



Sabal Pines Model Yacht Club
2024 RC Laser Club Championship Series
Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions



1) **RULES:**

- 1.1 The Race Officer shall be the Fleet captain, appointed by the Fleet Captain, or voted on by the competitors.
- 1.2 The SMPYC 2024 RC Laser Club Championship Series 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.
- 1.3 The RRS and Class Rules are amended as follows.
- 1.4 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 Officer. Second infractions may result in disqualification from the race.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Rule E4.2(b) Outside Help. Boats aground or entangled may be freed by anyone.
- 1.7 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 competitors 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 verbal.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be given verbally to the competitors.

3) **ELIGIBILITY:**

- 3.1 The Series is open to any skipper that is a member of the SPMYC.
- 3.2 No specific entry in the Series is required; any eligible skipper that competes in a Daily race will automatically be scored in the Series.
- 3.3 The boat used must be an RC Laser. Skippers may use different RC Lasers throughout the Series.

4) **SCHEDULE:**

- 4.1 Twelve Monthly regatta scores earn boats points in the Series.
- 4.2 D95s may be scored once a month on a Sunday (see calendar).
- 4.3 11:30am - The Warning Signal for the first start.
- 4.4 2:30pm - No warning signal will be made after this time.

- 5) **THE COURSES:**
- 5.1 The course to be sailed will be announced verbally.
 - 5.2 The weather mark may have an offset mark.
 - 5.3 The leeward marks may be a "Gate" with two marks, or a turning mark with an offset.
 - 5.4 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.
- 6) **THE START:**
- 6.1 A warning will be announced before the start of starting sequence.
 - 6.2 The races will be started using an audible 2 minute starting sequence.
 - 6.3 A volunteer will call the starting line in the first race of the day. The previous race winner will call the line for each subsequent race.
- 7) **THE FINISH:**
- 7.1 The first skipper across the finish line shall write down the scores. The second skipper across the finish line shall call out the sail numbers as the remaining boats finish.
 - 7.2 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.
 - 7.3 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 without a hearing, modifying Rule 63.1.
- 8) **PENALTY SYSTEM:**
- 8.1 Only Appendix E Rule E4.3 is used to cover on the water penalty turns.
 - 8.2 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).
- 9) **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**
- 9.1 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.)
 - 9.2 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.
 - 9.3 RRS E6, Protests. A competitor intending to protest another competitor or petition for redress must inform the Race Officer 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 Protest Committee to issue its findings.
 - 9.4 Protest not settled on the water shall be heard at the convenience of the Race Officer.

10) **REDRESS:**

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

11) **MONTHLY SCORING:**

- 11.1 For each Month to be scored, a minimum of three races shall be held.
- 11.2 For each Month to be scored, a minimum of three boats shall compete.
- 11.3 To be scored for the Month, a skipper must have started at least one race in the day.
- 11.4 Each individual Month will be scored separately using the RRS Appendix A4 Low Point System for scoring.
- 11.5 One discard will be made for every 5 races.
- 11.6 OCS, DNF, and DNS will be scored last place + 1.
- 11.7 DSQ will be scored last place + 2.
- 11.8 On Monthly race days, if there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's score including discards shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best scores. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last score. If a tie still remains, trophies shall be awarded to all tied competitors.

12) **SERIES SCORING:**

- 12.1 For the overall Series to be scored, a minimum of two Monthly days of racing shall be held.
- 12.2 Series scoring will be a high point system using the Finish Position for each Monthly score in the Series. The number of boats sailed minus the Finish Position and then added 11.
- 12.3 Eight Monthly scores will be counted for the series.
- 12.4 In the Series, if there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's Monthly score including discards shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best scores. If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last Monthly scores. If a tie still remains, trophies shall be awarded to all tied competitors.

13) **PRIZES:**

- 15.1 Awards will be given for the top 3 skippers of the year.
- 15.2 An award may be given to the most improved skipper of the year.
- 15.3 A Sportsmanship award will be given to one skipper. All skippers will cast a ballot for the skipper that exemplified the best sportsmanship throughout the year.

16) **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

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