5.

3.4 Only the RD can call a hold to racing. The RD must be made aware of any hold request before the two minute signal. If approved, the hold will be monitored by the RD with a return to racing within five minutes. Only one five minute hold permitted per skipper per regatta.

4. FINISHING

4.1 Do not call out sail numbers when finishing.

4.2 A single boat still sailing the course after all the other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.

4.3 All boats shall keep clear of the finish line after finishing, Rule 23.1. A boat who has finished and interferes with a boat still racing may be given a penalty of four points by the RD without a hearing, modifying Rules 63.1 & 64.1(d)

5. PENALTY SYSTEM

5.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on the water penalty turns.

5.2 E4.3 (b) requires that a boat take a one turn penalty and, at the completion of the One Turn penalty, she will determine if she has gained a significant advantage over the boat or boats fouled. If she has, she will do an additional one turn penalty, she will again determine if she has gained a significant advantage and continue doing additional turns until she no longer has a significant advantage. The significant advantage is determined after the completion of each penalty turn, modifying Rule E4.3 (b).

6. OUTSIDE HELP

6.1 The race Staff may provide help that is freely available to all competitors, modifying Rule E4.2c).

7. PROTESTS

7.1 A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number (Rule E6.3). Make sure the protested boat knows that she is being protested. The protested boat shall reply that she either accepts the protest or intends to go to a hearing. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of all boats and complete one penalty turn as soon after the incident as possible. Boats failure to PROMPTLY sail clear and complete penalty turn, or turns, may result in an additional penalty, modifying Rule E4.3

7.2 Boats wishing to lodge a protest shall inform the RD within 2 minutes of the end of the relevant heat (Rule E6.4). Protest not settled on the water shall be heard at the convenience of the race committee.

8. REDRESS

8.1 A boat may request redress for (Rule 62.1), as amended by Appendix E6.6, while having right-of-way.

8.2 All decisions regarding redress will be in compliance with Rule 64.2.

8.3 Redress may be awarded by the Race Committee orally following an incident, without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1. If an interested party disagrees with the Race Committee's call, that skipper may request a Redress Hearing after finishing the heat, modifying Rule 63.1.

9. SCORING

9.1 The regatta will be scored under the M1 Low Point Scoring system. Saturdays racing will be Odd Even. Sundays racing will be two fleets, gold and silver.

9.2 Throw outs will be a maximum of one per day after seven races have been completed.

9.3 All heats not finished while racing or having been assessed a penalty, such as DNF, DNS, or DSQ, will be scored the number of boats in the Heat assigned +1. A disqualification for Gross Misconduct or Rule 2 violation cannot be excluded.