



# MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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## U.S. Laser Masters Championships: Sailing Instructions

July 29-31, 2011

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Macatawa, Michigan

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

1.3. The regatta will be run in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

1.4 All entrants will start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial, or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all changes are made onshore and all sails have the same number. This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class of North America.

### 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 located outside the Dock Master's Office at MBYC.

### 4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the north side of the MBYC clubhouse.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, " 1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday, July 29

0945 Skippers Meeting

1130 First warning Signal, races to follow

Saturday, July 30

1030 First Warning Signal, races to follow

Sunday, July 31

1030 First Warning Signal, races to follow

6.2 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled for the event. The finish boat will signal when the last race of the day has been completed by flying the H flag.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta, no warning signal shall be made after 1500.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Lake Michigan approximately 1.5 nautical miles southwest of the entrance to Holland Harbor.

## 8 COURSE

8.1 The diagram in the course chart appendix shows the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 45-60 minutes.

8.2 The race committee boat will display the approximate compass heading and distance to the windward mark.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2S, and 2P will be orange tetrahedron marks.

9.2 Marks 1 and 1A will not be marks of the course on the last leg of the course.

9.3. New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Change of Course, will be yellow marks . When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The race committee will blow a number of short horn blasts to signal the approach of the Warning signal. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

10.2 The Class Flag will be the Laser class flag.

10.3 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat at the starboard end and a staff flying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.

10.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

## 11 CHANGE OF COURSE

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat at the starboard end, and a white tetrahedron mark at the port end.

## 13 ABANDONMENT AND TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

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

## 14 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Section 3 of the NOR will be enforced and other measurements and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta. Using equipment not in compliance with ILCA rules may result in disqualification from the regatta.

## 15 RRS 42 (Propulsion) AND OTHER INFRINGEMENTS

15.1 RRS Appendix P will be in effect. A whistle will be used to signal a violation of RRS 42.

15.2 Action or no action by the Jury under this SI shall not be grounds for redress.

15.3 The Jury boats shall be identified by Code Flag J.

## 16 PROTESTS

16.1 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 a Finish boat and report to that boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity.

16.2 Protests should be lodged with the Judge's Committee near the Dock Master's office within 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time

as soon as practical after docking.

16.3 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 protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16.4 Request for redress will be posted on the official notice board. This will be the notice to fleet.

## 17 SCORING

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

17.2 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.3 There will be one throw out when six or more races are sailed.

17.4 NA Masters handicap will be in place to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

## 18 SAFETY

18.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. The penalty for breaking this will be disqualification. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race, shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boats as soon as possible.

18.3 Check in: Before the first race of each day, competitors shall sail by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail their sail number which will be written down and acknowledged by the RC.

## 19 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.

## 20 TROPHIES

Awards will given to 1st overall, 1st-3rd in each age group, 1st female overall.

COURSE CHART APPENDIX

