

2018 Laser District 8 Grand Prix

2018 New York Downstate Sunfish Regional August 11th-12th Sayville Yacht Club



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in ***The Racing Rules of Sailing***.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the notice of race and these sailing instructions, these instructions will govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the main staircase in the SYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SYC main flagpole. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty minutes' in the **Race Signal AP** description.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES


- 5.1. Racing is scheduled as follows:

Saturday August 11th
1000 Competitors' meeting
1100 First warning signal
Additional races to follow.

Sunday August 12th
1000 First warning signal
Additional races to follow.
No warning signal will be made after 15:00 Sunday

- 5.2 In each class, a total of eight races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. Standard Rigged Laser will be a Laser logo on a white field
- 6.2. Laser Radial and 4.7s will be an "R" flag 
- 6.3. The start of both Standard Rigged Lasers and Radial & 4.7 Lasers may be combined **when both class flags are raised at the Warning Signal.**
- 6.4. Sunfish Class will be Sunfish Logo on a white field.

7. RACING AREA

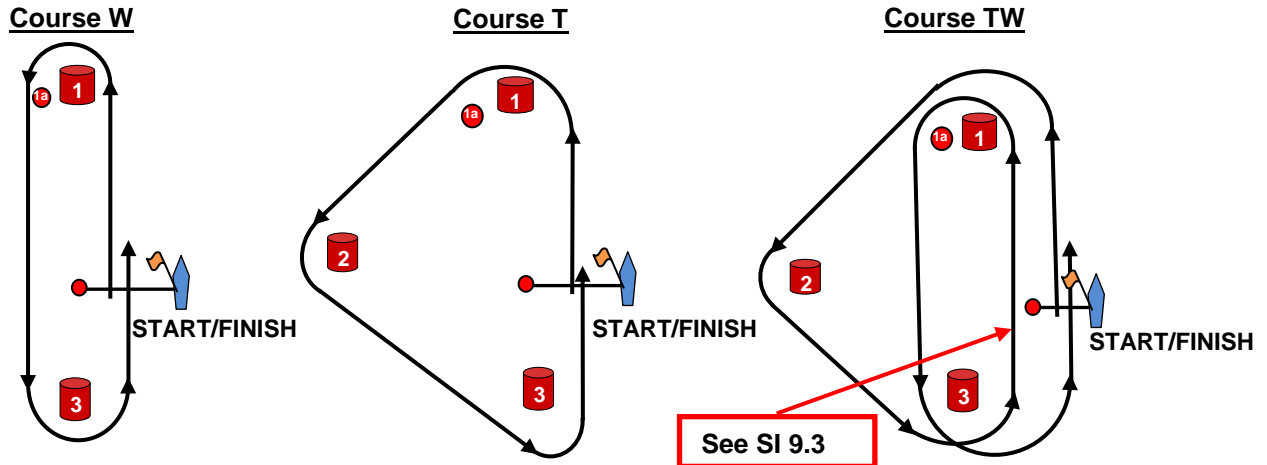
The racing area will be in the Great South Bay generally east and south of Sayville Yacht Club in Blue Point.

8. CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT

- 8.1. Boats shall check in with the Race Committee Signals Boat before their first warning signal of the day and upon returning to the race course after going ashore.
- 8.2. A boat that retires from a race or intends to not start a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams below show the courses including the course designation, the order in which to pass marks, the side on which to leave marks and the approximate angle between legs.
- 9.2. There will be a small orange offset mark (**1a**) located to port of the windward mark. (looking upwind)
- 9.3. **Closed Start/Finish line:** After completing the first leg of the course and until on the finishing leg and finishing, the following shall apply:
- a) - no boat shall cross the Start/Finish line. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty. (This changes **RRS 28.**) On a leg from Mark 1 (or 1a if present) to Mark 3 or from Mark 3 to Mark 1, boats may leave the Start/Finish line either to port or to starboard.
 - b) - the Committee boat, the Start/Finish line, and the buoy marking the port end of the line, taken together, are declared an obstruction for reasons of safety.
 - c) - the course diagrams are illustrative only and may not represent a proper course to avoid this obstruction. It is the competitor's obligation to comply with the requirements of this section and the applicable sections of the **RRS.**
- 9.4. The following will be displayed on a course board at the stern of the Race Committee Signals boat: Course designation letter (course W may be 1, 2 or 3 laps and will be designated as W1, W2 or W3 respectively), and the approximate bearing to the windward mark.



10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks of the Course will be orange cylinders; the offset mark will be a smaller orange ball.
- 10.2. Change Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3. If **Mark 1** is changed after the start of a race there will be no offset mark (**Mark 1a**) for the rest of that race.
- 10.4. When, in a subsequent change of course, a Change Mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The races will be started using **RRS 26**. Approximately one minute before the Warning Signal the race committee may make an attention signal of multiple horn blasts.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end.
- 11.3. The RC intends to hail the recall numbers of the boats that are **OCS**. A boat's recall number is the last four digits of her sail number.
- 11.4. Boats are not eligible for redress for the following: Failure to make a recall hail; failure to hear a recall; the order of recall numbers; or the timeliness or promptness of the hail. This modifies **RRS 62**.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable mark at the port end.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If no boat sails the course and finishes within seventy-five (75) minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. Boats that sail the course but cross the finish line more than 20 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, will be scored **TLE** (Time Limit Expired). **TLE** will be scored as one point more than the number of boats that finish within this time limit. This changes **RRS 35 and A4.1**.

13.3. The race committee reserves the right to finish a boat "in place" to expedite the next start. An official boat will hail a competitor to that affect, thereby enabling the boat to return to the starting area.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. Protest time will be posted on the Official notice Board

14.2. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes

14.3. Protest forms are available on the Official Notice Board. Protest forms should be submitted to the Race Committee at the Official Notice board within the Protest Time Limit.

14.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, as well as the location(s) of the hearings.

14.5. A list of boats that have been disqualified by the protest committee under **Sailing Instruction 17** will be posted to inform boats under **RRS 61.1(b)**.

15. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, **Appendix A2**, will be used except modified so there will be one throw out when six or more races have been sailed.

16. SAFETY

A personal flotation device shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing, except temporarily while changing clothes. Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification.

17. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Section 3 of the NOR will be enforced and other measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

18. PRIZES

The prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4**, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, SYC and / or personnel supporting this regatta 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