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SAILING INSTRUCTION (SI) LASER CLASS

(Standard, Radial & 4.7)

14-15 March 2020

1. RULES & ELIGIBILITY

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS 2017-2020).

1.2 Sail numbers are required to race.

1.3 All Laser size rigs are welcome. Sailors are free to choose their rig size at registration, depending on their fitness level, height, age and weight but shall not change their selected rig size after registration.

Registration will be limited those who are 21 years of age or younger by March 14, 2020. There will be trophies for the First three places for each rig size. There will be no "Open" class.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a pole at CGSC

5. SAILING AREA

5.1 Racing will take place on Biscayne Bay, north of Coral Reef YC/Shake a Leg Channel, southeast of Grove Isle. Courses are set to be completed in 40 minutes or less.

6. COMPETITORS' MEETING

6.1 The competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 on Saturday 9 March at Regatta Park

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1 Seven races per class are scheduled. One race per class constitutes a regatta.

7.2 There may be separate starts for individual classes or combinations of classes.

7.2.a. If there are separate starts, the order of races will be displayed on a whiteboard on the starboard bow of the RC Signal Boat.

7.3 The schedule of events is:

Saturday 14 March



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0800-0900	Rigging
0900	Skippers Meeting @ Regatta Park
1000	Launch and Sail to Course Area
1100	1st warning signal

Sunday 15 March

0800-900	Rigging
0900-1020	Launch and Sail to Course Area
1000	1st warning signal
<i>No warning signal after 1400. Awards after racing</i>	

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in attachment A show 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.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will display on the whiteboard on the starboard bow the course and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 An offset mark at the windward mark may be used.
- 8.4 When there is a gate at the leeward mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, round the remaining mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be either orange tetrahedrons or red cylinders except Laser 4.7 mark 2A or 3A which will be a different color or shape.
- 9.2 Start and finish pins will be yellow or orange cylinders.

10. STARTING SIGNALS

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 (Starting Systems). The warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the starting signal, and the preparatory signal 1 minutes before the starting signal. The Class Flag will be the flag for all starts.
 - 10.1.a If there are separate starts for individual classes or combination of classes, the class flag for each start will be displayed as one of two, colored, class flags.
- 10.2 Start line will be either:
 - 10.2.a between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, or,
 - 10.2.b between staffs displaying orange flags on RC boats at each end of the line

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original marks (or the finishing line) to a new position.



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12. BLACK FLAG RULES

- 12.1 If a race sailed under the black flag rule is abandoned and resailed, all competitors eligible to start who were disqualified under RRS 30.3 in the abandoned race are again eligible to start. This changes RRS 30.3 and 36.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a RC boat and the port end finish mark.
- 13.2 If a boat or boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race and the start of subsequent races, the Race Committee may award a boat or boats that have not finished and are still racing points equal to the average of the places they would have received had they finished. Fractions are rounded up. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which the infraction occurred, a protesting yacht is required to notify the RC of the racing number of any and all protested yachts.
- 14.2 Upon landing, the RC shall post on the Official Notice Board the time of landing of the RC Signal Boat, the number of all yachts protesting and being protested that were received and all yachts penalized by the RC.
- 14.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at CGSC Headquarters and filed within 30 minutes of the arrival of the RC Signal Boat at CGSC.
- 14.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received and the hearings will start as soon as practical but not later than the close of protest time.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes for the first finisher. Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first finisher will be scored DNF.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 If six or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 Life jackets must be worn by all competitors while on the water. Failure to do so is protestable only by the RC. The penalty will be determined by the jury.
- 17.2 If any yachts have finished a race before the onset of foul or threatening weather and the RC determines to clear yachts from the water, the RC Signal Boats will blow three (3) horns and display Code Flag 'H' at which time all remaining yachts racing shall immediately abandon the race and go ashore. The Protest Committee may either score any yachts not finished



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or order the race abandoned.

18. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area of within 300 feet of boats racing or about to start in the next flight from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats in the same flight have finished racing or the Race Committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment. If the jury receives a report of a violation of this rule, it may call a hearing to investigate the incident and may report the infraction to their Club and US SAILING or penalize boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

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