

**VALENTINE'S DAY LASER REGATTA**  
**FSA Florida State Laser Championships**  
**Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Yacht Club**  
**11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701**  
**February 4-5, 2017**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

1.2 Racing rule 61 will be changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of his intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat immediately after finishing.

1.3 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42, will apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center. (SPSC)

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the Laser launch signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SPSC flagstaff.

4.2 Flag D over a red flag with a sound is the launch signal. It means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed'. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

4.4 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday, February 4	0730 - 0830	Check-in, Sailors' Breakfast, SPSC
	0915	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First warning of the day
		Lunch on the water
	1830	Dinner, SPYC
Sunday, February 5	0700 - 0800	Sailors' Breakfast
	0930	First warning of the day
		Racing continues, lunch on the water
	1400	No warning after this time

ASAP

Awards at SPSC

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags for the

Laser: Green Flag

Laser Radials: Purple Flag

Laser 4.7's: Yellow Flag

## **7. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of a point 1.5 nm east of the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

## **8. COURSES**

8.1 Addendum A shows the course diagrams, the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the course, course bearing and approximate distance to the first mark will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal boat.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 The starting/finish pin will be a yellow cylinder. Marks 1, 2P and 2S will be medium orange tomatoes. Mark 1A will be a small orange tomato.

9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 11 will be orange tomatoes with black bands,

## **10. STARTS**

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the starting pin at the port end.

10.3 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 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.

11.2 Changes in direction and length will be signaled according to rule 33 (a), (b) and (c).

11.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## **12. FINISHES**

The finish line will be between the finishing mark (yellow cylinder) and a staff bearing an orange flag on the race committee signal boat.

### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The jury will display code flag J aboard its boats.

13.2 The jury will observe racing for rule infringements in addition to enforcing racing rule 42. When the jury sees an infringement, it may make one sound signal but no sail numbers will be hailed. This signal means that one or more boats should take a penalty under rule 44.1. If no penalty is taken the jury may protest one or more boats.

### **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

### **15. PROTESTS**

15.1 Protest forms will be available at the jury desk next to the official notice board.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the jury desk next to the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the posted docking time of the race committee finish boat.

15.3 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit

15.4 Breaches of SI 4.2, 10.4, and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes racing rule 60.1(a) and 64.1 (a).

15.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for re-opening a hearing or a request for redress from a race committee or protest committee decision shall be delivered:  
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party making the request was informed of the decision before that day; or  
(b) No later than 30 minutes after the party making the request was informed of the decision that day.

This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

### **16. SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless five (5) or more races have been completed. This changes rule A2.

16.2 One race will constitute a regatta.

### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 Each day before a boat is launched, a competitor shall sign out at the safety desk in the Sailing Center classroom. No later than 30 minutes after returning to the Sailing Center following racing, each competitor shall sign in at the safety desk in the Sailing Center classroom. Only competitors may sign in or out.

17.2 Before retiring from a race and leaving the racecourse, the race committee shall be notified by the competitor, the competitor's coach, or a safety person. If this is impossible, the competitor shall go to the safety coordinator's office on the second floor of the Sailing Center immediately upon arriving ashore.

17.3 If the race committee signal boat displays flag L prior to a warning signal, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

17.4 Each competitor shall wear a properly fastened US Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device from dock to dock, except for brief periods while changing clothing. This replaces RRS 40.

17.5 Boats that break any part of SI 17 will receive, without a hearing, a 5-place scoring penalty as described in rule 44.3(c). This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

18.1 Random equipment and measurement checks may be made throughout the regatta at the direction of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution for damaged equipment requires the approval of the protest committee.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

19.1 All support boats, including coach boats, shall register with the organizing authority.

19.2 At all times while on the water, coach boats shall prominently display a coach flag. Other registered support boats shall prominently display a flag supplied by the organizing authority at registration.

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as per the Notice Of Race.

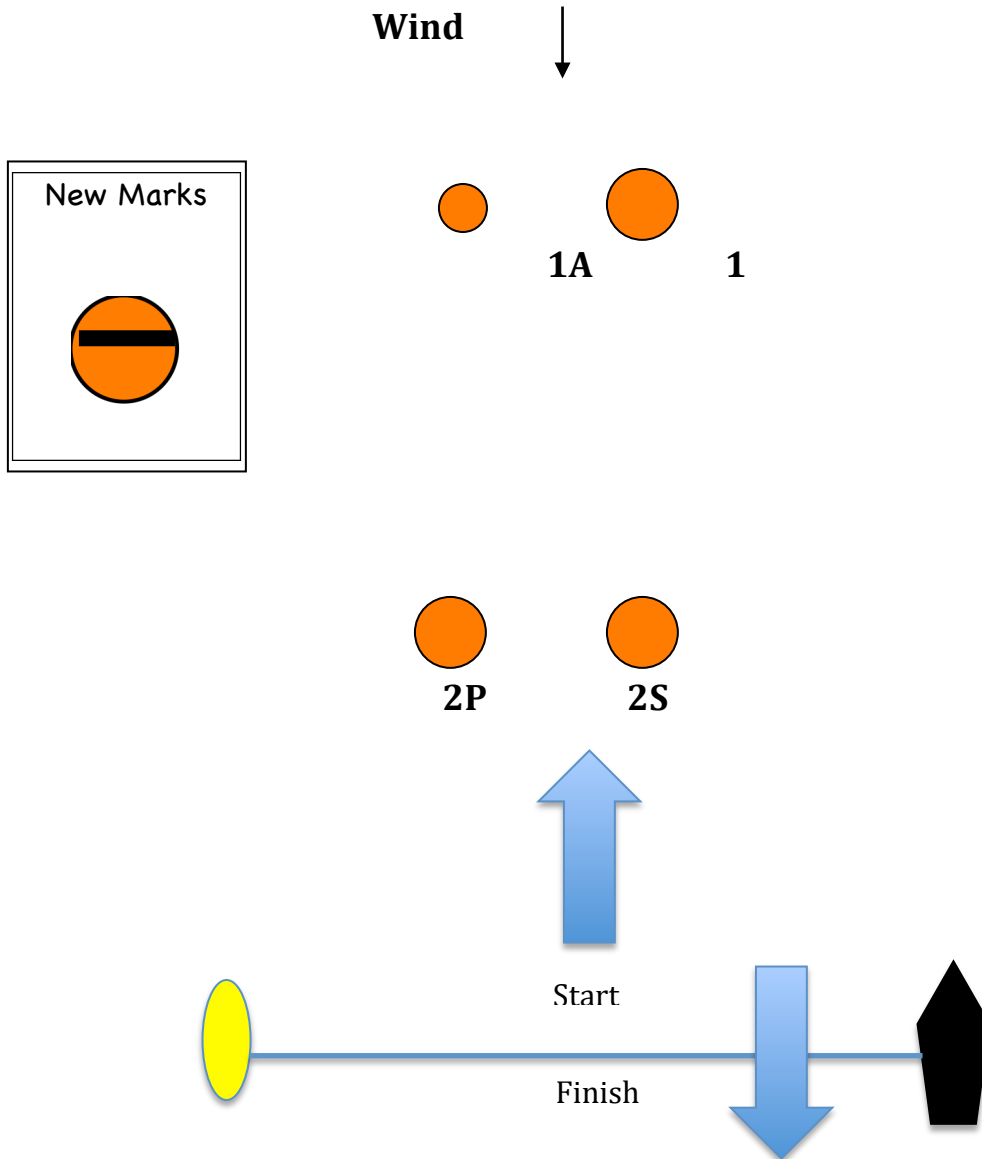
## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 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.

21.2 Parents/guardians of competitors, who are under 18 years of age, must sign a legal liability waiver.

21.3 Competitors 18 years of age and older shall sign a waiver at check-in.

**Appendix A**  
**Windward-Leeward Course Diagram**  
**(NOT TO SCALE)**



**COURSE 4 - WINDWARD/LEEWARD**  
**START -1 port-1A port-2S/2P (Gate)-1 port-1A port- FINISH**

**COURSE 5 - WINDWARD/LEEWARD**  
**START -1(port)-1A(port)-2S/2P(Gate)-1(port)-1A(port)-2S/2P Gate-Finish**

