

Laser Masters Great Lakes Championship Regatta

Crescent Sail Yacht Club • June 23 & 24, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the Laser Class
- 1.2 The official language for this regatta will be English.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the west end of the club house next to the hoist launch area

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CSYC flag pole.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing: June 23 and 24, 2012
- 5.2 A Competitors' meeting will be held at 1100 hours on Saturday June 23 2012.
- 5.3 Seven races are scheduled for this event. The number of races per day will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1200 hours. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 1000 hrs.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class Flags will be used as the Warning Signal for each class. Class flags will be:
Laser Standard: Laser Class Flag.
Laser Radial: Purple Flag.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Lake St Clair in the vicinity of Crescent Sail Yacht Club

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course designation signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Course designations will be displayed from the signal boat before or with the warning signal for each class.
- 8.3 1a is an off-set mark on course number 2.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Primary marks will be orange tetrahedrons
- 9.2 New Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 The offset mark will be a white ball.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be a mooring buoy with a green flag. The windward finishing mark will be an orange ball.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 All commercial traffic in the Lake St, Clair shipping channel.

11. Check-In

- 11.1 Each boat shall check-in at the Race Committee Signal boat before the first race each day.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are OCS, but failure to do so, or a competitor's failure to hear a hail, the order of hails, timing of hail, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5 Any boat failing to start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored as DNS without hearing this changes RRS A4.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 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.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 [Appendix P](#) shall apply with the following changes: RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time limit
All classes	90 minutes

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16.3 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, finish a boat, on the course side. The Race Committee determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat for the course has docked.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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 at the time posted.

17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17.5 Breaches of instructions 12.3, 19, 19.2, 22, 23 and 24 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered no later than the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the protest desk.

18.4 The Laser North American Masters Handicap Scoring System will apply.

Apprentices:	ages 35-44	Race position plus 3 points
Masters:	ages 45-54	Race position plus 2 points
Grand Masters	ages 55-64	Race position plus 1 point
Great Grand Masters:	ages 65 and up	Race position plus 0 points

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 All competitors are required to wear nationally approved life jackets at all times while on the water except when changing clothes. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and RRS 40.1.

19.2 A boat that leaves the race area, before the end of racing for the day, shall notify a race official as soon possible.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

20.1 [When Standard and Radial Lasers race in one fleet, boats](#) may switch between radial and full rigs, on land only, at any time throughout the event, provided the sails have the same number.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 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.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel intending to be on the water during the regatta shall register with the organizing authority and be identified on the water by a number flag. The flag will be issued at the time of registration and shall be returned to the registration desk at the end of the regatta.

22.2 Support boats will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the regatta.

22.3 After the warning signal has been made, all support boats shall be either

- a) below the start line and its extensions
- b) well outside of the layline to Mark 1, maintaining a safe distance from ALL racing boats. Support boats will be allowed on the course when needed for an emergency situation.

22.4 A breach of instructions 22.1, 22.2 or 22.3 shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by all boats associated with the support boat, and will be subject to protest by the race committee, protest committee, or a member of the organizing authority. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from a boat's series score.

22.5 In a general emergency situation, all support boats shall be utilized as safety boats and shall be under the direction of the Principal Race Officer.

23. GARBAGE DISPOSAL

23.1 Boats shall not put garbage in the water. Garbage may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24. BERTHING

24.1 Boats (sailboats and support boats) shall be kept in their assigned places.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 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.

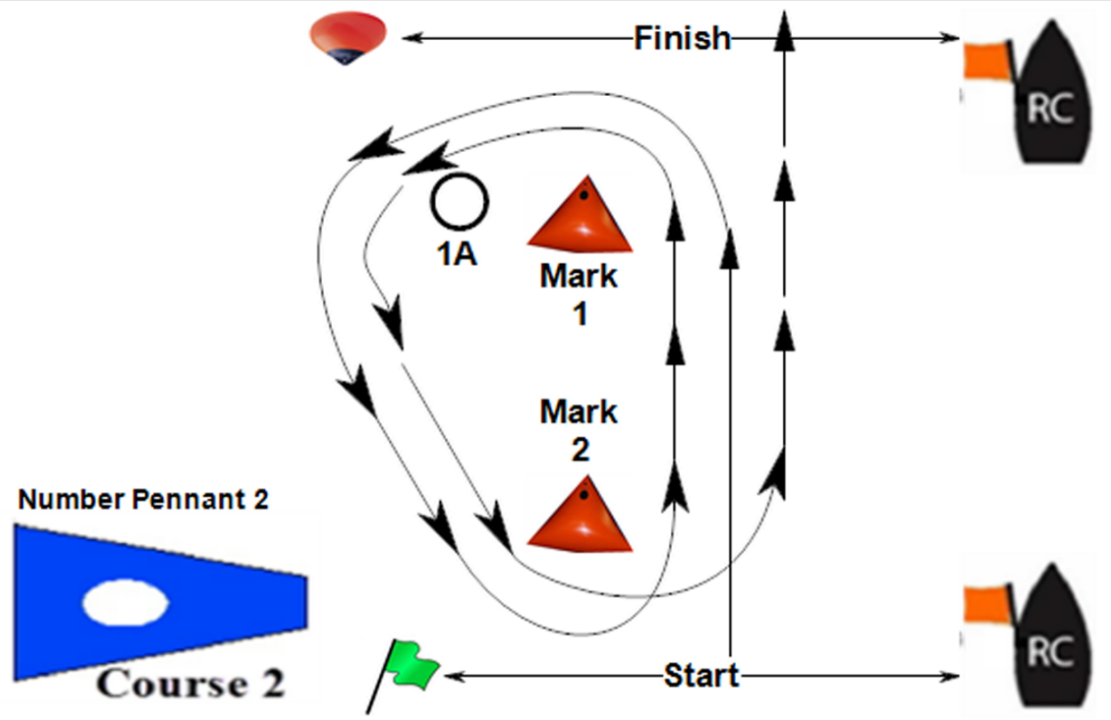
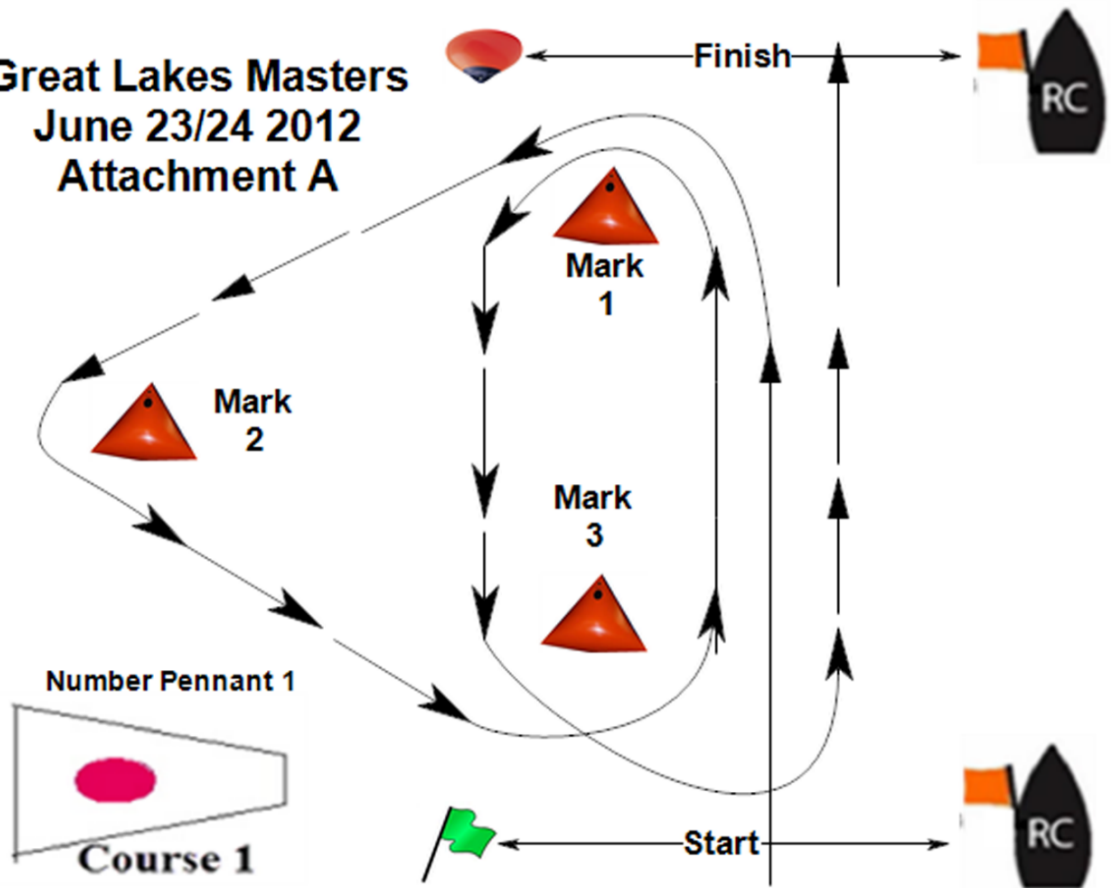
26. PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be given placing 1st through 3rd for each division, 1st through 3rd overall.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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Attachment A**



Note: Course designations indicate number of legs excluding offset (1 to 1A)
Course 1: Start-1(Port)-2(Port)-3(Port)-1(Port)-3(Port)-Finish(Upwind)
Course 2: Start-1(Port)-1A(Port)-2(Port)-1(Port)-1A(Port)-2(Port) Finish(Upwind)

* Note: Map is NOT TO SCALE!