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# Laser 2000 Millennium Series – MS1

3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Lee on Solent Sailing Club

*Organising authority: Lee on Solent Sailing Club  
in conjunction with the Laser 2000 Class Association*

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 LOCAL CONDITIONS

There are a few local conditions that visitors to Lee on the Solent Sailing Club should be aware of prior to sailing.

The slipway at LOSSC is quite wide but can have a drop of up to 1 metre at the bottom Port hand side when looking out to sea depending on shingle movement and this area is also rocky. Recent shingle movement has also created a smaller drop on the Starboard hand side.

There is a hard gravel bank known as the “Cockle Bank” about 100 metres to the East of the slipway. Sailors are advised to depart the beach with caution in this direction if less than high water.

The Sailing Club compound is separated from the slipway and beach by a promenade, which is used by members of the public. They have right of way and should be treated with courtesy and consideration at all times by sailors.

### 2 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by:

The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRoS)

The relevant Class Rules

These Sailing Instructions (SI's)

RYA prescriptions

These Sailing Instructions will prevail in the event of conflict between these various prescriptions.

### **3 GENERAL**

#### **3.1 DECISION TO RACE**

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she might find herself. By launching and going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit and her crew is competent.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold cover against third party claims in the sum of not least £2,000,000 sterling and such insurance is valid for helms person who will be sailing her.

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 this event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organising authority, the race officer, patrol boat crews and the beach master. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

#### **3.2 ELIGIBILITY**

Either the helm or crew should be current members of a recognised Sailing/Yacht Club, and must be members of the UK Laser 2000 Class Association.

#### **3.3 MEASUREMENT**

Competitors are required to allow the race committee, the class committee or a duly authorised representative of either body to measure or inspect a boat at any time when she is not racing.

#### **3.4 ADVERTISING**

The Regatta is classified as a category C event in accordance with ISAF RRoS.

#### **3.5 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS**

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRoS H1 or H2. Any such requests are to be made in writing.

#### **3.6 PERSONAL BOUYANCY**

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crewmembers whilst afloat. Wet/Dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy to comply with RRoS 1.2

#### **3.7 ENTRY FEES**

The Open Meeting entry fee will be £25 plus £3 parking for boat and trailer.

### **4 COMMUNICATONS WITH COMPETITORS**

#### **4.1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Code Flag "L" will be hoisted at the Signal Station flagstaff, accompanied by a sound signal. Any change in the schedule of races for Monday will be posted by 7pm on Sunday.

#### **4.2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be flown from the Signal Station flag mast.

#### **4.3 BRIEFING**

There will be a competitors briefing at 11:00 hrs on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 at the LOSSC Signal Station.

#### **4.4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the inside of the right hand (looking at the building) shutter of the Signal Station.

#### **4.5 POSTPONEMENT**

When flag AP is displayed ashore (with two sound signals; one sound signal when lowered) '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

There are 6 races scheduled. Scheduled race times and dates are as follows:

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010. (High water 14:46 hrs, Low water 19:48hrs)**

Race 1 12:00 hrs.

Race 2 Will follow the completion of race 1.

Race 3 Will follow the completion of race 2.

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010. (High water 15:25 hrs, Low water 20:37hrs)**

Race 4 11:30 hrs.

Race 5 Will follow the completion of race 4.

Race 6 Will follow the completion of race 5.

The Race Officer may alter the schedule of races prior to the commencement of racing or at anytime between races due to the prevailing conditions on the day. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board and Int. Code Flag "L" will be hoisted on the committee boat and at the signal station accompanied by a sound signal.

For the purposes of Rule 30.3, a race which cannot be completed on Sunday will be deemed to be restarted or re-sailed as the first race on Monday.

No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on Monday.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be Red Laser 2000 logo on a white background.

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be between the East Bramble buoy to the West. (A large Easterly Cardinal 1.45 nm off shore) The Lee on the Solent Shore to the East, the Hill Head buoy to the North (A large Red Channel Mark) and Burgess Salmon a buoy to the South (A yellow spherical racing mark). The racing area varies between 3 and 15 metres deep. It should be noted that the East Bramble buoy marks the inshore limit of North Channel used by large vessels transiting the area.

## **8 RACE MANAGEMENT**

Races shall only be sailed if, in the view of the Race Committee, there is sufficient wind. For guidance, races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the average wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of 4 knots for a reasonable period before the start.

Races shall not be started or continued in excessive wind. As a guideline, "excessive wind" is wind consistently over 25 knots, or any other combination of wind and wave conditions that the Race Committee considers excessive.

The Race Committee shall be the sole judge of wind speed and wave conditions and may postpone racing or abandon if the prevailing conditions are considered unsafe to continue.

## **9 THE START**

The starting line will be between a mast bearing an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

Races will be started in accordance with RRoS 26.

A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRoS A4

In the event of an individual recall, flag 'X' will be lowered no later than two minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRoS 29.1.

## **10 STARTING SIGNALS**

The starting signals will be as follows. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

### **FIVE minutes to the start**

Warning signal, the appropriate class flag will be displayed and a sound signal made.

### **FOUR minutes to the start**

Preparatory signal, Int. Code Flag P (the "Blue Peter"), or Int. Code Flag "I", or the "Black Flag" will be displayed and a sound signal made.

## **ONE minute to the start**

Preparatory flag lowered and a sound signal made.

## **The Start**

Starting class flag lowered and a sound signal made. If starting in a sequence, class flag of next starting class displayed.

### **10.1 RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be in accordance with RRoS 29.2

General recalls will be in accordance with RRoS 29.3

### **10.2 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START**

It is not intended to change the course after the start.

## **11 MARKS**

The marks to be used will be announced at the briefing.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

On any lap, the course may be shortened if the leading boat in the class has rounded its windward mark. Flag 'S' will be displayed on the committee boat (and may be repeated by mark boats on the course area) with two sound signals. Boats shall then sail through the leeward gate, round mark 2a to port, then sail through the finish line.

Failure to repeat the flag from mark boats will not be grounds for redress. This replaces RRoS 32.2 and changes RRoS 62.

In order to reduce delay between races, the Race Officer may finish boats at the back of the fleet by recording their positions from a RIB which will motor down the course. The decision of the Race Officer is final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM and TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for each race is 1 hour. Any boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRoS Rule 35.

If no boat has reached the first mark within 20 minutes, that race will be abandoned, although it may be restarted.

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed FOR ALL COMPETITORS so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **14 PROTESTS**

Protest forms are available at the Signal Station. Protest forms shall be returned there within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the Race Committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area. In the event of light winds the Race Officer may be prepared to extend this protest completion time at his discretion.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Breaches of instructions 3.6 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **15 PROTEST HEARINGS**

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible after the completion of sailing. Hearing times and locations will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. This notice shall serve as informing competitors that they are being protested, it is the responsibility of the competitors to check this notice board

## **16 SCORING**

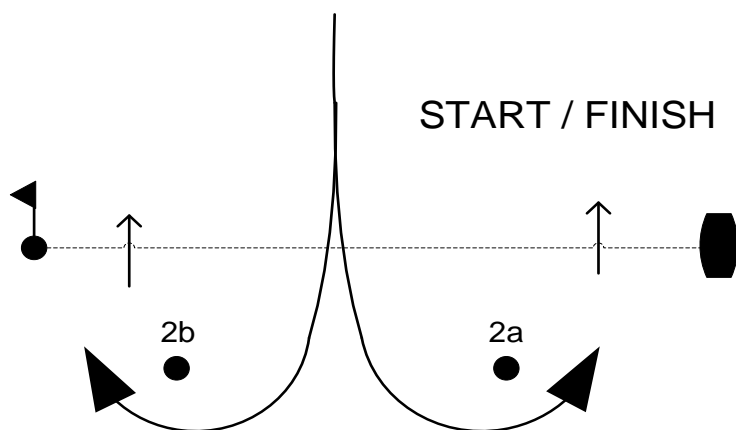
The Low Points scoring system. RRoS. Appendix A2 will apply, modified so that each boats score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if the four or more races are completed.

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

## 17 COURSE CONFIGURATION

The diagram below shows the course, including the course letters, the order and side in which marks are to be passed.

The Race Committee boat will display the number of laps to be sailed on a board at the back of the committee boat.



1 Lap = 1; S; 2a/2b; Finish

2 Laps = 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; Finish

3 Laps = 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; Finish

4 Laps = 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; 1; S; 2a/2b; Finish