



# Irish Laser Provincial Championships 2018

## STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(to be read in conjunction with the Supplementary Sailing Instructions for the event)

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals APAP, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.1(a), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Irish Laser Association will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. Location will be identified in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the host club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.'

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday.
- 5.2 Racing: 

Date	Race
Saturday	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday	Races 4, 5 and 6
- 5.3 Six Races are scheduled.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the following day is 1055.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 The Race committee may decide to run race 4 on the Saturday. If so they will signal this by displaying Numeral 4 on the finish boat at the end of race 3.
- 5.7 The Standard, Radial and 4.7 Fleets will be started separately from each other and Rule 26 will apply. The starting order for the three Fleets will initially be: Standard - Radial - 4.7.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Standard Rig Fleet shall have the White Laser Class Flag as their Class Flag, The Radials will use the Green Radial Class flag and the 4.7s will use the Yellow 4.7 class flag.

### 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 See Supplementary Sailing Instructions for description of the race area.

### 8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

### 10 THE START

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

- 10.2** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11 CHANGE OF THE 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** Minor Course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 12 THE FINISH**
- 12.1** The finishing line will be between a mast on a committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end finishing mark.
- 13 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 13.1** The Exoneration Penalty and Appendix T Arbitration will be available.
- 14 TIME LIMITS**
- 14.1** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2** In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.3** The Time limit for the leading boat in each fleet shall be 2 hours.
- 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1** Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room. Location will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). 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 based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16 SCORING**
- 16.1** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, one discard shall apply. This changes RRS A2.
- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.
- 17.2** Competitors shall use the tally system as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3** Except as permitted by this SI, boats shall use their correct sail numbers which shall be clearly

readable on both sides of the sail. Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the Irish Laser Association representative 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 will result in all relevant boats being scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).

**19 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. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20 SUPPORT BOATS**

**20.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**21 TRASH DISPOSAL**

**21.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**22.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

**23 PRIZES**

**23.1** Prizes will be given as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

**24 RISK STATEMENT**

**24.1** Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

**25 INSURANCE**

**25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 or the equivalent.