

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 PSA @ C-Vane ILCA District 15 Championship

Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, TX 75032
November 21 – 22, 2020

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the International Laser Class Association-North America region (ILCA-NA)
- 1.2 The regatta will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the respective Class Rules.
- 1.3 Competitors, guests and regatta volunteers will be expected to follow COVID-19 Texas State and local county guidelines in effect at the time of the regatta, including wearing a mask at all times inside the RCYC Clubhouse.
- 1.4 Participants will be members of the ILCA_NA, or their National Laser Class Association.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board on the west facing windows of the RCYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first race of each day, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted by 19:00 on the day before they take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the west lawn at the Club or from the Race Committee Boat if docked in the host club harbor.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP" with two sound signals means the race is postponed. DO NOT leave the club area. The warning signal will not be made sooner than 30 minutes from the lowering of "AP", accompanied by one signal. This modifies "Race Signals".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 5.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, eight (8) or more races are scheduled.

5.2 Schedule:

Saturday, November 21, 2020

08:00-09:00	Check in at the Clubhouse.
09:30	Skipper's Meetings at the Clubhouse
10:30	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Lunch will be served on the water

Sunday, November 22, 2020

09:30	Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
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5.3 Completion of two (2) races shall constitute the 2020 PSA @ C-Vane ILCA District 15 Championship.

5.4 No warning signal will be given after 13:00 on Sunday.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

The class flag for the Laser Full Rig will be the Laser Logo on a white background. The class flag for the Laser Radial Rig will be the Laser Logo on a red background. The flag for the 4.7 Rig will be the numerals "4.7" on a white background.

7. CHECK-IN ON THE WATER:

Prior to the first warning signal of the competitor's fleet of the day, each competitor shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat on starboard tack, hail its sail number and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do so will result in a 20% penalty for the first race of the day.

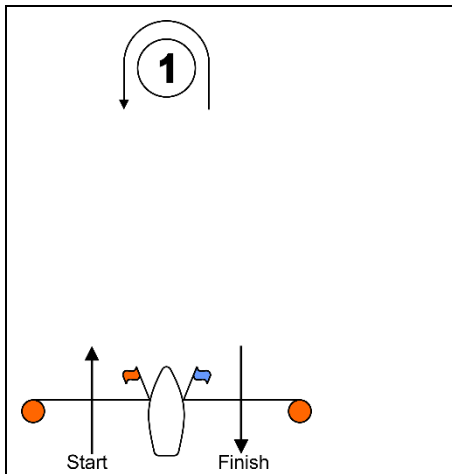
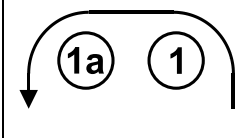
8. RACE COURSES:

8.1 There may be five types of race courses as follows: "L" (leeward start and finish) – windward, leeward to finish; Multiple times around the course will be designated by a number following the "L".

8.2 For courses L1 and L2, the start line will be on the port side of the Signal Boat and the finish line will be on the starboard side of the finish boat.

8.3 Course L2 includes a leeward gate.

8.4 The following diagrams show the courses to be sailed and the order in which the marks are to be rounded.

	Course L1 (Leeward Finish) – Windward, Leeward Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	L1	Start – 1* –Finish
<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p> 		

	Course L2 (Leeward Gate/Finish) – Windward, Leeward Gate – Windward - Finish	
	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	L2	Start – 1* – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
<p>* - if an offset mark (1a) is present, sailors will leave the offset mark to port after rounding the windward mark (1)</p>		

9. MARKS:

9.1 Marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.

9.2 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. New marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.

9.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

10. THE START:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark.

10.3 A boat may not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal for its class. Boats attempting to start after this time will be scored a DNS. This changes Rule A 4.1.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of both the start line and all boats whose warning signal has been made.

11. RECALLS:

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

12. THE FINISH:

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

13. TIME LIMIT:

- 13.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet will be scored TLE. TLE will be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but no more than a score of DNF.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 14.1 A boat intending to file a protest for an incident occurring in the racing area shall inform the race committee finish boat of its intent to protest immediately after finishing.
- 14.2 Protests shall be in writing. Forms will be made available at the clubhouse and delivered to the Regatta Chair or their representative within forty-five (45) minutes after the Signal Boat docks.
- 14.3 The protest time limit will be posted. A list of protests will attempt to be posted on the official notice board within ten (10) minutes of – but no later than thirty (30) minutes after – the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in Rule 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 14.4 A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking sailing instructions 7, 16, 17 and 18. This changes Rule 60.1(a). In addition, penalties for anything other than Rules Part 2 or 3 may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

15. SCORING:

Rule A 2.1 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if five (5) or more races are completed.

16. SAFETY:

- 16.1 A Personal flotation device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. A thin pinnie may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging on rigging.
- 16.2 A competitor who withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. This may also be accomplished by the competitor returning to the club and notifying the Race Committee by radio from the Clubhouse.

17. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTIONS:

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall keep at least two hundred (200) feet away from all competitors and shall not communicate with any racing competitor from the time of the competitor's preparatory signal until after the competitor has finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The Race Committee, at its discretion, may deem a violation of this provision to be a violation of Rule 2 and may impose a penalty which will be a scoring penalty per Rule 44.3(c.) applied to the finishes in the next race sailed of all boats associated with the support personnel who have violated this provision.
- 17.2 Support boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors.
- 17.3 All support boats and coaches are reminded to wear a safety kill switch lanyard in accordance with Texas state law, especially when in the proximity of and approaching sailors on the water.

18. PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each class and the top female in the Laser Radial class.