

# 2019 Oceania and Australian Laser Championships

1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Incorporating

**2019 Oceania Championship**

**2019 Open & Masters Standard Championship**

**2019 Open, Masters & Womens Radial Championship**

**2019 Australian Laser Radial Womens Championship**

**2019 Open & Masters Laser 4.7 Championship**

Organising Authority

**Mersey Yacht Club**

on behalf of the

**Tasmanian District Laser Association Inc. (TDLA)**

and the

**Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA)**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.
- 1.4 Sails shall have the full sail number, national letters denoting her National Authority and a red rhombus for all women competitors in accordance with the class rules and RRS.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is the window of the Race Office located on the north end of the lower level of Mersey Yacht Club.

### **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of a session, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

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### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official signal mast located on the river side of Mersey Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 70 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flags AP over H are displayed ashore, boats shall not go afloat.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 5.1

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	0900 - 1800	Registration & Measurement
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	0800 - 1130	Registration & Measurement
	1130	Competitor Meeting
	1300 – 1700	Registration & Measurement
	1430	Practice Race warning signal
	1700	Welcome Function
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	1400	First Warning Signal
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1400	First Warning Signal
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	0900	ALCA Annual General Meeting
	1400	First Warning Signal
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1400	First Warning Signal
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1400	First Warning Signal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1200	First Warning Signal
	1900	Trophy Presentation Function

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Laser Standard - Red Laser insignia on a white background.
- 6.2 Laser Radial - Red Laser insignia on a green background.
- 6.3 Laser 4.7 - Red Laser insignia on yellow background.

### 7 RACING AREA

Racing will be in the waters of Bass Strait west of the Mersey River mouth, refer Attachment B – Race Courses.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in attachment A shows the course, 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 race committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed for each class will be designated at the warning signal on a board facing aft on the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 8.4 Two race courses will be used.
- 8.4.1 West Course – Radial class.
- 8.4.2 East Course – Standard & 4.7 class.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be as per the following table:

CLASS	COURSE	MARK 1	MARK 4S, 4P	NEW
Standard	East	Orange inflatable	Orange inflatable	Orange inflatable with black band
4.7	East	Blue inflatable	Orange inflatable	Blue inflatable with black band

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Radial	West	Orange inflatable <b>Offset Mark (1a):</b> Orange cone inflatable with black band	Orange inflatable	Orange inflatable with black band
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- 9.2 The starting marks will be race committee vessels.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the port end and a dan buoy with a blue flag at the starboard end.
- 9.4 If one of 4S or 4P is missing then the sole mark in position 4 shall be rounded to port.

### 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

### 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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.

### 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and specifically the area to windward of the finishing line.

### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by 13.2.
- 13.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

### 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit is 90 minutes and the target time is 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

### 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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 located on the ground floor of the Mersey Yacht Club.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 A list of boats, under instruction 13.1, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.6 Breaches of sailing instructions, 10.2 (keep clear of starting line unless starting), 12.2 (keep clear of finishing line after finishing), 22 (radio communications) and 25 (insurance), shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

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- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.9 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS70.5.

### 16 SCORING

- 16.1 Twelve races are scheduled. Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from four to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.3 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the over-all results of the applicable class.

### 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS - SIGN ON/OFF

- 17.1 All competitors shall sign on prior to going afloat for racing in any session.
- 17.2 All competitors shall sign off within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 Competitors shall sign on/off on the sheets provided at the Regatta Office on the lower deck of the Mersey Yacht Club.
- 17.4 Boats failing to comply with instructions 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 shall receive a five-point penalty, except that no boat shall be scored worse than a DSQ, in the first race of the day without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 17.5 A competitor who retires from a race shall notify a race committee by completing the Race Declaration form at the Regatta Office.

### 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Jury. Requests for replacement or repair shall be made to the Jury by completing an Equipment Replacement Form at the first reasonable opportunity and the damaged equipment and its replacement shall be submitted to the Measurer for inspection.

### 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard, rudder and one batten set, each of which shall be identified and stamped or otherwise marked by the official measurer during measurement.
- 19.2 As dollies will be shared during the regatta, all boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with pneumatic tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.
- 19.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

### 20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display their club burgee.

### 21 COACH and SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 metres of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes
- 21.2 All Support Boats shall register at the Regatta Office and pay a support boat registration fee of \$25.
- 21.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display the insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 21.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration

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- 21.5 Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat Licence (or equivalent) at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel and other applicable Safety Gear (as detailed in the Support/Coach Boat Online Registration declarations). It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Boat to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat.
- 21.6 Support Boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Organising Authority in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF Radio.
- 21.7 The wearing of personal flotation devices is compulsory for all persons in vessels on less than 6 metres in Tasmanian waters. Support and coach boats shall comply with this requirement for the duration of the regatta.

### 22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all competitors.

### 23 PRIZES

- 23.1 For the Oceania and Australian Championships Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws
- 23.2 For the Australian Championships, only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
- 23.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 23.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### 24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

### 25 INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

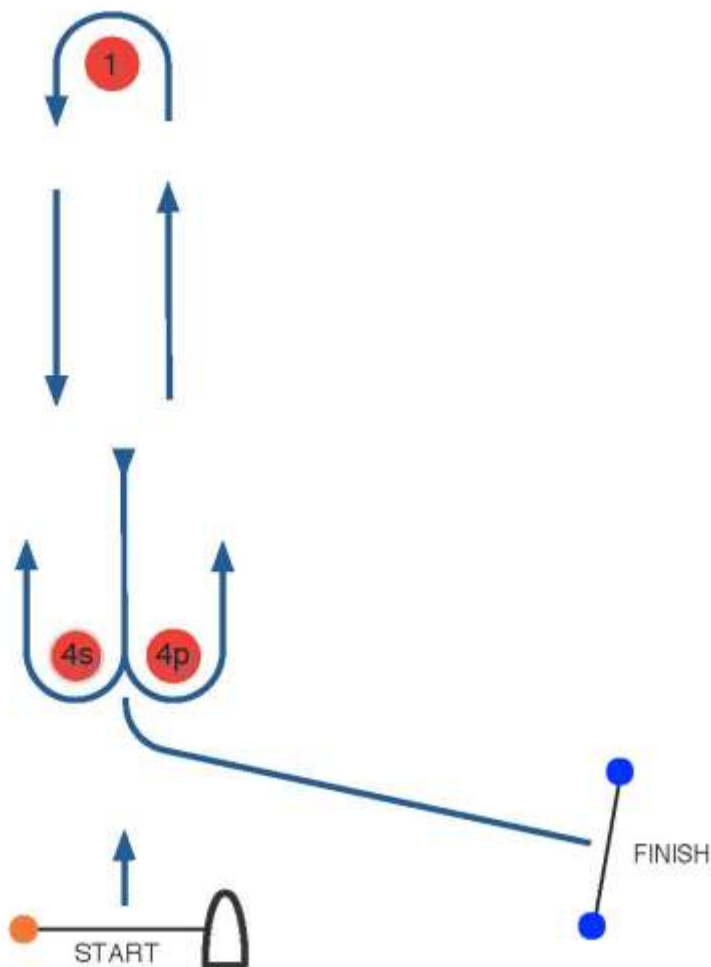
### 26 DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

**ATTACHMENT A - Course to be Sailed**

**East Course – Standard & 4.7**

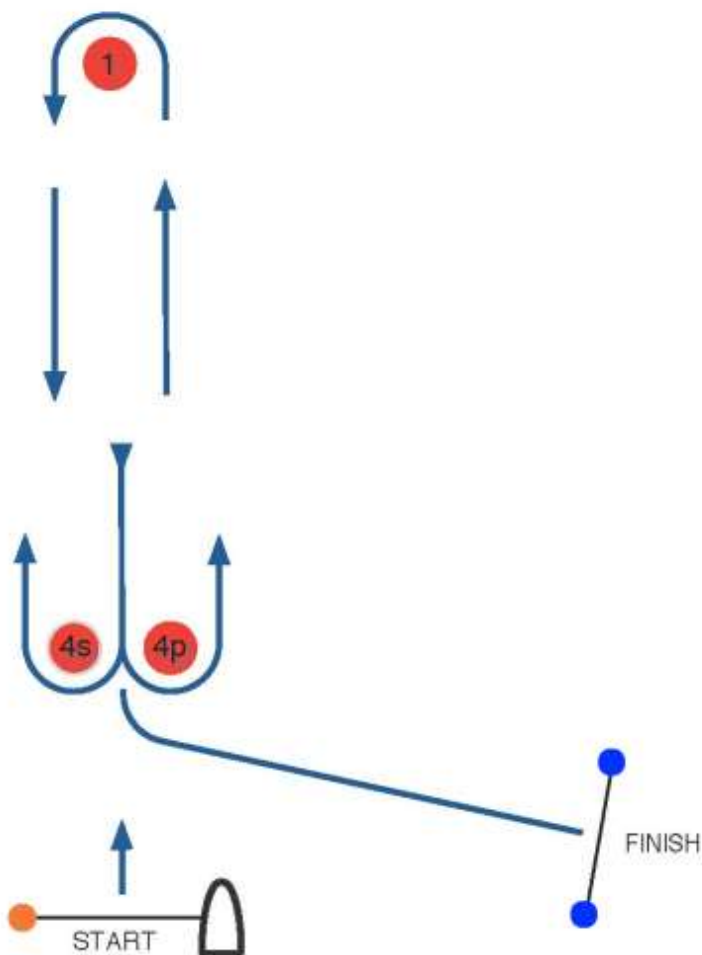
**LR**



Course Designation	Course Description
LR2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish

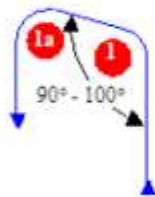
**West Course – Radial**

**Course will be LRA2 or LRA3**



**LGA / LRA**

Course: Windward/Leeward with offset mark 1a



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LGA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s - Finish
LGA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s - Finish
LGA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s - Finish
LRA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
LRA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
LRA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish

Attachment B – Race Courses

