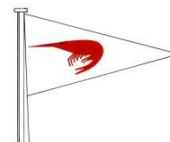


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Home Counties & Eastern Region - Laser Grand Prix Series



LASER OPEN EVENT AT HARWICH TOWN SAILING CLUB

Sunday 19th June 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Home Counties & Eastern Region Laser Grand Prix Series will be held at Harwich Town Sailing Club on 19th June 2011. The Organizing Authority is the Harwich Town Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK Laser Class Association.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
- 1.3 The relevant rules and byelaws of Harwich Town Sailing Club will apply. The HTSC Byelaws and rules will be available on application to the organising authority.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the event Notice Board located at the Harwich Town Sailing Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and signalled to competitors by the displaying of code flag L ashore for at least two hours before the advertised start time of the race where it comes into effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Harwich Town Sailing Club starting hut mainmast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore (with two sound signals; one sound signal when removed) '1 minute' in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This is in addition to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Laser Grand Prix Event will comprise of a maximum of 3 races. The schedule of races shall be:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race Number</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>
Sunday 19 th June	1	Not earlier than 11:25

Subsequent races will follow as quickly as possible after the first race finishes. It is anticipated that the event will be raced back to back.

High Water: 14:50 BST



5.2 When a further race will be started on the same day, immediately after the finish of the last boat in the previous race the Orange Flag will be displayed (one sound signal) to alert competitors that a race or sequence of starts will begin soon.

5.3 The race committee will not start a race after 1500hrs on Sunday 19th June.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

The Laser warning signal will be code flag T.

7.0 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as shown on the event notice board.

8.0 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram(s) in Event Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will also be defined on the event notice board.

8.2 To signify which course will be sailed the committee boat will display a large W (windward/leeward) or a large T (triangle course) on a board.

8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.4 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat in writing on a board at least five minutes before the warning signal.

9.0 MARKS

9.1 The Laser course Marks 1 and 3 will be an orange spherical buoys, 2 will be yellow spherical buoy

9.2 New marks will be of similar design and colour.

9.3 The start mark will be a spherical buoy with a topmast and the finish mark will be a similar buoy.

10.0 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before starting.

10.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat (or if more than one mast on the committee boat as instructed on the event notice board and/or described at the briefing) at the starboard end and the port-end start mark

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

10.4 Minimum Wind Strength - races will not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of four knots for a reasonable period before the start.

11.0 CHANGE OF 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.

11.2 When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such an alteration, a boat will be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected, and will fly code flag "C", the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the next mark will, when possible, be displayed near the start of that leg. Should the leg be lengthened or shortened this will be done without signalling (this changes RRS 33).

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark described in SI 9.3.

12.2 A boat that has finished shall then pass completely through the finishing line, and no part of her shall thereafter again cross the finishing line from either direction while the blue flag is displayed. This changes RRS 28.1. A boat



that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DNF in the race she has just finished; this alters RRS 63.1 & RRS A4.

14.0 TIME LIMITS




- 14.1 The time limit shall be 60 minutes from the starting signal of the race. When one boat has finished boats that fail to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat will be scored with their observed position on the course at that time.
- 14.2 At the discretion of the Race Officer, positions when the boats last rounded a mark or on a leg of the course may be awarded. At the discretion of the Race Officer, boats that he expects to finish outside of the time limit may be given their observed position on the course by a rescue boat flying the flag W, and then instructed by rescue boats to return to the starting area for start of the next race. If competitors are finished in this way, they must return immediately to the starting area. Redress is unlikely if they delay and miss their next start.

15.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. Completed forms must be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes, or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore between them, 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the race committee, protest committee, or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

16.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 16.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, as follows:

	1st place = 1 point
	2nd place = 2 points
	3rd place = 3 points

- 16.2 One race required to be completed to constitute a series
- 16.3 Series/event tie If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1. If there is still a tie this will be broken in favour of the boat with the best excluded result. If a tie still exists then the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.2.

17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute an adequate personal flotation device. Flag Y will not be displayed. (changes RRS 40).
- 17.2 All crews will be required to sign on before leaving the beach and sign off within 15 minutes of returning to the Beach. Anyone not complying with this may be disqualified without a hearing from all races affected by the failure.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall indicate this fact accordingly upon the retirement sheet or on the declaration sheet if applicable.

18.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 For the series of races comprising an event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results
- 18.2 Where a hull, spars or sails are damaged to such an extent that they cannot be used in the next race after all reasonable steps are taken to carry out repairs then competitors may change equipment with the prior agreement of the Race Committee.

19.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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



20.0 ADVERTISING

The regatta is designated category C.

22.0 SUPPORT BOATS

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area. All visiting support boats should be registered with the Safety Officer prior to launching. Support boats are not allowed on the course area following the warning flag for any race until the last boat has finished on any course. In addition during racing all support boats must stay a minimum distance of 100m from any competing boat or item of course furniture. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification of the competitor without hearing.

23.0 RUBBISH

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

24.0 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

25.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

26.0 PRIZES

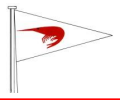
Prizes will be awarded following the circuit guidelines.

27.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 27.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 27.3 Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

28.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.



APPENDIX A

COURSE DIAGRAM

Race Marks
 ODM..... Spherical
 Marks 1 &3..... Yellow Spherical Buoy
 Mark 2.....Green spherical buoy

Windward/Leeward courses

W1 start-1(p)-3(p)- Finish
 W2 start-1(p)-3(p)-1(p)-3(p)-Finish
 W3 start-1(p)-3(p)-1(p)-3(p)-1(p)-3(p)-Finish

Triangle courses

T1 start-1(p)-2(p)-3(p)- Finish
 T2 start-1(p)-2(p)-3(p)-1(p)-3(p)-Finish
 T3 start-1(p)-2(p)-3(p)-1(p)-3(p)-1(p)-2(p)-
 3(p)-Finish

All Angles are approximate

