



ROYAL WESTERN

YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND



Winter Laser Series 2012

Notices of Race & Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority: The Royal Western Yacht Club of England

1 NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Royal Western Yacht Club to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the Series and to make full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.
- 1.2 The Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012) and on the club website.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Laser Series is open to the Laser One Design, Laser Radial and other Laser classes by arrangement.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Dates of racing: Sundays 8th January to 1st April 2012 inclusive.
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each week is 0955.
- 3.3 There will be up to two races a day, except where races have previously been abandoned, where there may be up to three.
- 3.4 The warning signal for the second race will be made as soon as practically possible after all boats in the class have finished or the time limit for the previous race has expired.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter online at www.rwyc.org or by completing the RWYC Race Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

The Secretariat,
Royal Western Yacht Club,
Queen Anne's Battery,
Plymouth PL4 0TW

- 4.2 Entry is on acceptance by the Race Committee.
- 4.3 Entries will be accepted up to 5pm on the Thursday before the race. Entries accepted after this will incur a late entry fee of 10% of the entry fee.
- 4.4 Free race entry is only available to RWYC members who enter before 5pm on the Thursday before the race and provide the Race Management Group with three days during 2012 where they or a nominated person will volunteer to be part of the Race Committee.

4.5 FEES

Entry Fee for:	RWYC members	Non-members	Students
Series	Free	£ 60	£40
Individual Race Day	Free	£ 10	£7

5 RULES

- 5.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the appropriate class rules.
- 5.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of a port they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within that port. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the Club notice board and website, and to Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee

believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.

- 5.3 RRS rules 29.2, 33, 35 and 52, and A2, A4 and A9 will be changed:
 29.2 – General Recall – the recalled class(s) start after the last class
 33 – Changing the Course – There will be no course change signals
 35 – Time Limit – Any boat finishing outside the time limit will be scored DNF.
 42 – Propulsion – An alternative penalty is available
 A2, A4.2 and – Scoring
- 5.4 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official notice board or website for details.
- 5.5 A boat that is protested for an initial breach of Rule 42 may take a two turn penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2. For a second and subsequent breaches of Rule 42 on any one day, the boat is required to retire immediately.
- 5.6 Where a suitable person is available Appendix P will be in force.

6 SCORING (This changes rule A2, A4.2 and A9)

- 6.1 Each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) according to the number of races completed in the series:

Completed races	Discards
1 – 3	0
4 – 7	1
8 – 11	2
12 – 15	3
4 further races	1 further discard

- 6.2
- 6.3 A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, OCS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RAF) or is disqualified under rule 30.3 (BFD) shall be scored points for the finish place one more than the number of boats that competed in the race. A boat that was disqualified other than under rule 30.3 (DSQ, DNE or DGM) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 A prize will be presented in each class after the day's racing.
- 7.2 Overall and Part Series Prizes: Engraved glassware will be awarded as follows:

Boats in Class	Prizes
Up to 6	1 st
Up to 12	1 st and 2 nd
Up to 18	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd
Every additional 6 boats	1 additional prize

- 7.3 A Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of each class.

8 SIGNALS

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff.
- 8.2 Where Code Flag O is flown from the Flagstaff the racing will take place within Plymouth Sound using Committee Boat Fulmar. Otherwise racing will start and finish on the RWYC Club line.

9 Class Flags

Laser OD	Laser emblem on a white background
Laser Radial	Laser emblem on a green background

10 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 10.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the RWYC.
- 10.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least twelve hours before it will take effect.

11 THE COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be from the Start Line, around the Marks in the order indicated in Appendices 1 and 2 and then to the Finish Line.
- 11.2 The course letter together with the bearing of the windward mark will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 11.3 Mark 1 will be an Orange Mark, Marks 2 and 4 will be yellow marks.
- 11.4 To change the windward leg of the course, the race committee will lay an alternative mark (a yellow mark) and remove the original mark if possible. When in a subsequent change a new windward mark is to be replaced it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 11.5 To change the next leg of the course (other than windward leg), the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.
- 11.6 If Code Flag S is displayed below a class warning flag, that class shall round the next windward mark before finishing.

12 TIME LIMIT (This changes rule 35)

- 12.1 Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the leading boat in their class will be scored DNF.
- 12.2 Flag T will be displayed at the time limit. The displaying of Flag T will NOT be accompanied by any sound signals.

13 THE START

- 13.1 When a Committee Boat is used the start line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on a Committee Boat and the outer distance mark, an orange pillar buoy. When a yellow buoy is attached to the Committee Vessel it shall be considered as part of the Starting Mark
- 13.2 When the RWYC line is used the start line will be an extension of a line through the Club Flagstaff and a black/yellow post in front of the Club. The outer limit of the RWYC line will be an orange or yellow harbour mark approximately on the line unless there is a laid inflatable orange pillar buoy, which will then be the outer distance mark.
- 13.3 All boats shall pass close to the Committee Boat on the side opposite to the Start Line or under the RWYC platform (if being used for starting) before the start of the first race each day for identification.
- 13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

14 **RECALLS (This changes rule 29.2)**

- 14.1 In the event of a general recall the First Substitute will be removed after approximately four minutes and the class or classes concerned will start at five minute intervals after the last class and in the same order as that in which the general recalls occurred.

15 **FINISH**

- 15.1 The finish line for committee boat finishes will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 15.2 The finish line for RWYC finishes will be an extension of a line through the Club Flagstaff and a black/yellow post in front of the Club. The outer limit of the RWYC line will be an orange or yellow harbour mark approximately on the line unless there is a laid inflatable orange pillar buoy, which will then be the outer distance mark.

16 **PROTESTS**

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished. 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.
- 16.2 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 Dolphin Room, of the RWYC as soon as is possible.

17 **RETIREMENT**

- 17.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Committee as soon as possible but no later than 60 minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 17.2 Retirements shall be reported via VHF Ch 77 to the Committee Vessel callsign "FULMAR", or by telephone to RWYC 01752 894802 or to the Race Office.

18 **SAILOVERS**

- 18.1 If the number of boats in a class starting a race is less than two the class the race shall be abandoned

19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 19.2 It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 19.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 19.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 19.5 The fact that a race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these paragraphs.

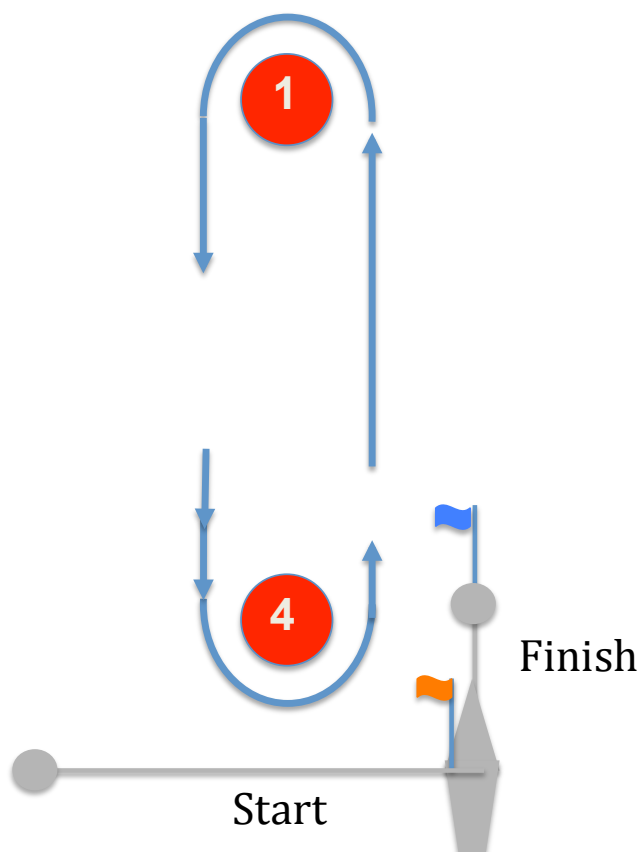
20 **INSURANCE**

- 20.1 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

Appendix One

The diagram is indicative only

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L1	Start - 1 - 4 - Finish
L2	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - Finish

