



Sailing Instructions

2022 Laser Masters

Australian Championship



25 – 28 February 2022

Balnarring Beach, Victoria, Australia

Organising Authority: Westernport Yacht Club (WYC), Victorian Laser Association (VLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association (ALCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2, for Off The Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3. ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: “Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing.”
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this event.
(DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
(NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6. Electronic Equipment:
 - 1.6.1. The Laser class rules specifically ban the use of any electronic equipment other than a compass and timing device. This includes all timing devices or electronic compasses which can transmit, receive, calculate or store information on wind speed or direction, boat speed or position is allowed.
 - 1.6.2. In accordance with ILCA By-Law 1 Part 3 para 22 Compass, Electronic Equipment and Timing Devices, heart rates monitors with functionality restricted to logging only are allowed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Sailing Office on the lower floor.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located next to the race control tower.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Dates of racing:

Tue 22 February	Pre-regatta Coaching Clinic
Wed 23 February	Pre-regatta Coaching Clinic
<u>Thur 24 February</u>	0900-1700 Early Registration & Charter boat allocation
Fri 25 February	0830-1200 Registration & Charter boat allocation 1200 Information Session 1400 2 races back to back After racing – Complimentary food and one drink
Sat 26 February	1300 3 races back to back After racing – Complimentary food and one drink
Sun 27 February	1300 3 races back to back After racing – Regatta dinner at WYC (Free for competitors)
Mon 28 February	1030 2 races back to back After racing – Prize Giving

- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3. **Laser Standard GGM & Laser Radial Legend Age Divisions:** Code Flag One displayed on the Finish Race Committee Boat signifies no further racing in the current on-water session.
- 5.4. On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1. Racing will be conducted in three Fleets as follows:
 - Laser Standard – All Age Divisions
 - Laser Radial - Grand Masters;
 - Laser Radial – Apprentice, Masters, Great Grand Masters & Legends

7. FLEET FLAGS

- 7.1. The Fleet flag for the **Laser Standard** will be a White Flag with Red Laser Emblem.
- 7.2. The Fleet flag for the **Laser Radial Grand Masters** will be a blue flag with a Red Laser Emblem.
- 7.3. The Fleet flag for the **Laser Radial Apprentice, Masters, Great Grand Masters, & Legends** will be a Green Flag with Red Laser Emblem.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the waters of Western Port Bay off WYC.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram in attachment A shows the course including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS rule 33.
- 9.3. Courses will be designated on a board on the Race Committee Vessel located on the starboard end of the start line and displayed before or with the warning signal.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P and 5 will be orange conical bouys.
- 10.2. Mark 1a will be a red conical buoy.
- 10.3. Marks 4S and 4P will be yellow conical buoys.
- 10.4. The Finish Mark will be a blue conical mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the port end.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end Finish Mark.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 50 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to complete the course will be 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit for each Class will be 60 minutes after the last boat for that Class has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

15.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

15.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3. When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4. When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.5. All Age Divisions will be scored only within that Age Division.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP)

16.1. Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.

The Sign On period for each Class will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day.

The Sign Off period for each Class will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.

To "sign on," each skipper shall use the Australian Lasers App.

To "sign off," each skipper shall use the Australian Lasers App.

16.2. Failure to Sign On or Sign Off will result in that boat receiving a 5 point penalty without a hearing.

However, no boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. For boats failing to sign on, this penalty will be applied to the first race of the session. For boats failing to sign off, this penalty will be applied to the last race of the session. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, one sail, one mast and boom, one centreboard and one rudder.

17.2. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race committee boats may display the WYC burgee.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 metres of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment for all boats, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS (DP)

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as per the Notice of Race.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organising Authority and/or Westernport Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

Attachment A

Course Diagram

The diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The leg between marks 3S/3P and mark 5 may be laid shorter than the leg between mark 1 and mark 2 so that the finish line is not directly to leeward of the start line.

Outer (O):1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH
Inner (I):1, 1A, 4S/4P (gate), 1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH

