

2012 RC Laser North American Championship Regatta
June 8th to 10th 2012
Organizing Authority, RC laser Fleet 14 and Canandaigua Yacht club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The RC Laser North American Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, as amended under Appendix E radio controlled boat racing rules
- 1.2. RC Laser Class Association of North America rules will apply
- 1.3. The RRS and Class Rules are amended as follows:
- 1.4. Rule 2 Fair Sailing. Sailors will 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.
- 1.5. 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 mark after starting and the finishing mark before 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 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 in the scorers tent
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions may be given verbally to the competitors.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule time for Warning signal for first start

Friday June 8th	Championship seeding regatta	2:00 pm
Saturday June 9th	Break for Lunch	9:00 am
Sunday June 10th		9:00 am

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 12:30 pm

4. RACES

- 4.1. The regatta contestants will be divided into 3 or more heats of no more than 15 starters
- 4.2. The progression/recession equal opportunity system with top 4 finishers moving up and bottom 4 moving down will be followed.
- 4.3. Each heat will sail the same course in each race. Course direction may change to accommodate a wind change
- 4.4. Heats will be yellow, blue, and orange.

5. RACING AREA

5.1. The races will be held in the area of Canandaigua Lake adjacent to Steamboat landing.

6. BOAT LAUNCH

6.1. Boats may be launched from the Eastern side of the dock

6.2. Boats will be retrieved from the Western side of the dock

6.3. Only Race Committee and Competitors sailing in the heat racing will be permitted on the end 3 docks

7. THE COURSES

7.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course board near to the control area and announced verbally

7.2. The course may be twice around windward-leeward with the start at mid course, and a midcourse or weather mark finish. The weather marks will be a turning mark with an offset. The leeward marks will be a tuning mark with an offset **or** a "Gate", with two marks of the same color.

7.3. If a leeward gate is used the sailor must pass in-**between** the two marks. The Starboard mark will be rounded to starboard and the port mark will be rounded to port and there is no offset.

7.4. The course may be a triangle, windward, leeward, windward course with a midline start/finish

8. MARKS

8.1. The windward and leeward marks will be red, yellow or green round balls. The start marks will be small blue cylinders. The gibe mark will be a small pink cylinder

9. THE START

9.1. The race director will announce a warning for the start of starting sequence

9.2. The race committee will announce the heat starting and the heat colored flag will fly near the start area

9.3. The races will be started using the 2 minute starting sequence.

9.4. The I flag rule will be in effect for all starts.

9.5. The start will be between the two blue cylinders.

10. THE FINISH

10.1. The Finish will be between the two blue cylinders or at the weather mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. Protests. If protested by another competitor, you may choose to do the following: Sail clear and complete a penalty turn consisting of one tack and one gybe in the same direction or, if you are unable to do a penalty turn, before you exit the water you can alert the RC that you would like to retire from that race. You will receive a DNF which can be thrown out or, you can proceed to the protest hearing. If found to be at fault by the protest committee, you will be awarded a DSQ which cannot be thrown out.
- 12.2. Rule E5, Protests. A competitor intending to protest another competitor or petition for redress must inform the RC immediately following the relevant heat. A protest form is not required. The protest hearing will be conducted using the "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 is final and cannot be appealed..

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Friday races will be scored as a separate regatta. Finish positions will be used to determine starting heat for the championship on Saturday morning.
- 13.2. A minimum of three races must be sailed to constitute a regatta for the North American Championships
- 13.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. For every 6 races sailed one worst score will be discarded
- 13.5. OCS, DNF, and DNS will be scored last place in the heat + 1
- 13.6. DSQ will be scored number of registrants +1.

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. The contestant must remain the same throughout the regatta.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be given for the practice regatta
- 16.2. Prizes will be awarded to the first ten finishers in the North American Championship, the top placing junior contestant (younger than 21 years) and the top placing woman contestant

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. 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.