



# 2018 Friday Night Lasers

## July 20 – September 7, 2018

Event Info: <https://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 Friday Night Lasers will be:  
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Welcome to Santa Barbara's Friday Night Lasers! This racing series is very informal and based on creating a fun learning environment where laser sailors of all caliber can get together and practice starts and races. Scores will be taken from time to time and awards will occasionally be given out, but at the end of the day, this is just a great way to get on the water with each other and enjoy sailing with friends. Please keep in mind that we will be sharing the water with kites from Friday Night Kites, so be courteous as they finish up and the lasers get started! We look forward to having you sail with us!

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to 60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Lifejackets are required to be worn by all competitors. A competitor may not be protested for breaking this rule.

### 2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The race is open to Laser Standard, Laser Radial, and Laser 4.7. Other dinghy classes may petition the Race Committee for a start if they would like.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors may enter online at <https://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>.

### 3. FEES

There is no entry fee.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be made via email to the fleet or hailed on the water.

### 5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1400 on the day it will take effect.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the southwest corner of the SBYC parking lot.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute', is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Races are schedule on the following Fridays:  
July 20, August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31, and September 7.  
\*There will be no organized racing on July 27 due to the Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race.

7.2	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	1400	Last call to 'Sign-Up' for a night	<a href="#">Online Sign Up</a>
	1730	First Warning for Race 1	Adjacent to Ledbetter Beach
	1915	No warning signals after this time	
	1945	Awards	SBYC Outside Upper Deck

- 7.3 The number of races to be sailed is at the discretion of the race committee.

8. Reserved.

## 9. CLASSES / FLAGS

### CLASS

Laser	No Class Flags
Laser Radial	
Laser 4.7	

If enough competitors are signed up for any of the above classes on any given night, the class may be split into an 'A' and 'B' fleet.

## 10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be adjacent to Ledbetter beach.

## 11. COURSES

Courses to be sailed are as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

## 12. MARKS

Marks are as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

## 13. THE START

13.1 There will be one start for all Lasers. Subsequent starts for any other dinghy classes may be added at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be announced on the water.

13.2 Races will be started using Appendix S.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
Get ready!	Multiple sounds
3 minutes	3 long sounds
2 minutes	2 long sounds
1:30 minutes	1 long, 3 short sounds
1 minute	1 long sound
:30 seconds	3 short sounds
:20 seconds	2 short sounds
:10 seconds	1 short sound
5 seconds	1 short sound
4 seconds	1 short sound
3 seconds	1 short sound
2 seconds	1 short sound
1 second	1 short sound
GO!	1 long sound

13.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

## 14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Marks may be moved at any time provided no kite is on lay line to the mark being moved.

## 15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

15.2 If the race committee is absent when a competitor finished, she should report her finishing position in relation to nearby competitors, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Penalties will be as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

**17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

17.1 Target times are 15-20 minutes per race.

17.2 Competitors may be scored where they are on the course to expedite racing, provided it can be done in a reasonable manner.

**18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests will be heard using '3 minute justice' and may be filed verbally with the Race Chair or Race Committee.

**19. SCORING**

19.1 Competitors will be scored in the following classes:

Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7

Each class may be split into an 'A fleet' and a 'B fleet' depending on participation on any given evening or during any given month of racing.

19.2 Nightly Placing: One (1) race is required to be completed for an individual evening. The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply for nightly placings, except that a competitor's nightly placing will be the sum of her race scores.

19.3 Series Placing: There will be one scored overall series. A high point scoring system will be used. Scores will be available at <https://sbyc.org/racing-calendar>.

19.3.1 Competitors that register but fail to compete in a series shall be excluded from that series' scoring.

19.3.2 A DNF or DNS will be scored as .5 points in the high point series scoring. All other scores shall be calculated using the following formula: Points = (Number of Racers +1) – place in race.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

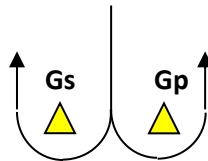
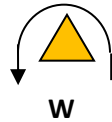
Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information, contact the SBYC Race Office at (805) 965-8112 / [racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org) or visit <https://www.sbyc.org/racing-calendar>.

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## Attachment A - Course Chart



**Course 1:** St – W – Finish

**Course 2:** St – W – Gt – W – Finish

**Course 3:** St – W – Gt – W – Gt – W – Finish

### Notes:

-‘W’ denotes a weather mark rounded to port.

-‘Gt’ denotes a leeward gate where Gs is rounded to starboard and Gp is rounded to port. If only one gate mark is present it shall be rounded to port.

-All mark and the gate marks will be either yellow tetrahedrons, or orange/red balls.

-The starting and finishing pins will be orange/red balls or a white cylinder.