

Baltimore Sailing Club

Laser Icicle Regatta – Saturday & Sunday 6TH & 7th December 2014

1. **RULES**

The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply. Baltimore Sailing Club, as the host club, is the organising authority and events are run in conjunction with the Irish Laser Association.

All boats, sails, and equipment must comply with Irish Laser Association class rules.

2. **ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE**

2.1 Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Clubhouse not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect.

2.2 To enable the schedule to be completed, SI 13.3 allows for a change to the schedule of races on the water.

2.3 It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.

3. **OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

3.1 The official notice board shall be in the BSC Clubhouse.

3.2 Should ICF AP be flown from the Club flagstaff, the Warning Signal for the first race thereafter shall not be made earlier than 45 minutes after this signal is lowered.

3.3 In addition to RRS 'Race Signals', when Int. Code Flag 'D' is displayed ashore with a class flag, boats of the designated class(s)/ Fleet(s) shall not go afloat. The Warning Signal will be made not earlier than 45 minutes after this signal is lowered.

4. **FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS**

4.1 For results purposes entries will be split into Standard, Radial, and 4.7 fleets.

4.2 It is intended that there shall be two starts to each race. Standard and Radial rigs shall start together, followed by 4.7 rigs, However should there not be sufficient numbers of entries, the race committee reserve the right to amalgamate all fleets into one single start – see SI 9.

4.3 Standard and Radial rigs will start together under the Laser Class flag, and 4.7 rigs under ICF J.

5. **ELIGIBILITY**

All entrants shall be members of the Laser Class Association.

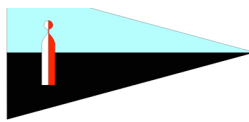
6. **SAFETY**

(a) Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat. This amends RRS 40.

(b) All boats shall have a painter of at least three metres of suitable line made fast at the bow.

7. **SAIL NUMBERS**

Except as permitted by this SI, boats shall use their correct sail number, which shall be **clearly readable** on both sides of the sail. Permission to sail under any other number must be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Duplication of sail numbers in the same or different Fleets is not permitted under any circumstances and may result in either boat not being given a result. It is the responsibility of the helm whose sail number does not match the boat number to verify if he/she is using a unique sail number before registering.



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8. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line shall be between the striped pole on the Committee Boat and a Starting Mark. An Inner Limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting Line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

9. STARTING SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS

There will be two starts for each race (see SI 4), unless an amendment to this SI is posted prior to the briefing on Saturday 6th December.

10. GENERAL RECALLS

General Recalls will be made in accordance with Rule 29.2.

11. BLACK FLAG PENALTY RULE

The sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the Committee Boat for a minimum period of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. If the Race Committee decides that a boat or boats have been materially prejudiced by the application of RRS 30.3 through an action or omission of the Race Committee, it may give redress by not displaying the sail numbers of boats identified and not disqualifying them. This SI amends RRS 30.3 and 63.1.

12. COURSE AND MARKS

12.1 The course will be a Trapezoid Course as at A below unless ICF O is flown from the committee boat prior to the start of any race:

12.2 Should ICF O be flown from the committee boat prior to the start of any race then the Olympic Triangular Course detailed at B below will be sailed.

A. Trapezoid Course

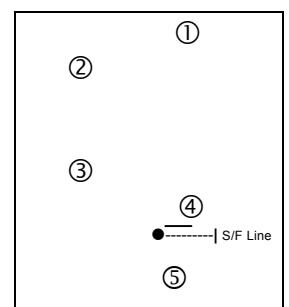
This course will be laid using five marks positioned approximately as shown in the diagram above. After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:-

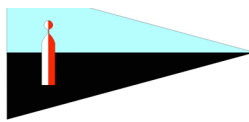
Standard & Radial Fleets:

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - Finish Line

4.7 Fleet:

1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 5 - finish





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B. Olympic Triangular Course

This course will be indicated by flag **ICF O** on the committee boat before the start sequence.

After starting marks will be rounded to port in the following order:

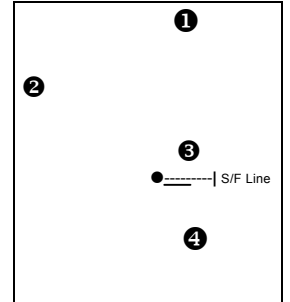
Standard & Radial Fleets

1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 - finish

4.7 Fleet

1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 - finish

12.3 Marks will be described at the briefing.



13. SCHEDULE OF RACES

13.1 Six races are scheduled for the event of which two shall be completed to constitute a series. The warning signal for the first race each day will be 11:45 hrs. A briefing will be held in the Clubhouse at 10:30hrs on Saturday 6th December, following registration.

13.2 Three races are scheduled for Saturday 6th and three on Sunday 7th, with no warning signal made after 15:00 hrs on Sunday 7th.

13.3 To complete the schedule, the race committee reserve the right to run an additional race each day in the event of an adverse weather forecast, but no more than 6 races in total will be sailed.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. FINISHING LINE

The Finishing Line shall be between the striped pole on the Committee Boat flying a Blue flag, and a Finishing Mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

The Time Limit for the leading boat in each fleet shall be 1 hour. In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat in her Fleet shall be scored as 'Did not finish'.

17. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

Appendix P will apply.

18. PROTESTS, PROTEST TIME AND HEARINGS

In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of the sail number(s) of any boat(s) against which she intends to protest. Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within Protest Time. Protest Time will be 60 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The end of Protest Time will be published on the Official Notice Board. In amendment of RRS 66 any request for re-opening a hearing shall be made within 30 minutes of the party being informed of the decision.

19. SCORING SYSTEM & DISCARDS

The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. If five or more races are completed, one discard shall be applied.

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