

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2021 METROPOLITAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIP

Divisions

4.7s, Radials and Standard Rigs

13 – 14 March 2021

Organised by

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Limited

578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, Brisbane, Australia

On behalf of

Queensland Laser Association Inc.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Inc. (AS) Addendum A – Part 2 Shall apply.
- 1.3 The rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Shall apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying code flag L.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at RQYS Sailing Office, telephone 3396 8666, email Sailing@rqys.com.au.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flagstaff adjacent to Bill Kirby Docks and the Fuel Dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday 13 March, 2021	Registration	From 1030 - 1200
	Competitors meeting	1145
	4.7 and Standard Division Race 1 Race 2	First Warning not before 1330 Following Race 1
	Radial Division Race 1 Race 2 Race 3	First Warning not before 1300 Following race 1 Following Race 2
Sunday 14 March, 2021	4.7 and Standard Division Race 3 Race 4 Race 5	First Warning not before 1200 Following Race 3 Following Race 4
	Radial Division Race 4 Race 5 Race 6	First Warning not before 1200 Following Race 4 Following Race 5
	Presentation and Sausage sizzle	ASAP after sailing

- 6.1 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Laser Standard Fleet Flag will be a white flag with a red Laser emblem
- 7.2 The Laser Radial Fleet Flag will be a green flag with a red Laser emblem.
- 7.3 The Laser 4.7 Fleet Flag will be a yellow flag with a 4.7 emblem.

8. RACING AREA.

- 8.1 Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing area

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Addendum 2 shows the courses. Saturdays courses will be trapezoid and Sunday courses will be windward/leeward.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are described in Addendum 2.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P applies.
- 14.2 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class will be 80 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat [in that class] finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at RQYS Sailing Office.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at QMTS Training Office , beginning at the time posted.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point System Appendix A.
- 17.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Five races are scheduled for the 4.7 and Standard divisions and six races are scheduled for the Radial division
- 17.3 (a) When three (3) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is

the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 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).
- 18.2 [DP] The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
- 18.3 Boats failing to comply with S118 may be protested by the Race Committee and receive a penalty less than DSQ as decided by the Protest Committee. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 It is a competitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and equipment comply with class rules. Measurement and clothing checks may be carried out at any time and a yacht or helmsperson which fails an inspection may be disqualified from all races held on the day prior to such inspection
- 19.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast and boom, centreboard and rudder during the regatta.
- 19.3 In accordance with ILCA Women's Policy, all female competitors shall display a red diamond on the top of their sail.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded in each division and category where sufficient entries are received.

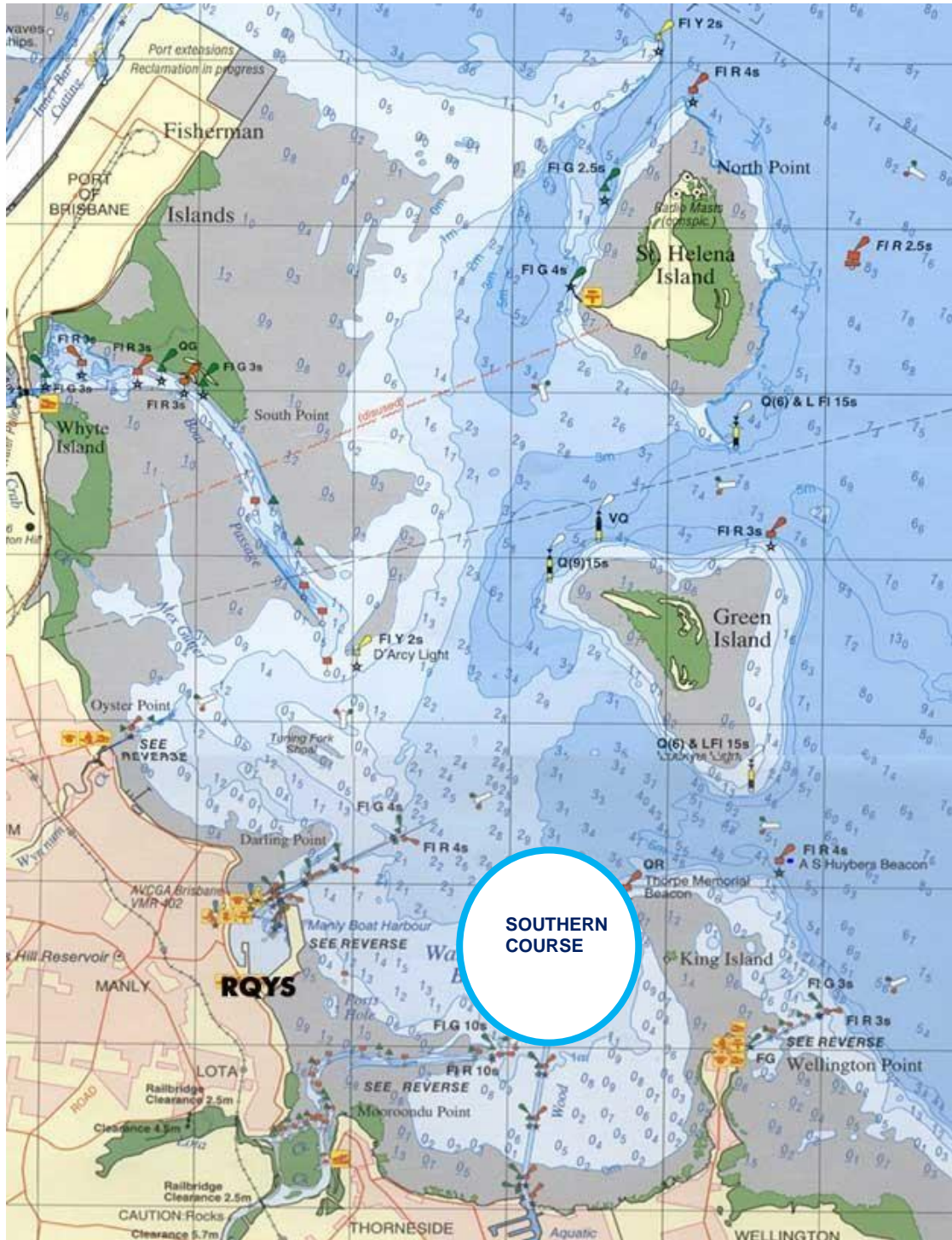
22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23. INSURANCE

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

SI ADDENDUM A – RACING AREA



SI ADDENDUM A – RACE COURSE & MARKS

Saturday will be as per the RQYS OTB Course Booklet for Southern Course.

Sunday Course:

Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Mark
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p - Finish	Start/Finish – Orange teardrop
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p - Finish	Mark 1 - Yellow Inflatable Mark 4s/4p - Purple Inflatable

