



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021-22 Bristol Yacht Club Frostbite Series

1.0 RACING RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by “The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024”, the Appendices, the BYC Frostbite Sailing NOR, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Participating competitors & classes shall conform to Class Rules with respect to ILCA rules for Lasers and RS Aero World Sailing Class Association rules for RS Aero with the following exceptions:

- Non class approved sails (commonly referred to as “practice” or “training” sails) of same size and cut may be used as an alternative to the official class sails in local fleet racing.
- There will be no scoring adjustment in time or points for sail size. Sail selection is at the discretion of the sailor.
- Identical 3rd party non class approved components or parts designed to perform to the same specifications of the laser class utilizing the same materials in construction, application and hull mounting location shall be accepted.

1.3 Should there be conflicts between these SI’s and the RRS or Notice of Race, these SI’s will govern.

2.0 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Competitors must wear USCG Type III PFD’s (inflatables not permitted) and appropriate wet or dry suit.

2.2 To be scored, a competitor must have:

- A Completed, signed and delivered registration form (on line or paper) and a signed Waiver of Liability form (printed then scanned or prior to w/ first race).
- Paid the entry fee
- For Lasers, ILCA conforming numbers or unique sail numbers are required. In the case of same or similar numbers amongst boats (last 3 Digits), numbers that conform to the Hull number designation and ILCA will be take priority over numbers that do not.



3.0 RACE PROCEDURES

3.1 The first warning signal will be at 1:00 pm. It is the responsibility of participants to be in the vicinity of the starting line and signed in by hail with the RC and ready to race.

3.2 A class with less than three boats in the starting area may be started with another fleet. Such boats will be scored separately.

3.3 Postponement will be determined by the RC & Fleet Captains. If postponed ashore, no start will occur within 30 minutes.

3.4 RC may continue to start races until 3:30 pm.

3.5 The time limit for a single race is 30 minutes, or 10 minutes after the first finisher, whichever is sooner.

3.6 The RC may, at its discretion, award points for “position at the time” for boats not yet finished if it deems continuing such race will prolong the starting sequence for the next race.

3.7 All race signals and communication will be made by hails, which may be accompanied by visual signals, and/or sound signals from a RC boat.

3.8 At the discretion of RC, announced course may be modified by hail as twice around.

3.9 Insufficient class registration (less than 3 boats): Participants in classes with less than 3 boats registered for the series will be notified prior to the event and registration fees will be refunded if such class cannot make the required participation number.

4.0 COURSES AND MARKS

4.1 The start/finish line will be marked by an orange mark or Penguin flag and a staff on the RC shack or boat flying an orange flag.

4.2 Marks will be small inflatable's tetrahedrons, inflatable cylinders, red balls or Penguin class mark flags.

4.3 RC may use government marks or mooring balls but must declare and identify the mark prior to any start.

4.4 Courses will be announced by the RC by hail and visual display of selected course.

4.5 The RC may add a windward off-set mark or a leeward gate to any course.

4.6 Course designs: See below



5.0 STARTING PROCEDURES

- 5.1 A 3-minute “Audible-Signal Racing System” will be used (Appendix U).
- 5.2 The RC may, but is not required to, invoke the “I Flag Rule” (rule 30.1, around the ends) by flag or hail.
- 5.3 No boat may start more than 3 minutes after the start signal.
- 5.4 All hails may use the last 3 or 4 digits of the sail number.
- 5.5 If more than one boat class is racing, the start/finish lines are “closed” except when starting, finishing, or rounding (Courses D, F) unless declared open by RC prior to start.
- 5.6 Laser: Standards, Radials and 4.7 will start together and be scored together.
- 5.7 RS Aero: 5, 7 & 9 class Aero will start together and be scored together.

6.0 SCORING

- 6.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used for scoring each daily race series and for each series standings as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 6.2 One or more races completed by 3 or more boats will constitute a daily race series and count toward the final series qualification. There are no throw outs for daily race scoring.
- 6.3 Each boat’s series score will be calculated using a Low Point system with a minimum participation requirement of 65% of the series races completed to be scored for that series. Any races sailed above the number required for qualification may be used as throw-outs.
- 6.4 Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored as the lesser of 3 places worse than the last finisher, or one place worse than the number of starters in the race.
- 6.5 Points shall be awarded as follows:
- DNF (did not finish a race): The number of starters in the race. Any boat not finishing should notify the RC or another boat of her intention to retire before returning to shore.
 - DNS (signed in but did not start a race): One more than the number of starters in the race.
 - DNC (did not compete, did not sign in): One more than the number of boats registered for the frostbite season.
- 6.6 Unregistered boats will be scored as DNC for the final series scoring.
- 6.7 Sailors volunteering for RC duty will be awarded, once per series, two first place finishes plus the average of their series scores for the balance of races that day.



7.0 PROTESTS

7.1 Competitors are expected to enforce the RRS themselves, by using hails and filing protests.

7.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are modified to require a one---turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

7.3 Protests must be reported to the RC at the end of the race.

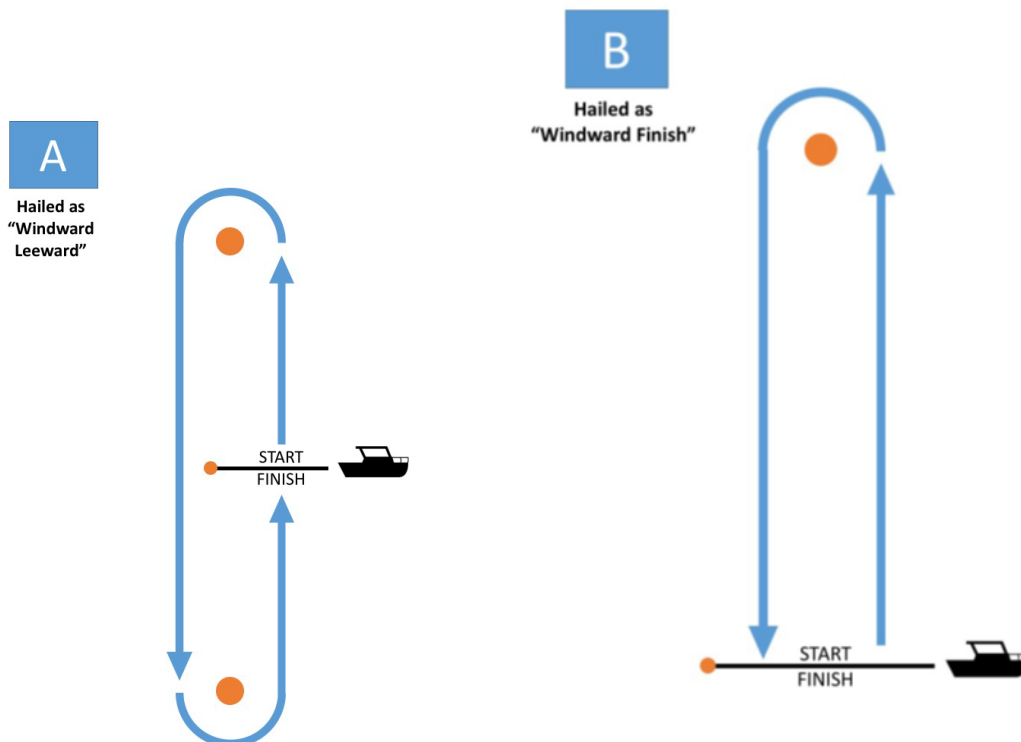
7.4 The RC can declare penalties.

7.4 The RC may file protests when it observes rule violations if no boat accepts a penalty or protests.

7.5 Competitors involved in protests must report to the RC within 20 minutes after the RC boat docks.

7.7 The Protest Committee will be appointed by the RC.

COURSES:





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