

South East Florida Winter RC Laser Regatta

February 21, 2021

Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority is Sabal Pines RC Laser Fleet & Sabal Pines Model Yacht Club.

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The SEF Winter RC Laser Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024*, as amended under Appendix E radio controlled boat racing rules and the class rules of the AMYA RC Laser Class.
- 1.2 The RRS and Class Rules are amended as follows;
- 1.3 Rule 2 Fair Sailing. Sailors shall exhibit sportsman like behavior at all times during this regatta. Any sailor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 may be issued a warning by the race committee. Second infractions may result in disqualification from the race.
- 1.4 Rule 31. Marks of the course must be rounded in the proper direction and on the proper side. Touching a mark will not result in a penalty with the exception of the starting marks during the start and the finishing marks while finishing.
- 1.5 Rule E4.2(b) Outside Help. Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.
- 1.6 A five minute hold may be requested by a competitor who is unable to make it to the starting line. One hold per competitor per day will be granted. The request MUST be made and ACKNOWLEDGED by the RC before the starting sequence for that heat begins. No holds will be granted for sail changes or after the starting sequence has begun. You may attempt to repair your boat and re-join the race if possible.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the scorer's tent.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be given verbally to the competitors.

3. SCHEDULE.

- 3.1 9:00 - 9:30 am - Registration.
- 3.2 9:30 am - Skippers Meeting.
- 3.3 10:00 am - Warning Signal for the first start.
- 3.4 Mid-day – Lunch break.
- 3.5 3:00 pm - No warning signal will be made after.

4. BOAT LAUNCH.

- 4.1. Boats should be launched and retrieved from the designated launch area of the beach.
- 4.2 Only race committee and competitors sailing in the heat racing will be permitted in the launching area.

5. RACES.

- 5.1 The regatta contestants will be divided into 2 fleets.
- 5.2 The first seeding round will be divided using a random selection.
- 5.3 The second and third seeding rounds will be divided using the odd/even system.
- 5.4 The subsequent races will fixed A and B fleets based on seeding.

6. THE COURSES.

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course board near the scorer's tent and announced verbally.
- 6.2 The weather mark may have an offset mark.
- 6.3 The leeward marks may be a "Gate" with two marks, **or** a turning mark with an offset.
- 6.4 If a leeward gate is used, boats must pass **in-between** the two marks. The starboard mark to be rounded to starboard or the port mark to be rounded to port.

7. MARKS.

- 7.1 The windward and leeward marks will be bucket cylinders. Start/Finish marks will be bucket cylinders. Detailed mark colors and placement will be described at the Skippers meeting.

8. THE START.

- 8.1 The race director will announce a warning for the start of starting sequence.
8.2 The races will be started using an audible 2 minute starting sequence.
8.3 A boat with any part of her hull or equipment on the course side of the starting line (OCS) during the one-minute period prior to the starting signal shall be sailed to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting (i.e. no dip starts), modifying Rules 30 and E3.5..

9. THE FINISH.

- 9.1 The Finish will be between two bucket cylinders as designated by the race director.
9.2 A single boat still sailing the course after all the other boats have finished may be hailed and scored in its position, provided it started correctly.
9.3 All boats shall keep clear of the finish line after finishing, Rule 23.1. A boat who has finished and interferes with a boat still racing may be given a penalty of four points by the RD without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM.

- 10.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on the water penalty turns.
10.2 RRS E4.3 (b) requires that a boat take a One-Turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) and, at the completion of the One-Turn penalty, the skipper will determine if she has gained a significant advantage over the boat or boats fouled. If she has, she will do an additional one turn penalty, and continue doing additional turns until she no longer has a significant advantage. The significant advantage is determined after the completion of each penalty turn, modifying Rule E4.3 (b).
10.3 Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of all boats and complete one penalty turn as soon after the incident as possible.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 11.1 A skipper protesting another boat shall twice hail, "Protest" and the other boat's sail number (Rule E6.3). (Make sure the protested boat knows that it is being protested.)
11.2 The protested boat skipper shall reply that either the protest is accepted, or intends to go to a hearing. Boats wishing to exonerate themselves shall sail clear of all boats and complete the penalty turn(s) as soon after the incident as possible. If choosing to go to a hearing and found to be at fault by the protest committee, the boat in the wrong will be awarded a DSQ which cannot be thrown out.
11.3 RRS E6, **Protests**. A competitor intending to protest another competitor or petition for redress must inform the RC immediately following the relevant race. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using a "Three minute format". One minute for the person lodging the protest to be heard, one minute for the offending boat to rebut and one minute for the committee to issue its findings. The finding of the protest committee will be final and cannot be appealed.
11.4 Protest not settled on the water shall be heard at the convenience of the race committee.

12. REDRESS.

- 12.1 A boat may request redress for (Rule 62.1), as amended by Appendix E6.6, while having right-of-way.
12.2 All decisions regarding redress will be following Rule 64.3
12.3 Redress may be awarded by the Race Committee orally following an incident, without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1. If an interested party disagrees with the Race Committee's call, that skipper may request a Redress hearing after finishing the heat, modifying Rule 63.1.

13. SCORING.

- 13.1 The regatta will be scored under the Low Point Scoring system.
- 13.2 The 2 best scores of the 3 scheduled seeding races will be used to determine fleet placement for the regatta.
- 13.3 All seeding races will also count toward the regatta.
- 13.4 A minimum of one race must be sailed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.5 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.6 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding its worst score.
- 13.7 OCS, DNF, and DNS will be scored last place in the heat + 1.
- 13.8 DSQ will be scored last place in the heat + 2.
- 13.9 Skippers who have won three or more 1st Place Silver Fleet awards shall be moved to the bottom of the Gold Fleet if they fail to qualify for the Gold Fleet. The skipper will keep all points earned in the seeding races. The last place skipper in the Gold fleet will have the option to stay in the Gold Fleet or move to the top of the Silver Fleet.

14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

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

15. PRIZES.

- 15.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 A fleet finishers.
- 15.2 Prizes will be given for the top 3 B fleet finishers.
- 15.3 A Sportsmanship award will be given to one skipper in each fleet. All skippers of each fleet will cast a ballot for the skipper in their fleet that exemplified the best sportsmanship.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. COVID 19 GUIDELINES.

- 17.1 All competitors must adhere to these COVID 19 guidelines;
- 17.2 If anyone has a fever or are not feeling well, please leave the park.
- 17.3 Face mask must always be worn.
- 17.4 Social distance six feet apart whenever possible.