



Irish Laser Masters National Championships 2022

4th- 5th of June 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals APAP, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Irish Laser Association will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at www.nyc.ie

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on event page by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the host club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed'. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 **Briefing** – There will be a briefing at 10.15 on the platform at the NYC.

5.2 Six Races are scheduled:

Saturday 4th June - Races 1, 2 and 3

Sunday 5th June - Races 4, 5 and 6

- 5.3 The intended starting order will be 1. Standard Rig, 2. Radial Rig. This sequence may change.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the following day is 10:55. There will be no first warning signal after 15:00 on Sunday.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.6 The Race Committee may decide to run race 4 on the Saturday or to add an extra race on Sunday subject to 5.4 . If so, they will signal this by displaying Numeral 4 on the finish vessel at the end of the last scheduled race of the day.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Standard Rig Fleet shall have the White Laser Class Flag as their Class Flag, and the Radials will use the Green Radial Class flag.

7 RACING AREA

Dublin Bay South of the shipping channel.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Trapezoid courses will be used. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the course side of the Committee Vessel.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 4 and 5 will be yellow inflatables. Marks 2 and 3 will be black inflatables. The Start Mark will be an inflatable Candy- Stripe mark or a rib with an orange pole. Finish Marks will be a spherical red mark. A RIB may replace the Finish Mark

Note: The Starting Mark for a subsequent start may be in place while boats are finishing.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on a Committee Vessel which will be displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark. The pin end may be an anchored boat displaying an orange pole.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

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 mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH will be between a red and white pole on a Committee Vessel, which will be displaying a blue flag, at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end finishing mark.

12.1 Shortening the Course

If a Race Committee Vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F and a class flag with sound signals, boats in that class should proceed directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Exoneration Penalty and Appendix T, Arbitration will be available.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 In addition to rule 32, the Race Committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no

more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the Race Committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

15 HEARING REQUESTS (Protests & Redress) & ARBITRATION

15.1 **Appendix T ARBITRATION** applies except that 'a post penalty' shall be a 20% scoring penalty. This changes T1 (b)

15.2 Hearing Requests shall be filed electronically online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests?event_id=4136

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be filed online within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 Notices will be posted on WhatsApp within 15 minutes of 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 downstairs in the club opposite the office.

15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on WhatsApp to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee Vessel as soon as possible.

17.3 All boats shall have a painter (tow line) at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20.1 No competitor shall be towed to or from the race area unless asked to do so by the Race Committee. Competitors who do not comply will be scored DSQ for that days racing.

20.2 In the interest of safety all support boats (if asked to do so) will follow instructions from the Race Committee.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may NOT be placed aboard support or official boats.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows; First, second and third in each class. Further category prizes may be awarded.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 or the equivalent. ATTACHMENT 1 – Laser Course

Trapezoid Course

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| O2 | 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish |
| O3 | 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish |
| O4 | 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish |
| I2 | 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish |
| I3 | 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish |
| I4 | 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish |

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be left to Port

Note :

Mark colours are for reference only.

There may be a separate start and finish vessel.

The Start Mark for a subsequent race may be in position while boats are finishing

