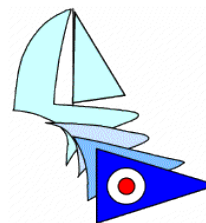


Sailing Instructions
Laser Masters Midwinter's East
February 16-19 2012
Melbourne Yacht Club, Melbourne FL



1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2 The Master's scoring system of the ILCA will be in effect.
1.3 If there are more than 60 entries, and there is no separate radial fleet, the Open Rig Swap fleet will be divided and sailed in two flights. Procedures listed in Attachment B will be followed along with changes to RRS and the SI's listed in the attachment.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements 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 at the main Pavilion at Ballard Park

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted by the end of the competitors meeting on Saturday and before 1000 for changes on Saturday or Sunday, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect. Changes may be made orally on the water after displaying code flag AP along with flag L on the Race committee Signal or Line boat.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a temporary flag pole next to the main pavilion at Ballard Park

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 *Thursday, February 16*

1400	Practice racing with the Race Committee
1600-1730	Competitor Check in and sail measurement.

Friday, February 17

0800-1000	Competitor Check in and sail measurement.
1030	Skippers Meeting at Ballard Park
1155	First warning signal, races to follow

Saturday, February 18

1055	First Warning signal, races to follow
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Sunday, February 19

1055	First warning signal, races to follow
1500	No warning signal will be made after this time.

6.2 There is no maximum number of races scheduled for this event.

6.3 The finish boat will display code flag A while finishing the final race of the day.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be the Indian River Lagoon North or South of the Eau Gallie Causeway and East of the ICW.

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the designation for each course, 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 Race Committee Signal boat will display the course designation using code flag W, O, or T on the bow of the signal boat. The course designation will also be displayed on a white board on the starboard side or stern of the line boat.

8.3 The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 45-60 minutes. A different time to finish will not be grounds for redress under rule 61.1(b).

9. Marks

9.1 Primary Marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 The starting mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.3 The finishing, and offset marks will be orange spheres.

9.4 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be yellow cylinders.

9.5 If a gate mark is missing or not used, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10. The Start

10.1 The Class Flag for the open fleet (or standard rig fleet) will be white with the Laser Class Insignia. If there is a separate Radial Fleet, its class flag will be code flag "R".

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Line Boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3 The race committee may set a guide buoy (a small orange sphere) near the middle of the starting line. This buoy is neither a mark of the course nor part of the starting line.

10.4 The Race Committee Signal boat will be under power and stationed to windward of the approximate center of the starting line. The signal boat will attempt to move out of the starting area immediately following the starting signal, but is an obstruction and not a mark of the course if it does not.

10.6 If there is a radial fleet, the RC will begin a new starting sequence shortly after the start of the first fleet. (There will not be a rolling start)

11. Recalls

11.1 The individual Recall Flag (X white with blue cross) will be displayed from both the Signal Boat and the Line Boat. The sound will come from the signal boat only. No hails will be made.

11.2 A general recall, postponement, or abandonment will be made from the signal boat only.

12. Change Of Course

12.1 To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original as soon as practicable. Other marks will be moved to maintain the original course configuration but will not be replaced.

12.2 When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

12.3 The angle of gate or offset marks may be adjusted at any time without signaling a course change.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing boat will display a blue flag on her stern per "Race Signals". Other boats may be in the general area to assist in spotting sail numbers and backing up the finish boat.

13.2 The finishing line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13.3 The finishing boat will sound a horn for the first boat to sail the course per RRS 28.1 and finish, indicating the start of the time limit defined in SI 14.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

14. Time limits

14.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

14.2 Boats that are still racing but fail to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat, which sails the course per RRS 28.1 and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). Boats that are no longer racing will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, A5, and A11.

14.3 The time limit for a race will be 120 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish.

14.4 If there are two fleets (or flights), the time limits stated in 14.2 and 14.3 for the second fleet will be as stated, plus the elapsed time between the first and second starting signal.

15. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules and failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. **Spot checks may be conducted any time during the regatta.** Only the race committee may protest for equipment violations. This changes RRS 60.1.

16. Protests

16.1 Competitors intending to protest or request redress shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race in which the infraction occurred and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats shall sail to the non-course side of the Finish Line and report to any Race Committee boat other than the boat taking finishes. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a). The intent to protest shall include the sail number(s) of the boats being protested, the alleged rule violation and any witnesses to the protest.

16.2 Protests must be made in writing and filed at the Communication Table within 45 minutes of the posted docking time.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the order listed on the notice board beginning 30 minutes after protest time expires. At that time, all parties must report to the communication table, and wait to be called to the protest pavilion as the hearings are held.

16.4 All boats that take the alternative 2 turns penalty shall report taking that penalty to any Race Committee boat in the finish area immediately after finishing the race.

17. Scoring

17.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

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

17.3 The score for TLE shall be one point more than the number of boats who finished the race within the time limit.

17.4 The worst race score will be discarded when six or more races are completed.

17.5 The ILCA-NA Master handicap scoring system will be in place. To calculate overall results points are added for each non-discarded finish according to the competitor's age bracket, as follows: Apprentice – add 3 points per finish; Master - add 2 points per finish; Grand Master – add 1 point per finish; Great Grand Master – add 0 points.

Overall results are calculated after adding in handicap points, and the person with the lowest score wins. To determine results for each of the four age categories and women's trophy, competitors are simply broken out of the overall results by category. The individual categories will not be separately re-scored.

When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows: Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in RRS A8. Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

18. Safety and other items.

18.1 Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods necessary to add or remove clothing. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 Before the first warning signal every day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee LINE boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.

18.3 A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible. Competitors who leave the racing area before the final finish of the day must check in at the communication table immediately upon return to shore.

18.4 The penalty for a breach of the safety rules shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race the boat completes that is closest to the time of infraction. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

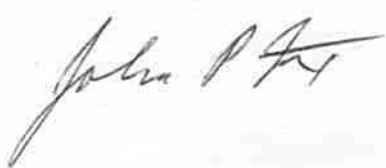
18.5 Private support should be aware that anywhere within 600 feet of a shoreline is a Manatee Speed Zone and shall operate within those zones at slow speed (no wake). Any observed violation of speed in the Manatee Zones will result in immediate disqualification of all competitors associated with that support boat from all races in the regatta. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

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. Awards

In the open or rig swap fleet, awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in each of the four categories: Apprentice, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters. There will also be awards for the highest placing woman and for the overall winner. If there is a radial fleet, awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in each category, the highest placing woman, and the overall winner.



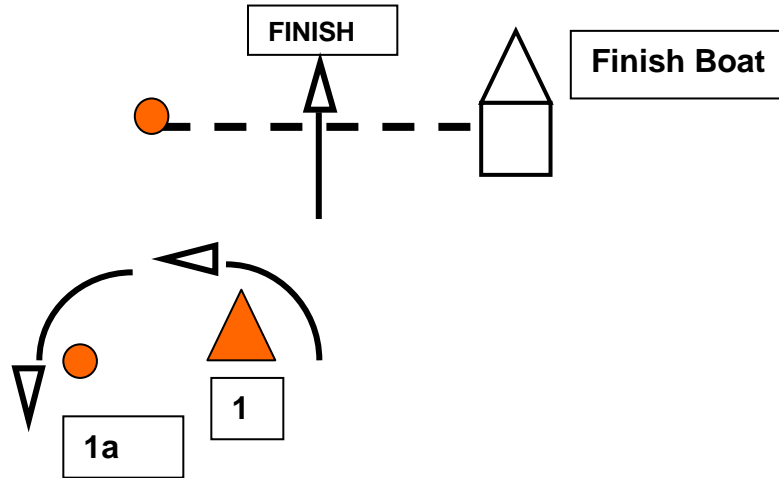
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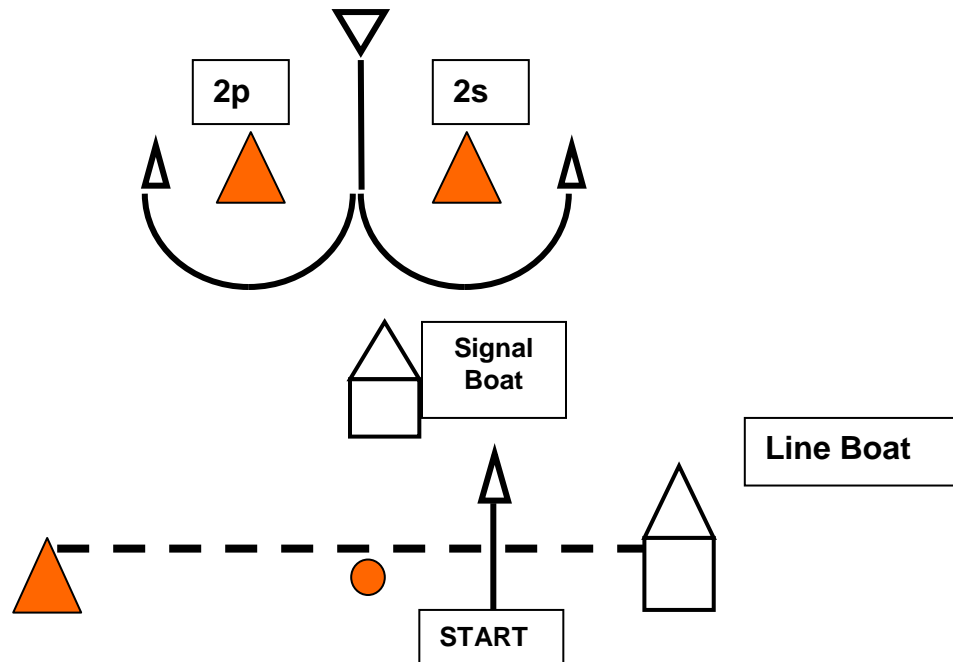
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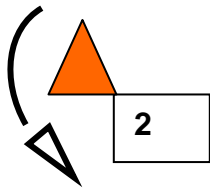
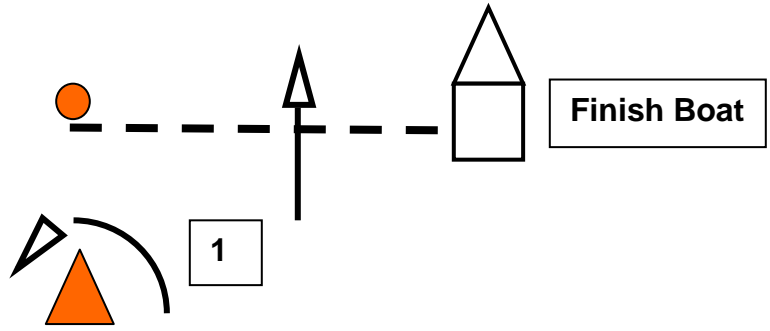
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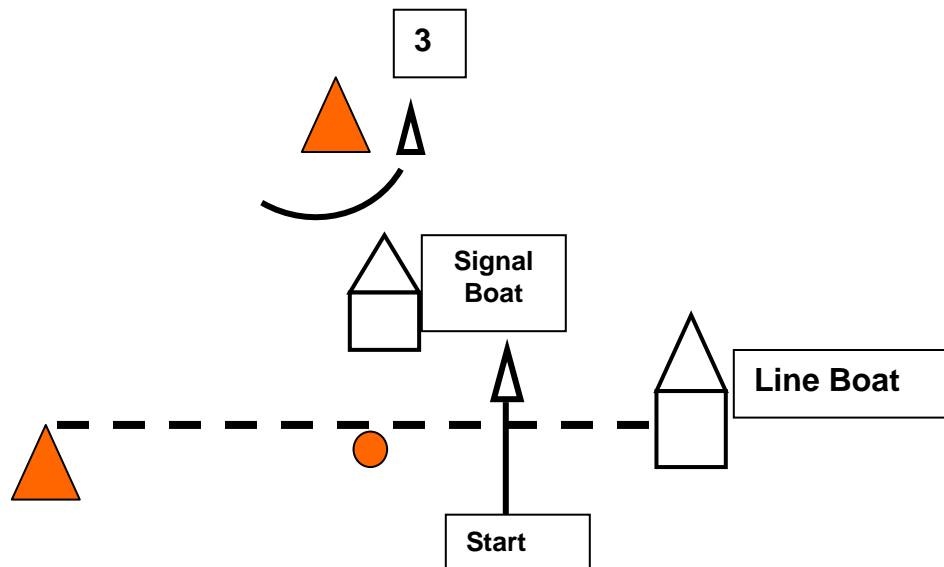
COURSE W: START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH (UPWIND)
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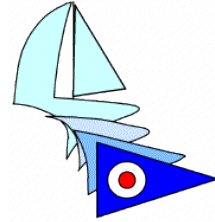


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**COURSE O: START-1-2-3-1-3- FINISH (UPWIND)
COURSE T: START-1-2-3-1-2-3 -FINISH (UPWIND)
Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to port.**

**Sailing Instructions Attachment B
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Instructions for a Divided Open Fleet

1 Flight Assignments

- 1.1 Each day, competitors will be seeded into two flights. The flight assignments will be posted on the notice board before the competitors meeting on Friday and by 0900 on Saturday and Sunday.
- 1.2 Each Flight will have approximately the same number of competitors from each age group.
- 1.3 Flight assignments remain the same for each entire day of the regatta and do not change after individual races.
- 1.4 For the initial seeding, boats will be sorted by age groups and by final places from the 2012 Florida Masters. The flights will then be seeded by the down then up method (App. LE Add. C qualifiers), based on the sorting order. Boats that have not competed in the 2012 Florida Masters will be added randomly to each flight by age group.
- 1.5 For the Saturday and the Sunday seeding, boats will be sorted by age group and then by the number of total points awarded (including any excluded scores) by the end of the preceding day. The flights will then be seeded by the down then up method based on the sorting order.
- 1.6 Colored ribbons will be placed adjacent to the notice board each day. Competitors are responsible to take and attach the correctly colored ribbon for their flight to their boom between the gooseneck and the vang. Ribbons will be white for flight #1 and blue for flight #2 which correspond to the color of the starting pennants.

2 Changes to RRS

- 2.1 The scores for DNS, DNF, DSQ, RAF, OCS, BFD and DNE shall be the total number of entrants seeded to that flight. This changes RRS A4.2
- 2.2 In scoring a Z-flag penalty. Rule 44.3 (c) is changed to "the total number of entrants seeded to that flight".

3 Changes to SI's

- 3.1 SI 10.1 is replaced with:
The class flag for flight 1 will be the numeral 1 pennant. (White with red sphere)
The class flag for flight 2 will be the numeral 2 pennant. (Blue with white sphere)
- 3.2 SI 10.2 is replaced with:
The RC will begin the starting sequence for flight 2 shortly after the start of flight 1. (There will not be a rolling start)
- 3.3 SI 17 additional :
Individual race scores will the place finishes within each flight. There will be two first, two seconds and so on for each race. The series standings are still based on the total number of points. The number of excluded scores and tie breaking procedures remain the same.