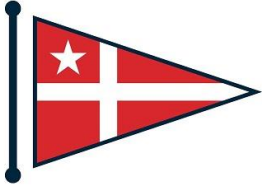


The Santa Barbara Yacht Club presents:



# Fall Laser Invitational & ILCA District 25 Championship

November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2020 Fall Laser Invitational will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA

*[DP]* denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

*[NP]* denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

*[SP]* denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix V, Rule V1 Penalty at the Time of the Incident will apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4 This regatta will also be the Laser District 25 Championship.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official virtual notice board located at <https://www.sbyc.org/fall-laser-invitational>.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a staff located next to the east most launch ramp.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Time	Event	Location
	<i>Friday, November 13</i>		
1200		Competitor briefing will be sent out prior to this time via pre-recorded video. Questions about the briefing or related to the regatta may be submitted via text, or email to: Brad Schaupeter – <a href="mailto:racing@sbyc.org">racing@sbyc.org</a> / (310) 850-5213. Answers to questions may be shared with all registrants via email as appropriate.	

*Saturday, November 14*

1000 Sailors shall sign in virtually for each day of racing by this time at:

<https://forms.gle/9grWz8vmSPnpPUBU6>

1200 First warning signal

*Sunday, November 15*

1000 Sailors shall sign in virtually for each day of racing by this time at:

<https://forms.gle/9grWz8vmSPnpPUBU6>

1200 First warning signal

1530 No warning signal after this time

5.2 Seven (7) races total are scheduled with no more than four (4) to be sailed on any one day.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Laser Standard	Numeral Pennant '1'
Laser Radial	Numeral Pennant '2'

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the Santa Barbara Channel within three nautical miles of the Santa Barbara Harbor entrance as shown in Attachment B – Racing Area.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment C show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course number will be displayed on a placard on the Race Committee Signal boat no later than the preparatory signal.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks are described in Attachment C.
- 9.2 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1, will be:
- (a) A green inflatable mark to replace Mark '1'.
  - (b) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 The race committee may attempt to hail OCS boats. Failure of the committee to make the attempt or for the competitor to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.

- 11.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, Rule V1 Penalty at the Time of the Incident will apply: "The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'"

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
90	30	40

- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) 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.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available online at: <https://forms.gle/5ALuLBNsQHvRsohi6>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted online within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat arrives at the dock.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the virtual notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This will constitute notification required by rule 63.2. Hearing locations will be announced on the online notice board and may be held online via zoom. Hearings will be heard in the approximate order as received.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions marked **[NP]** 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.
- 15.6 Penalties for breaches of instructions marked **[DP]**, are at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's series score shall be the total of all her races scores when fewer than six races have been completed.

16.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **17 SAFETY**

17.1 Face coverings for nose and mouth (such as a face mask, buff, or neck gaiter) are required and shall be worn by all competitors and support persons while on shore at the regatta venue. Face coverings are strongly recommended while on the water, except to briefly adjust clothing or drink/eat. Violations of this rule are not protestable by another boat. This changes RRS 60. [NP]

17.2 It is highly recommended that all sailors, coaches, and support personnel comply to the best of their ability with CDC covid-19 social distancing and safety recommendations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>). [NP]

17.3 Competitors shall either wear a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. [DP]

17.4 It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of any competitor under the age of eighteen (18), or in the instance of the competitor who is eighteen (18) or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

17.5 Parents of competitors under the age of eighteen (18) not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

17.6 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event.

17.7 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [NP] [DP]

## **18 COACH / SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]**

18.1 Coach boats may be stored on trailers overnight in the Santa Barbara public harbor lot. There will be limited overnight water dockage at the SBYC End Tie D in Marina 1 (as shown in Attachment H – Harbor Map) available on a first come-first serve basis. Other arrangements for water storage may be made with the Harbor Department.

18.2 Coach boats must supply their own VHF radio for safety purposes and should not be left unattended at the dock space at the launch ramp or at the adjacent docks. [NP] [DP]

18.3 Unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee, no coach/support boat may be within one hundred yards of the course boundaries nor have any communication with a competitor between the first warning signal for a race and the time that race is abandoned or the competitor has finished and is 100 yards outside the finishing line and course boundaries. This changes Rule 41. [NP] [DP]

18.4 Coach / support boats must be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the Race Committee. [NP] [DP]

18.5 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements will be applied to the appropriate competitors' boats associated with the coach/support boat personnel at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, upon receiving a report, the organizing authority may take other disciplinary action against the registered coach and/or support personnel.

**19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

**21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 laser radials and top 3 laser standard finishers. There will not be an in-person awards ceremony.

**22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.