

2013 International Laser Class Association

North American Region

2013 Great Lakes Championship

Great Lakes Masters Championship

Standard, Radial, and 4.7 classes

Muskegon Yacht Club September 7-8 2013

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the Laser Class.
- 1.2 If there is a discrepancy between the regatta notice of race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription Appendix T , sections A, B, and D will apply. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front hallway near the entrance to MYC.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs. on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 On the water changes to the Sailing Instructions will be given after Code flag L is displayed by the signal boat and information will be given verbally to competitors. A loud hailer may be used to communicate the information.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MYC flag pole. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1	Saturday September 7, 2013	0900 HRS	Competitors Meeting
		1015 HRS	Warning first race of the day
	Sunday September 8, 2013	0930 HRS	Warning first race of the day

5.2 There will be no Warning signals after 1400HRS Sunday. A total of six races are scheduled. The number of races per day shall be at the discretion of the race committee

6 Class Flags

6.1 Class flags will be used as the warning signal for each class.

6.2 Laser Standard, Numeral Pennant ONE,

6.3 Laser Radial, Numeral Pennant TWO

7 Racing Area

7.1 The racing area will be Muskegon Lake.

8 The Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A and B show the courses including the course designation signals, the order which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 Course designations will be displayed from the signal boat on a white board, before or with the warning signal for each class.

9 Marks

9.1 Windward marks, offset marks and leeward marks or gates will be orange inflatables

9.2 Change of course marks for windward and leeward marks will be yellow inflatables.

9.3 In the event of a windward mark change, no offset mark will be used.

9.4 If the windward mark or offset mark are missing and no code flag M is in place , the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9.5 In the event of a leeward mark change no gates will be used.

9.6 If a gate mark is missing and no code flag M is in place, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

10.1 All commercial traffic in Muskegon Lake is an obstruction

11 Check In

11.1 Each boat will check in at the signal boat and be recognized before the warning signal of the first race each day.

12 The Start

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the orange inflatable port end starting mark.

12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored "did not Start" without a hearing. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

13 Change of the next leg of the course

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark [or move the finish 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.

14 The Finish

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the nearby inflatable race mark.

15 Penalty Systems

15.1 RRS Appendix P shall apply with the following changes. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

16 Penalties at the Time of the Incident

16.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn penalty".

17 Time Limits

17.1 The time limit for the lead boat in each class is 90 minutes.

17.2 Boats who have failed to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

17.3 If no boat has passed the first windward mark within 30 minutes of her starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

18 Protests and requests for redress

18.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk in the front hallway of MYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening of a hearing shall be delivered there within the designated time limit.

18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room [upstairs] at the time posted.

18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1B. Breaches of instructions 20 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring penalty for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;

[a] Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

[b] No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule RRS 66

18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered no later than the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 Scoring

19.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the protest desk.

19.4 All skippers will be competing for the Laser Great Lakes title. Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.

19.5 The Laser North American Masters Handicap Scoring System will apply for those skippers competing for the Great Lakes Masters title. Age category is determined by the skippers age as of September 7 ,2013.

19.6	Apprentices	ages 35-44	Race position plus 3 points
	Masters	ages 45-54	Race position plus 2 points
	Grand Masters	ages 55-64	Race position plus 1 point
	Great Grand Master	ages 65-and up	Race position plus 0 points

20 Safety Regulations

20.1 All competitors are required to wear nationally approved life jackets at all times while on the water except when changing clothes. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40.1.

20.2 A boat that leaves the racing area, before the end of racing for the day shall notify a race official as soon as possible.

21 Replacement of equipment

21.1 All competitors are required to sail with the same rig throughout the event. [Laser North American Masters rig-switching is turned off.]

21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 Equipment and Measurement Checks

22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 Support Boats

23.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel intending to be on the water during the regatta shall register with the organizing authority.

23.2 Support boats will be assigned docking areas for the duration of the regatta.

23.3 After the first warning signal is made, all support boats shall be either below the starting line and its extensions or well outside the lay line to the first windward mark, maintaining a distance to not hinder all racing boats.

23.4 In a general emergency situation, all support boats shall be utilized as safety boats and shall be under the direction of the Principal Race Officer.

24 Trash Disposal

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 Prizes

25.1	Laser Great Lakes, Laser Standard	first through third
	Laser Great Lakes, Laser Radial	first
	Great Lakes Masters	first through third

26 Disclaimer of Liability

26.1 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.