South East Florida Winter RC Laser Regatta Sailing Instructions

February 21, 2016

Organizing Authority: Sabal Pines RC Laser Fleet & Sabal Pines Model Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The SEF Winter RC Laser Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*, as amended under Appendix E radio controlled boat racing rules
- 1.2 The RRS and Class Rules are amended as follows:
- 1.3 Rule 2 Fair Sailing. Sailors will exhibit sportsman like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 may be issued a warning by the race committee. Second infractions may result in disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Rule 31. Marks of the course must be rounded in the proper direction and on the proper side. Touching a mark will not result in a penalty with the exception of the starting marks during the start and the finishing marks while finishing.
- 1.5 Rule E4.2(b) Outside Help. Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.
- 1.6 A five minute hold may be requested by a competitor who is unable to make it to the starting line. One hold per competitor per day will be granted. The request MUST be made and ACKNOWLEDGED by the RC before the starting sequence for that heat begins. No holds will be granted for sail changes or after the starting sequence has begun. You may attempt to repair your boat and re-join the race if possible.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the scorer's tent
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions may be given verbally to the competitors.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sunday February 22nd Time of Warning signal for first start 11:00 am We will break for lunch mid-day on Sunday
No warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm

4. RACING AREA

4.1. The races will be held in the area of Sable Pines Park west soccer field parking lot.

5. BOAT LAUNCH

- 5.1. Boats may be launched and retrieved from the designated area of the beach
- 5.2. Only Race Committee and Competitors sailing in the heat racing will be permitted in the launching area

6. RACES

- 6.1. The regatta contestants will be divided into 2 fleets.
- 6.2. The first three seeding rounds will be divided using the odd/even system.
- 6.3. The subsequent races will fixed A and B fleets based on seeding.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course board near the control area and announced verbally.
- 7.2. The weather mark will have an offset mark.
- 7.3. The leeward marks will be a "Gate" with two marks, **or** a turning mark with an offset.
- 7.4. If a leeward gate is used, the sailor must pass **in-between** the two marks. The starboard mark will be rounded to starboard and the port mark will be rounded to port and there are no offsets.

8. MARKS

8.1. The windward and leeward marks will be round balls. Start/Finish marks will be pink round balls.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The race director will announce a warning for the start of starting sequence
- 9.2. The races will be started using the 2 minute starting sequence.
- 9.3. The I flag rule will be in effect for all starts (No dip starts). However, the extensions of the line will be open. If a boat crosses the starting gate with any part of her hull or equipment during the one minute period prior to the starting signal, she shall sail around either end of the line to the pre-start side before starting, modifying Rules 30 and E3.5.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The Finish will be between the two pink round balls, or at the weather mark.
- 10.2 A single boat still sailing the course after all the other boats have finished may be hailed and scored last, provided she started correctly.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on the water penalty turns
- 11.2 E4.3 (b) requires that a boat take a one turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) 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, 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).

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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. If choosing to go to a hearing and found to be at fault by the protest committee, you will be awarded a DSQ which cannot be thrown out.
- 12.3. Rule E5, Protests. A competitor intending to protest another competitor or petition for redress must inform the RC immediately following the relevant race. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using the "Three minute format". One minute for the person lodging the protest to be heard, one minute for the offending boat to rebut and one minute for the committee to issue its findings. The finding of the protest committee is final and cannot be appealed.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The 2 best scores of the 3 seeding races will be used to determine fleet placement for the regatta.
- 13.2. All seeding races will also count toward the regatta.
- 13.3. A minimum of one race must be sailed to constitute a regatta
- 13.4. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.5. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. For every 6 races sailed one worst score will be discarded
- 13.6. OCS, DNF, and DNS will be scored last place in the heat + 1
- 13.7. DSQ will be scored last place in the heat + 2

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

14.1. The co-skippering will be allowed for this event.

15. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

15.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance to the class rules and sailing instructions

16. **PRIZES**

- 16.1. Prizes will be given for the top 3 A fleet finishers.
- 16.2. Prizes will be given for the top 3 B fleet finishers.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. 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.