



Sailing Instructions (SI)

- The Laser Class European Event Series 2021-

Organised by [insert Club Name] under the auspices of the [insert National Authority]

[Dates]

[Location, Country]

Note: The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1 Each regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the "The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") set out by World Sailing and supersedes any National Authority guidelines.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race addendum and noted on the TLC website and posted by the organizer. Additional information will be published by The Laser Class on its website or by the host sailing club/venue

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before [Time] the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by [Time] on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water. The procedure will be published in the SI when relevant.

3. Communication

- 3.1 Notices to entrants will be posted on the official notice board located at [location] and published at [URL]
- 3.2 The race office is located at [location], telephone number: [number], e-mail: [e-mail address]
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Entrants and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment][or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at [Location].
- 5.2 When the flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means “Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore” until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1

Class	Number	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per Day Maximum
4.7	[Number]	[Number]	[Number]
Radial	[Number]	[Number]	[Number]
Standard	[Number]	[Number]	[Number]

- 6.2 One extra race may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one (1) race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day will be at [Time] hrs.
- 6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after [Time] hrs.

7. Class Flags

7.1 The Class flag(s) for the regatta will be as follows:

- 7.2 4.7 [Insert details/picture]
- 7.3 Radial [Insert details/picture]
- 7.4 Standard [Insert details/picture]

8. Racing Area

8.1 The Racing Area(s) is shown in the Attachment A at the end of this document.

9. Courses

- 9.1 The Racing Area(s) is shown in the Attachment B at the end of this document.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 Courses may be shortened.
- 9.4 Legs of the course may be changed after the preparatory signal.

10. Marks

10.1 The following marks will be in use:

Start: [Insert details/picture]

Rounding marks: [Insert details/picture]

Other marks: [Insert details/picture]

11. Obstructions

11.1 The following objects/lines/areas will be designated as obstructions:

[Insert details]

12. The Start

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made one (1) minute before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be denoted by [Insert details].

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.5 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. Change of the next Leg of the Course

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

15.1 The finishing line is [Insert details].

15. Penalty System

15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is [Insert details] places.

15.2 The starting line will be denoted by [Insert details].

- 15.3 For the [Insert classes] class(es), RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.4 RRS Appendix P applies (Special procedures for rule 42)
- 15.5 RRS Appendix P applies with the Two-Turns penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.6 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

16. Time Limits and Target Times

- 16.1 The first mark time limit, race time limit and the finishing window are as follows:

First Mark time limit:[Insert] Race Time Limit:[Insert] Finishing Window: [Insert]
- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. Hearing Requests

- 17.1 The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes minutes after the last boat [in that class] finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at [URL & Location].
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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, located at [Location], beginning at [the time posted].
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted
- 17.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 17.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

18. Scoring

- 18.1 The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply. A minimum of

one (1) completed race is required to validate the individual regatta.

18.2 Four races are required to constitute a series. Therefore, when;

- fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the sum of her race scores
- 5,6,7 or 8 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 9 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

18.3 If a points scoring penalty would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

18.4 Rule A5.3 applies

19. Safety Regulations

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1 Substitution of entrants is not allowed.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be permitted with the approval of the race committee.

21. Equipment & Measurement Checks

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. Supplied Boats

22.1 See Attachment C

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23. Official Vessels

23.1 Official vessels shall be identified as follows: **[Insert details]**.

24. Support Teams

24.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall comply with the support team regulations. When support teams are permitted in the Notice of Race, the details can be found at **[Insert details]**.

24.2 Team leader, coaches and other support groups shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start

until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.3 Support vessels shall be identified with **[Insert details]**.

25. Waste Disposal

25.1 Rubbish and waste may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

26. Berthing

26.1 Boats shall be kept in the places assigned by the organizers for the duration of the regatta.

27. Haul-Out Restrictions

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28. Diving Equipment & Plastic Pools

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29. Prizes

29.1 Entrants will be ranked in each category. Prizes will be given in the following categories:

Standard Fleet:

Laser Boys/Men (12 to 19 years), (under 21 years) & (21 years and older)

Laser Apprentice Standard (35 to 44 years)

Laser Master Standard (45 to 54 years)

Laser Grand Master Standard (55 to 64 years)

Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (from 65)

29.2 Laser Radial Fleet

Laser Girls/Ladies (12 to 16 years), (17 to 19 years), (under 21 years) & (21 years and older)

Laser Boys/Men (12 to 17 years), (18 to 19 years) & (19 years and over)

Laser Apprentice Radial Men (35 to 44 years)

Laser Apprentice Radial Women (35 to 44 years)

Laser Master Radial Men (45 to 54 years)

Laser Master Radial Women (45 to 54 years)

Laser Grand Master Radial Men (55 to 64 years)

Laser Grand Master Radial Women (55 to 64 years)

Laser Great Grand Master Radial Men (from 65)

29.3 Laser 4.7 Fleet

Laser 4.7 Boys & Girls (12 to 16 years)

Laser 4.7 Boys & Girls (17 to 18 years)

Laser 4.7 Ladies (18 years and older)

29.4 The number of prize will be dependent on the number of entrants in each category:

- up to 5 entrants: 1 prize per category

- between 6 and 10 entrants: 2 prizes per category

- more than 11 entrants: 3 prizes per category

30. Risk Statement

30.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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, boat 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 or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

31. Insurance

31.1 All entrants shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euros) per event or equivalent there of in any other currency.

Attachments

A	<u>Attachment A – Race Course Areas</u>
B	<u>Attachment B – Race Course(s)</u>

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Sailing Instruction - Attachment C

Boats supplied by the organizing authority or 3rd Party charter company

A1 BOATS

A1.1 Boats may be supplied for all or some entrants, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

(a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;

(b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;

(c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;

(d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and

(e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.

A1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

A1.4 Entrants shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.