

Laser Grand Prix Southern Open 2018

Saturday 26th May 2018

Organising Authority Spinnaker Club in conjunction with the Laser Class Association

Spinnaker Sailing Club, Blashford Lake, Ivy Lane, Ringwood, BH24 3LY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Racing Charter

Competitors should note that Spinnaker Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors shall sail in compliance with the charter. The Racing Charter can be found at the beginning of the RRS.

1.3 The class rules of Laser Class Association will apply. The requirement to be a member of the ILCA is not a requirement.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Hut to the North-East of the Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The series will consist of up to 3 races.

5.2 The proposed starting times are shown in the following table.

5.3 **Registration: Saturday 20th May from 0930hrs**

Briefing: 1015hrs

Race 1: 1100hrs

Race 2: ASAP after Race 1

Followed by comfort Break

Race 3: 1400

Race 4: ASAP after Race 3

5.4 Prize giving and afternoon tea from 1500hrs

5.7 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags, used as warning signals are:

Standard – Red Laser symbol on a white background.

Radial - Red Laser symbol on a green background.

4.7 - Red Laser symbol on a yellow background.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 Courses will be displayed on the Course Board by the Race Hut no less than 30 minutes before the Warning Signal.

7.2 The course will also be displayed below the Signal Mast in front of the Race Hut. The course may be changed after the first race when racing back-to-back races. Any change will be indicated by the Signal Flag L being displayed. The course boards indicate the sequence of rounding the marks from left to right and the background colour Red or Green indicates which way to round the mark Red to Port and Green to Starboard.

8 MARKS

8.1 The lake has a number of fixed marks that are spherical buoys with alpha numeric characters as shown on the map of the lake. There are additional white Dan buoys with a pole that are moveable, they will be identified with coloured flags with numbers when used as marks of the course.

8.2 All marks of the course are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.

8.3 The starting marks will be either the main mast on the Committee Boat or the Race Hut main mast displaying an Orange flag and a white Dan buoy with a Red flag. The finishing marks will be the main mast on the Committee Boat or the Race Hut main mast displaying an Orange flag and a white Dan buoys with a Blue flag.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the islands and jetties.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as follows: Warning signal will be displayed 3 minutes before the start, Preparatory signal will be displayed 2 minute before the start. The Preparatory will be removed 1 minute before the start. This changes rule 26.

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

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 (or 2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and a white/blue Dan buoy with Blue/Orange flag (ODM).

(OR)

The finishing line will be between main mast on the 'Race Hut' displaying an Orange flag and a Blue mark with Blue/Orange flag (ODM).

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
All Lasers	55 minutes	45 minutes

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Club House, located on the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 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 in the Clubhouse or in the Bosuns Locker.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

- 15.2** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3** (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available in the Race Office, located on the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3** 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 in the Clubhouse or Bosuns Locker as soon as possible.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5** Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 19 and 21 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.6** The RYA Advisory Hearing is available.
- 16.7** A boat, the Racing Committee or Protest Committee may, when submitting a protest, request it is first heard at a pre-protest advisory hearing.
- 16.8** If a boat is identified as having broken a rule at an advisory hearing, she may exonerate herself by taking the exoneration penalty below prior to the start of the protest hearing.
- 16.9** The advisor may allow a protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.
- 16.10** The exoneration penalty is 20% of the boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 points. However if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her exoneration penalty shall be to retire.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** All competitors shall wear a personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.4 Outside Help:**
Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the

protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the protest committee on a form available from the race office or the protest desk before the protest time limit on the day concerned.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20 ADVERTISING

Boats may display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows:
N/A

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st 2nd and 3rd for all 3 classes entered
First Youth (under 18)

23 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) (If not covered in Notice of Race). Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.