

# 2019 RC Laser St. Patrick's Day Regatta

Sponsored by Raritan Yacht Club RC Laser Fleet - AMYA Club #375

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, as amended by Appendix E for RC sailing, prescriptions of US Sailing, class rules of the RC Laser class, these sailing instructions, and any amendments to these Sailing Instructions as announced by the PRO during the series.
- 1.2. Changes to the racing rules or class rules are noted in the specific instructions where they apply.
- 1.3. This is a one design RC Laser class regatta – only RC Laser boats can participate.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RYC website at:  
<http://www.ryc.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=90&ssid=100117&vnf=1>

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the schedule or sailing instructions prior to the event date will be posted before 8:00AM, on the day before the event on the RYC website noted in the NOTICE TO COMPETITORS section of these instructions.
- 3.2. Verbal changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. All competitors shall be notified. This changes rule 89.2(c). See E1.3(d).

### 4. TERMS

- 4.1. "Race" and "Heat"; if all competitors are race as a single fleet, with all boats Starting and Finishing together, then every competitive event is a Race. If the field of entries are to be split in any way, such as into "Gold" and "Silver" fleets, with more than one Start and Finish, then each is a Heat, and more than one Heat makes up a Race.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Date of racing: Sunday, March 17, 2019
- 5.2. Schedule:

8:30AM	Registration, Boat Measurement Coffee & donuts
9:30AM	Skipper's Meeting
10:00AM	Racing Begins (Depending on number of participants, Seeding Races, then Gold and Silver)
Mid-Day	Lunch Break (RYC Galley open) Racing continues
3:30PM	Racing complete. No Race/Heat will start Results will follow as soon as final scores are tabulated

- 5.3. The Race Committee will determine the number of Heats/Races after considering weather, course and equipment conditions. No Heat/Race shall start after 3:30PM.
- 5.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first Heat/Race is 10:00am.
- 5.5. After a postponement, to alert boats that a Race or sequence of Heats will begin soon, an audible signal will be sounded at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first Race/Heat following the postponement.

## **6. RACING FORMAT**

- 6.1. The racing format will be a single fleet. If 16 or more boats compete, seeding races will determine Gold and Silver divisions.

## **7. STARTING CONDITIONS**

- 7.1. To start a Heat/Race, there shall be sufficient wind to make way against the current and to have maneuverability.
- 7.2. We will not sail if the wind is over 30 knots or the temperature is below 10° F.
- 7.3. We will not sail if the launching area is dangerous due to ice and/or snow.

## **8. LAUNCHING AREA**

- 8.1. The launching area (A dock or B dock) will be announced on the day of the event.
- 8.2. See Appendix B of these instructions for area diagram.

## **9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1. The racing area will be on the water surrounding and off the RYC main pier and floating docks.

## **10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1. The courses will generally be a windward/leeward course consisting of multiple legs.
- 10.2. The Race Committee will verbally announce the order of the marks and number of laps before the warning signal of each heat.
- 10.3. If an offset mark is being used as part of the windward mark its buoy number will be included in the mark sequence in 9.2.
- 10.4. If leeward gates are being used this shall be part of course description in 9.2
- 10.5. All marks are to be left to port unless the course provided in 9.2 specifically changes that.
- 10.6. See appendix A of these instructions for sample course diagrams.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1. Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be round yellow buoys and be used as the windward, offset and leeward marks.
- 11.2. The starting and finishing pins will be orange pickup sticks.
- 11.3. The PRO or Race Committee may change the definition of marks as necessary.
- 11.4. Rule 31 is changed to read "While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark when starting or a finishing mark when finishing. A boat may touch a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing."

## **12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 12.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: All RYC floating docks, the main RYC pier and any boats moored in the RYC morning field.

## **13. RESTRICTED & NON-RESTRICTED AREAS**

- 13.1. To maintain fair competition, competitors are to only use A dock to sail their boat while racing.
- 13.2. The pier and copula are for spectators only and are not to be used by competitors while racing their boat.

## **14. THE START**

- 14.1. Races will be started as required by rule E3.4 with the warning signal sounded two minutes before the starting signal. This changes rule E3.4(a). The warning signal will also be considered the preparatory signal.

- 14.2. Races will be started using the AMYA two-minute starting sequence. The Race Committee may utilize another 2-minute audible starting sequence that complies with rule E3.4(a) in the event the AMYA two-minute sequence is unavailable.
- 14.3. The starting line will be between the two starting pins.
- 14.4. Boats whose warning signal has not sounded shall stay clear of the starting area in the event of multiple sailing divisions.
- 14.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 14.6. All starts will be under rule 30.1 – I Flag rule even though no I flag is displayed. There is no dipping on the start line within one minute of the race start. If any part of a boat's hull or equipment is on the course side of the starting line within 1 minute of the start signal, the line judge will attempt to hail that boat. Failure of the line judge to make a hail or a skipper to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for a redress hearing.

## **15. HOLDS**

- 15.1. Prior to the warning signal, a boat may request the Race Committee to delay the starting sequence for five minutes for the repair of a technical problem or breakdown.
  - 15.1.1. When such a delay is granted, it will be announced, and the warning signal will not be sounded until the expiration of five minutes from the commencement of the delay.
  - 15.1.2. Each boat may be granted 2 such delays. Delays for tuning, adjusting sails or for changing rigs due to weather will not be granted.
- 15.2. Holds will be announced periodically by the PRO, at their discretion, for restroom and other breaks such as for changes in weather conditions, and for scheduled lunch breaks etc.
- 15.3. Competitors may make tuning or other adjustments to their boat during hold periods.

## **16. THE FINISH**

- 16.1. The finishing line will be between the finishing pins.

## **17. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 17.1. Rule E4.3 applies.

## **18. TIME LIMITS**

- 18.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.2. If no boat has finished within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).  
This changes rules 35.

## **19. PROTESTS**

- 19.1. A boat protesting another boat, while sailing, shall hail the other boat, as required by rule E6.3.
- 19.2. Boats filing a protest shall inform the race committee per E6.4 modified with a 5-minute time limit after the race or heat is complete.
- 19.3. Time Limits – Rule E6.5 is changed to 20 minutes after the last race or heat is sailed for the day.
- 19.4. Protests will be heard immediately following the last race of the day.

## **20. SCORING**

- 20.1.1. The Low Point System described in RRS Appendix A shall be used with the following modification: The score for one Heat/Race shall be discarded after completion of 5 Heats/Races.
- 20.1.2. Three Races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

### **20.2. TIES AND OTHER RULES**

- 20.2.1. Heat ties will be handled using rule A7. Race ties will be broken using rule A8.

20.2.2. Rules A1, A3, A5, A6, A10 and A11 also apply.

## **21. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1. A boat and her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2. If any measured equipment is found to have been modified, the skipper involved will be scored “DNS” for all races to the point when the modifications were discovered in the regatta.
- 21.3. Boats must have a unique and visible numbers on their sail as described in the RC Laser Class Rules.

## **22. AWARDS**

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors in each division.
- 22.2. Award ceremony will be held in the RYC clubhouse shortly after final scores are tabulated.

## **23. SPORTSMANSHIP and CORINTHIAN SPIRIT**

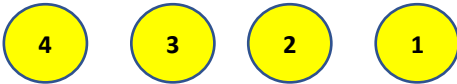
- 23.1. Remember that we are always in Friendly Competition.
- 23.2. In the event of any protested behavior which is deemed to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Director, any designated race officials, or competitor may protest the party or parties in accordance with RRS #2.
- 23.3. Penalties available to the RD and/or Protest Committee, include exclusion from the Race in question, or expulsion from the regatta as per RRS #69.2 and #69.3.
- 23.4. In the event a skipper is penalized under RRS #2 at an AMYA event, a report of the incident shall be sent to the AMYA Class Secretary of the Class being sailed and the AMYA Executive Board for review.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4. Raritan Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

# Appendix A – Course Diagrams

## Mid Line Start



### Course Options:

S/F-1-2-5-S/F

S/F-2-3-5-S/F

S/F-3-4-5-S/F

S/F-1-2-5-1-2-S/F

S/F-2-3-5-2-3-5-S/F

S/F-3-4-5-3-4-5-S/F

S/F line is open

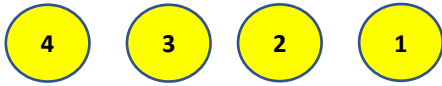
Mark 5 maybe a gate

There may be 1 windward mark with no offset



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## Leeward Start



### Course Options:

S/F-1-2-S/F

S/F-2-3-S/F

S/F-3-4-S/F

S/F-1-2-5-1-2-S/F

S/F-2-3-5-2-3-S/F

S/F-3-4-5-3-S/F

Mark 5 maybe a gate

There may be 1 windward mark with no offset



# Appendix B – RYC Area Diagram

