



Seattle Yacht Club

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Laser Pacific Coast Championship

June 4-5, 2011

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and G2.
- 1.3 Other changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall have precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 The official notice board will be located near the east entrance of the Corinthian Yacht Club clubhouse and optionally on the Seattle Yacht Club web site (www.seattleyachtclub.org). After the last day of racing, the official notice board will be located on the Seattle Yacht Club web site.
- 2.3 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time. Any communication not defined by the rules is unofficial communication. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0900 the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 the day before it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule is as follows:

Friday (June 3)

1200 - 1300	Check in
1400	Practice races first warning
1600 - 1900	Check in

Saturday

0800 - 0900	Late check in
0900 - 0915	Skipper's meeting
1100	First warning signal
After racing	Dinner party hosted by local fleet

Sunday

1030	First warning signal
1530	No warning signal after this time
After racing	Awards party

- 4.2 A target of four and up to five races may be sailed each day with a target time of 30 to 60 minutes for each race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat while moored at Shilshole Marina within sight of dock X.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the removal of AP unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area is Puget Sound in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay.
- 6.2 The race committee signal boat will be the Seattle Yacht Club M/V *Portage Bay*. If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used. The race committee signal boat will fly the Seattle Yacht Club burgee and a blue "R/C" flag.

7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Classes and class flags are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Laser	Flag with Laser symbol
Laser Radial	Flag with Laser symbol and "R"
Laser 4.7	Flag with "4.7"

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 The race committee signal boat will display a number placard to signal the course. Course descriptions are in Attachment A: Course Descriptions.
- 8.2 The starting mark buoy will be an orange inflatable buoy. Rounding marks and the finishing mark buoy will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 8.3 The leeward mark will be a gate mark. If one of the gate marks is missing, the course at that mark is to round the remaining mark to port.
- 8.4 If a mark has been substituted by an object displaying flag M, the attachment of a buoy, including the original mark, to the object will not be considered temporary or



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accidental for its purpose of identification or protection, and the buoy will be considered part of the mark.

- 8.5 If the starting or finishing mark is substituted by an object displaying flag M, repetitive sound signals are not required. This changes RRS 34.
- 8.6 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the finishing line unless she is finishing or rounding the finishing mark as a rounding mark. This changes RRS 28.2. A boat that fails to observe this restriction may exonerate herself by taking a Two-Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1 but does not change RRS 44.1(b). A boat that fails to exonerate herself will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The finishing line and its marks is an obstruction and not a mark for a boat required to keep clear.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.
- 9.2 If a general recall for a preceding class is signaled after the warning signal of a succeeding class, then the visual signals for the succeeding class will be removed and the start of the succeeding class will be considered abandoned without further signal.
- 9.3 If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.3.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 9.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area when other boats are racing but have not yet started.
- 9.6 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to hold position on the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark buoy.
- 10.2 The race committee may adjust or maintain the position of the finishing mark buoy at any time without regard to RRS 33.
- 10.3 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to adjust or maintain the size and orientation of the finishing line at any time, including while anchored. This changes RRS 33 and 34.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. In RRS P2.1, the word "first" is deleted. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

- 11.2 If a member of the protest committee sees an incident that they believe is breach of a rule in RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, they may make one sound signal immediately after the incident to indicate their opinion that a boat should take a penalty under RRS 44.1. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instruction 2.3.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finish time.
- 12.2 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat and 15 minutes after the first boat for other boats.
- 12.3 A boat that does not finish within her time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing must orally notify the race committee signal boat as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing until she receives an oral confirmation from the race committee that the notification was received. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.2 Written protests and requests for redress must be delivered within the protest time limit to a representative of the protest committee located near the official notice board.
- 13.3 The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board after racing each day. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the end of the last race each day or 15 minutes after the posting of the time limit, whichever is later.
- 13.4 Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform parties of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise, hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notice as required by RRS 63.2.
- 13.5 A boat may not protest another boat for Sailing Instructions 9.5. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14 SCORING

- 14.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 14.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if six or more races are completed in the series. This changes RRS A2.

15 COMPETITOR SUPPORT BOATS

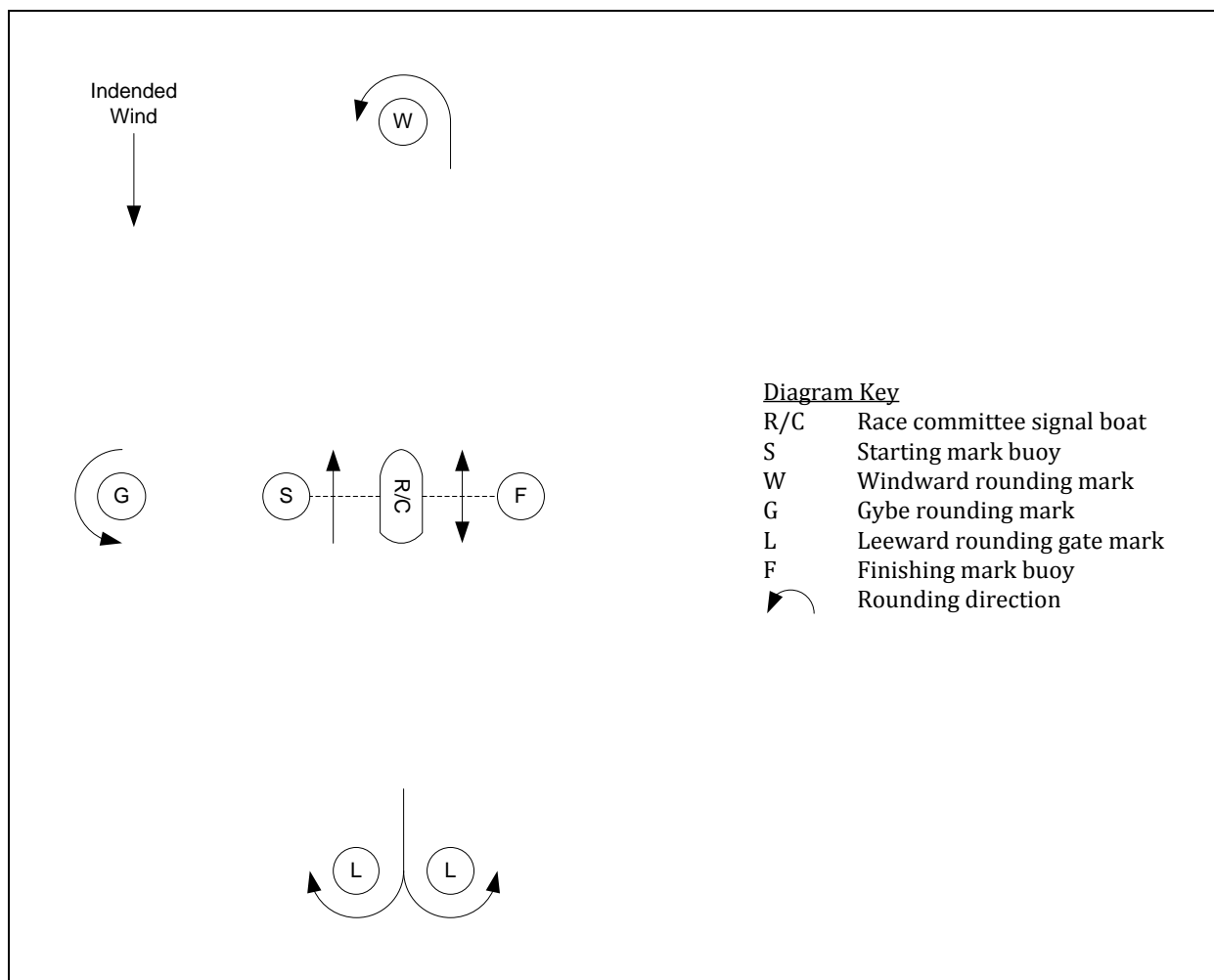
- 15.1 Boats are responsible for their support boats (including support, coach, and spectator boats). Support boats are not allowed to do the following with respect to boats that are racing: communicate, be within 100 meters, or impact with a wake.



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ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



<u>Course Signal</u>	<u>Mark Sequence</u>
3	S-W-L-F
4	S-W-L-W-F
5	S-W-L-W-L-F
6	S-W-G-L-W-L-F