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## 2023 ILCA OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens

The Organising Authority is the NSW & ACT District Laser Association in conjunction with the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club at their Bay Sailing Centre venue

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 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 shall apply
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, applies for this regatta
- 1.4 (SP) Denotes a rule for which the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and A5.
- 1.5 (NP) Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entries shall be lodged in accordance with NoR Clause 4.
- 2.2 All competitors shall complete registration with the Organising Authority.
- 2.3 All competitors shall be current financial members of a district of the ILCA and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with a National Authority.
- 2.4 Eligibility for all age groups shall be age on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located on the Bay Sailing Centre upstairs balcony windows. Notices will also be displayed and notified using the Australian Laser App information which is [Here](#).

## 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Bay Sailing Centre flag mast located on the eastern upstairs veranda of the Bay Sailing Centre.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Activity and Time
Thursday	9-Mar-23	1400-1700 early registration & charter boat allocation
Friday	10-Mar-23	0900-1200 registration & charter boat allocation
		1200 Information Session - Bay Sailing Centre
		1400 First warning signal 2 races back-to-back. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
		After racing – Bar open Bay Sailing Centre
Saturday	11-Mar-23	1300 First warning signal 3 races back-to-back. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
		After racing – Bar open Bay Sailing Centre
Sunday	12-Mar-23	1300 First warning signal 3 races back-to-back. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
		1900 Regatta Dinner Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Monday	13-Mar-23	1030 First warning signal 2 races back-to-back. Subsequent starts shall be made ASAP after the preceding race
		ASAP after racing – Bar open & Prize Giving - Bay Sailing Centre

6.2 A maximum of ten races are planned to be conducted for the Championship.

6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1500 hours Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## 7 FLEETS

7.1 The ILCA 7 and ILCA 4 divisions shall sail as one fleet.

7.2 The ILCA 6 divisions shall sail as two fleets.

7.3 ILCA 6 Masters & GMs will sail as one fleet and Apprentices, GGMs and Legends as another.

7.4 The Race Committee may decide to change the fleet structures based on numbers. Any decision of the Race Committee regarding changes to divisions shall be communicated as a Notice to Competitors.

## 8 FLEET FLAGS

8.1 The ILCA 7 and ILCA 4 fleet flag will be a white flag with an ILCA emblem.

8.2 The ILCA 6 Masters & GM fleet flag will be a green flag with an ILCA emblem.

8.3 The ILCA 6 Apprentices, GGM and Legend fleet flag will be a yellow flag with an ILCA emblem.

## 9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Stephens east of Soldiers Point and west of Middle Bank.

## 10 COURSES

See Attachment A.

## 11 **MARKS**

- 11.1 Mark 1, will be a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 11.2 Mark 1a, will be a lime green inflatable buoy.
- 11.3 Marks 2, will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 11.4 Marks 3s and 3p will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 11.5 Marks 4s and 4p will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 11.6 Mark 5, will be a yellow conical mark,
- 11.7 The Start Mark will be a green inflatable buoy with an orange band.
- 11.8 The Finish Mark will be a black and white check cylinder.

## 12 **THE START**

- 12.1 For Race One the order of starts will be ILCA 7 and ILCA 4 fleet, then ILCA 6 Masters & GMs fleet followed by the ILCA 6 Apprentices, GGMs and Legends fleet. The subsequent order of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 12.2 Succeeding fleets may be started any time after the preceding fleet.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between the flag mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end Start Mark.
- 12.4 (DP) Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.
- 12.5 (NP) A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This amends rule A4.1.

## 13 **CHANGE OF COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 14 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag on the finish boat at the starboard end and the port end Finish Mark.

## 15 **RETIREMENT**

- 15.1 A competitor who retires from a race, either before or after finishing, shall:
  - a. notify the Race Committee aboard a race committee boat; and
  - b. sign off before the end of Protest Time.

## 16 **(NP) TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course and finish correctly in each fleet will be 90 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of the same fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes from the start the race will be abandoned.

## 17 **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit will 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat for the fleet the boat competed in.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes to inform competitors in which they are parties or named as a witness, the time and place where the hearing will take place.
- 17.4 For the purpose of RRS 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organising Authority.

17.5 Penalties for any breach of class rules are at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

## 18 **SCORING**

18.1 Ten races are scheduled, of which four shall be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 When fewer than six races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores.

18.3 When six to eight races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4 When nine or ten races are completed a boat's score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

18.5 All age and gender divisions will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable class/fleet.

## 19 **SAFETY REGULATION, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF**

19.1 (SP) Competitors shall sign on each day and sign off before the end of protest time.

19.2 Sign on and off will be online via URL <https://tinyurl.com/lasersignonoff>. This can be accessed by clicking the link or scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code below. There is also a sign on/off link on the Australian Laser App information on which is [Here](#).

19.3 Competitors can use a PC provided for the purpose at the Bay Sailing Centre to access the sign on/off link.



19.4 (SP) Boats failing to comply with Instruction 19.1 shall receive a five point penalty (but no boat is to be scored worse than DSQ) in the race held closest to the indiscretion without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 20 **(DP) REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost spars, boards, sail or hull will not be permitted unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 21 **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the ILCA Class Rules and Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

22 **SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless exception is granted by express authority from the Race Committee.

The penalty for failing to comply with 22 may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support boat who infringes.

23 **RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

24 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25 **PRIZES**

Cubes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

26 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 states “the responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. 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 event.

27 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS \$10,000,000.

**INSTRUCTION 10 COURSES**

- 10.1 The Course (as described in Table 1 below) shall be displayed on a board on the stern of the start boat, before or with the Warning Signal.
- 10.2 All marks shall be rounded to port except that where there is a gate mark, boats shall pass between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 10.3 The indicative course layout is shown in Illustration 1. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instructions.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
I2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4P/4S(gate) – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 -- 1a -- 4P/4S(gate) – 1 – 1a -- 4P/4S(gate) – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 5 – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 5 – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 2 – 3P/3S(gate) – 5 – Finish

**Table 1 – Courses and Course Descriptions**

**Illustration 1. Course Layout**

