



2015 Laser 28
North American Championships
September 18-20 2015
Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club, Dorval Qc



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the rules of the Laser 28 International Class Association, the Notice of Race, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 In the case of an error in translation, the English version of these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. Entries

- 2.1 Only Laser 28 class yachts as defined by the Laser 28 International Class Association may enter.
- 2.2 Entrants must meet all ownership, Fleet membership, Class membership and yacht measurement requirements.
- 2.3 Entrants must have paid regatta fees {\$50.00} and Class dues {\$35.00} to the regatta organizing committee, before becoming official competitors


3. Notices to Competitors



- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the ground floor of the main clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 9 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8 PM on the day before it will take effect

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Flag Pole located on the front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race signal AP.

- 5.3 When Flag “L”  is displayed ashore, an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions or a Notice to Competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.4 Flag “B”  fully hoisted with one sound signal means “*Protest time has begun*”. The time limit for filing protests will be 60 minutes from the signal. When lowered, it means “*Protest time has ended*”.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 A Competitor’s meeting will be held at 8:30 AM September 19th, in the Sailor’s bar area of the RStLYC.
- 6.2 Racing is scheduled September 19th & 20th.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the first signal of the day is 10:00 AM. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, five (5) short horn blasts will be sounded approximately one (1) minute before the Warning signal is given.
- 6.4 Seven (7) races are scheduled
- 6.5 No start sequence will be initiated after 2:00 PM on Sunday September 20th.

7. Class Flags



- 7.1 The Class Flag is a Red #28 and a Star Burst on a White background 

8. Racing Area

- 8.1 The distance from the harbor to the racing area is approximately 2.5 nautical miles.
- 8.2 Depending on wind and water conditions, competitors are advised that it may take up to 40 minutes to get to the race area.
- 8.3 The racing area will be situated to the west of AD18. All boats are advised to stay in the channel way until they are well west of AD18. Boats should stay to the south of the red channel markers once they are west of AD18, and should not wander to the north of the channel.

9. The Courses



- 9.1 The diagrams illustrated in Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 All courses will be Windward-Leeward type courses. Course selection will be signaled using numerical pennant **1**  or **2** .

10. Marks

- 10.1 The windward mark and gate will be Yellow spherical in shape, and the offset mark will be an Orange sphere smaller in size.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be an orange sphere.
- 10.3 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

11. The Start

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag  on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark. A pin boat displaying an Orange flag  may be used in place of a starting mark.
- 11.2 The RC boat may use a spacer buoy; boats shall not pass between the spacer buoy and the RC boat.
- 11.3 Boats are asked to sail by on Starboard tack to check in and be acknowledged by the Race Committee, before the first warning signal on each day of racing.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.



12. Recalls

- 12.1 The race committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF channel 69 after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1

13. Special Rule

- 13.1 Boats may sail or motor backwards for the purpose of de-weeding provided that they do not interfere with any other boats racing in their vicinity and they do not use motor propulsion to gain a significant and/or unfair position in the race (RRS 42.3i)
- 13.2 Minimum wind requirement for a start is 5 knots

14. The Finish

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag  on the RC boat with the Blue  (on station) Flag and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty

16. Time Limit

- 16.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 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.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 Protests forms are available at the Official Notice Board, and must be delivered to the bar at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club within the time limit specified in section 5.4.
- 17.2 A list of Protests and the Protest times will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible following the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2

18. Scoring

- 18.1 The *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed.
- 18.2 Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is not possible, the RStLYC Office immediately after arrival ashore. RStLYC tel # 514.631.2720

20. Haul-out Restrictions

- 20.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks

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

22. Prizes

- 22.1 Prize giving will take place on the Front lawn of the Club. In case of inclement weather, the distribution of prizes will take place in the Sailor's bar area.

23. Disclaimer of Liability

- 23.1 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.

24. Insurance

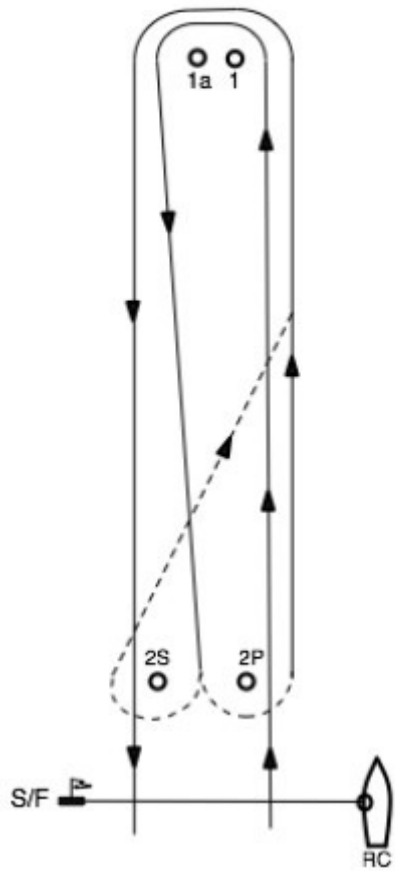
- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate coverage.

Regatta Chairman: _____ Race Officer: _____
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Appendix 1

Course 1 Numeral pennant 1

START - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - FINISH



Course 2 Numeral pennant 2

START - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - FINISH

