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The Organising Authority is Humpybong Yacht Club in conjunction with the Queensland Laser Association Inc.

(NP) denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat.

(DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

(SP) denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing RRS.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australia Sailing(AS).Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3. The rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) will apply.

2. Notices To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board downstairs in the HYC clubhouse.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2 hours before the earliest warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700hr on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed official flag pole located in the grassed rigging area adjacent to the Marina office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Divisions

5.1. The regatta will be sailed in three Divisions:

- 5.1.1.Division 1 Standard
- 5.1.2.Division 2 Radial
- 5.1.3.Division 3 4.7

5.2. In addition to the Open category, each division is further categorised by age groups as set out below.

| | | Age Sailor will become in the year of the Championship | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|----|----|----|----------|----|----------|----|----|--|
| | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| Laser 4.7 | | UNDER 16 | | | | UNDER 18 | | | | | |
| Laser Radial Youth | | | | | | UNDER 17 | | UNDER 19 | | | |
| Laser Radial Women Under-21 | | | | | | UNDER 21 | | | | | |
| Laser Standard Men Under-21 | | | | | | UNDER 21 | | | | | |

5.3. Masters Age categories.

5.3.1. The age categories are as below and are based on the age of the competitor on the first day of competition.

| Age Group | Masters Category |
|-------------|---|
| 35-44 | Apprentice Master (Standard and Radial only) |
| 45- 54 | Master (Standard and Radial only) |
| 55-64 | Grand Master (Standard and Radial only) |
| 65-74 | Great Grand Master (Standard and Radial only) |
| 75 and over | Legend (Radial only) |

6. Schedule

| Date | Time | Schedule |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Friday 9 th March | 1200 – 1700 hrs | Registration / Measurement |
| Saturday 10 th March | 0900 – 1100 hrs 1100 hrs 1230 hrs After last race | Registration / Measurement Competitor and Support Boat Briefing Racing at least 2 Races Barbecue |
| Sunday 11 th March | 1100 hrs 1500 | Racing at least 3 races Barbecue and Presentation |

- 6.1. Competitors will be notified at 1700hrs on the evening before, of the time of first signal on the next day.
- 6.2. Registration shall be completed prior to the start of the first scheduled race.
- 6.3. The first signal for the first race will be at 1300hrs on the first scheduled day of racing. No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 6.4. Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the organisers.

7. Division Flags

| Categories | Fleet Flag |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Division 1 - Standard Rig | Numeral Pennant One |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Division 2 - Radial Rig | Numeral Pennant Two |
| Division 3- 4.7 Rig | Numeral Pennant Three |

8. (NP) (DP) Equipment and Measurement

- 8.1. All boats shall comply with class requirements.
- 8.2. Random checks of yachts and equipment may be carried out at any time during the regatta. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from all races sailed prior to such inspection.
- 8.3. In the event of damage, replacement equipment may only be substituted with written permission of the Race Committee.

9. Racing Area

- 9.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Bramble Bay on a course dedicated to only participating yachts.



Figure 11.1 – Racing area

10. The Courses

- 10.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. Marks

- 11.1. Marks are described in Attachment A

12. The Start

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end yellow pencil buoy starting mark.

- 12.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 12.3. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

14. The Finish

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end yellow and black hatched finishing mark.

15. Time Limits And Target Times

- 15.1. Target time for all races is 45 minutes
- 15.2. Time limits for all races shall be 60 minutes.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their category sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. Penalty System

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17. Protests And Requests For Redress

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4. Hearings will be held in the HYC clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 17.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6. Breaches of instructions 12.2, 15.1, 19 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.7. 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 RRS 62.2.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The Low Point scoring system A4 will apply.
- 18.2. 5 races are scheduled of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. When less than four races have been completed the boats series score shall be the total of all race scores. When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her ONE worst score.

19. Safety Requirements

- 19.1. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats Section 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that the personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 19.2. All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore. [DP]
- 19.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 19.4. Boats failing to comply with S19 may be protested by the Race Committee and receive a penalty less than DSQ as decided by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1, A4 and A5.

20. Official Boats

- 20.1. Official boats may be marked with the HYC pennant.

21. Rubbish Disposal

- 21.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Competitors may be protested for disposing of trash into the water. [DP]

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

23. Prizes

- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Qld Laser Association Inc.
- 23.2. All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the over-all results of the applicable class.
- 23.3. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in each competing Category with sufficient entries.

24. Insurance

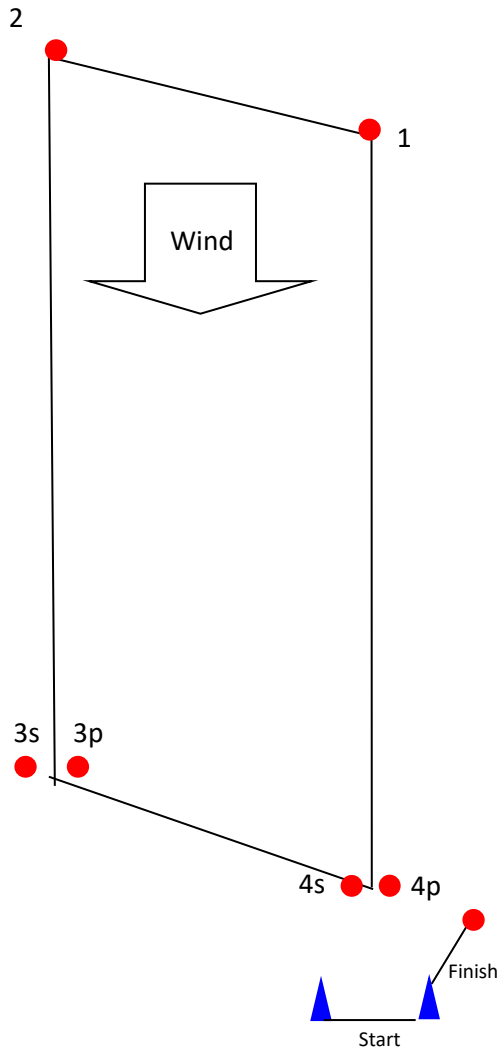
- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

25. Disclaimer Of Liability

- 25.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

Attachment A – Courses

Trapezoid 80°, 100°, 100°, 80° interior angles Start finish together. Reach < half beat length



| Buoys: | |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Orange Inflatable |
| 2 | Yellow inflatable |
| 3S/3P | Yellow inflatable |
| 4S/4P | Orange inflatable |
| Start | Inflatable |
| Finish | Yellow and Black Inflatable |

Course 1 Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish

Course 2 Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish

Course 3 Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish

Course 4 Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish