



Atlanta Yacht Club Laser/ILCA, Sunfish & Opti Labor Day Regatta

Organizing Authority Atlanta Yacht Club & Laser Fleet 116

Monday, September 4, 2023

7120 Yacht Club Drive, Acworth, GA 30102

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing For 2021-2024*.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hail from the Signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Signal boat will display code flag L with one sound, and communicate the changes to each boat before the next warning signal. A list will be maintained to help ensure that every boat received the information.

3. Communication with Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board <https://atlantayachtclub.org/official-notice-board-LaborDayRegatta>

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat alongside the dock.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Races

Competitors Meeting 1200

First Race Warning Signal 1257

Goal is to complete 6 races

No warning signal will be made after 1600

6. Class Flags

ILCA 7 (Standard rig) white flag

ILCA 6 (Radial rig) green flag

ILCA 4 (4.7 rig) yellow flag

If there is a single combined start for all Laser/ILCA classes the Race Committee will use either the ILCA 7 flag or the Laser class flag.

Opti Class Flag or red Flag.

Sunfish Class Flag or other TBD at Skipper's meeting.

7. The Courses

7.1 The diagrams show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the Signal Boat

7.3 The order of Fleets starting will be displayed on the Signal Boat

8. Marks

8.1 For Lasers/ILCA, Sunfish, Rounding Marks 1, 2 & 3 and Gate Marks will be yellow Tetrahedrons. New Rounding Marks when used in accordance with SI 10.1, Change of Course, will be yellow Tetrahedrons with a black band.

8.2 For Opti's, Rounding Mark 1 may be a red ball. The Race Committee will verbally inform all Opti's prior to the warning

signal if this is the case. New Rounding Marks when used in accordance with SI 10.1., Change of Course, will be a **yellow** ball.

8.3 In the absence of one gate mark, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

8.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat with an orange flag (for starts), blue flag (for finishes) and a nearby orange cylinder or an orange/red ball.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using Appendix U, the three-minute Audible-signal Racing System.

9.2 If a sufficient number of Radial and/or 4.7 rig boats are competing to constitute a separate fleet from the Full rig Lasers, the Race Committee may separately start the classes. The Race Committee will hail competitors and may use one or more class flags at the warning signal to signify the separate starts.

9.3 A Boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing This is added to RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9.4 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder or an orange/red ball.

9.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a redress request. This is added to RRS 62.1(a).

9.6 A new starting sequence for a class may begin before all classes finish.

10. Change of the next leg of the course

10.1 To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee will lay a Black-banded Mark (or yellow for Opti's), or move the finishing line and remove the original Mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a black-banded mark or yellow ball is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10.2 When Flag C, S, or N is displayed with a green Flag, or placard it applies only to the Laser / ILCA Classes.

10.3 When Flag C, S, or N is displayed with a red Flag, or placard it applies only to the Opti Class.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder or an orange/red ball.

12. Penalty System

12.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

13. Time Limit

13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit is 30 minutes. The Race Time Limit is 90 minutes. The Finishing Window time is 15 minutes.

13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

13.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

14. Using Practice Sails

14.1 The use of "Non-Class Sails" (NCS) for the Laser racing shall not be subject to a protest or a request for redress by a boat or the race committee. This is added to rules 60.1, 60.2, 78.1, 78.2.

14.2 The NCS must be one of the following: ILCA 7 (Full rig), ILCA 6 (Radial rig), or ILCA 4 (4.7 rig).

14.3 The NCS when measured shall meet the sail dimensions provided by the International Laser Class Rules.

15. Protests and Request for Redress

15.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee Finish Boat of her

intention and receive acknowledgement. This is in addition to Rule 61.1(a)

15.2 Protest forms are available on the Signal Boat and protests will be delivered there no later than 30 minutes after docking time.

16. Scoring

16.1 Six races are planned. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If less than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores (no throw-outs).

16.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1 [DP] Rule 40.1 will apply. All competitors shall wear, while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a U.S. Coast Guard (or Canadian) approved PFD.

17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

[DP] means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Course Diagrams

