

WWSC Laser Grand Prix and Open

Saturday 7th May 2022

Weir Wood Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Hut. All competitors should attend the 10.30hrs Race Hut Briefing.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045hrs on Saturday 8th May and briefed accordingly at the 1045hrs Race Hut Briefing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Hut.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Up to 6 races will be sailed.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

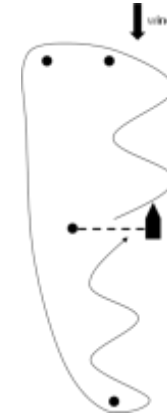
The class flags will be described at the Race Hut Briefing.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be immediately off the near shore and described at the Race Hut Briefing.

8 THE COURSES

The course will be a windward – leeward, with a windward spreader mark as shown in the diagram below.



The diagram shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Any number of laps may be sailed but Flag S (blue square on white) will be displayed with two sound signals as the leading boat commences the final leg to the shortened course finish line.

An alternative course format may be used. This will be described at the 1045hrs Race Hut Briefing.

9 MARKS

Marks will be as described at the 10.30hrs Race Hut Briefing.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Competitors will not sail within 50 metres of the far fishing bank. There are no known submerged obstacles in or around the race area.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

- 3 minutes - Warning signal (class flag)
- 2 minutes – Preparatory signal (P or black flag)
- 1 minute – One minute signal (class flag removed)

This changes rule 26. If a 5, 4, 1 sequence is to be used it will be briefed at the Race Hut Briefing.

Depending on the number of Standard , Radial, 4.7 , rigs entering we may have 2 different starts .

11.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat mast (white day boat) and the outer distance.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the committee boat and the outer distance.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Penalties are as per rule 44.1 (Two-Turns) except for touching a mark (One-Turn).

14.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The helm of a protesting boat shall inform the Race Officer immediately upon finishing a race. Protest forms will not be used. Protests will be heard and determined by an ad hoc protest committee either on the slipway or in the committee room at the clubhouse immediately on coming ashore after racing.

17 SCORING

The Low Point System will apply.

17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When six races are sailed 5 to count

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Personal buoyancy will be worn at all times.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

The committee boat will be a Shetland cabined blue day boat. Support boats shall be RIBs.

20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be award in Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 categories.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.