



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – LASER GRAND PRIX

## Laser, Radial and 4.7 Classes Sat 16th and Sun 17th July 2016

Chanonry Sailing Club, The Harbour, St. Andrew's Walk, Fortrose, IV10 8TP  
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### PREAMBLE

The event is being run in the spirit of the RYA Racing Charter, a set of guidelines designed to help make racing more fun, fair and welcoming for competitors and organisers at all levels.

### 1. RULES

The event will be governed by the RYA Racing Charter and the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Rules of the classes participating except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

As stated in the Notice of Race for the event.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the race office at the clubhouse. A briefing will take place at 12:00 on Saturday.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

If there are changes to the Sailing Instructions (for example, due to adverse weather conditions) an Amendment will be posted on the notice board at the clubhouse at least 45 minutes before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times by competitors sailing dinghies whilst on the water. This alters Rule 40.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Starter's Box on the harbour.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 A total of 6 races are planned with up to 4 races per day for each classes.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the **warning** signal for the first race is 12:55 on Saturday and 10:25 on Sunday, with subsequent races to follow back-to-back unless **AP** over either of **A** or **H** is displayed at the finish .
- 7.3 There shall be no warning signal after 15:00 on Sunday.
- 7.4 Predicted **High water** times are Saturday 10.03 (3.7m) and Sunday 11:01 (3.9m).

### 8. SIGN ON & OFF

- 8.1 Each day before going afloat dinghy competitors must indicate that they are doing so by entering their sail number, the class of boat and signing the appropriate column on the "SIGN ON" sheet displayed at the Race Office.
- 8.2 Immediately on coming ashore dinghy competitors must indicate that they have returned to shore by signing the appropriate column of the "SIGN ON" sheet.
- 8.3 Competitors that fail to do this will be encouraged to make a contribution to the RNLI.

## 9. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF STARTS

9.1 Classes, intended Starting Order and Warning Flags will be as follows:

Start	Class	Class Flag
1	Laser Standard	T
2	Laser Radial	D
3	Laser 4.7	E

9.2 At the discretion of the race committee classes may be started in any order and simultaneously to save time.

9.3 If there is a low number of boats in any class, then the committee reserves the right to combine classes.

## 10. COURSES

10.1 The course will be windward-leeward. The windward and leeward marks will be large inflatable triangular race marks. The start and finish lines will be off the committee boat, designated by orange/red spherical buoys. The course configuration will be as shown in Appendix 1 to these sailing instructions. The appendix indicates the number of legs required, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The diagram provided does not indicate the angle between legs of the courses. The number of legs is not predetermined.

10.2 Before the warning signal for a class a single course number will be displayed on the race committee boat. If the course number for the next class is to be different a postponement will be signalled and the ongoing starting sequence restarted 1 minute after signal **AP** is removed.

## 11. THE START

11.1 The start for all classes will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag or shape on the race committee boat and the start mark named "Start" in Appendix 1.

11.2 Races shall be started as stated in Rule 26.

Signal	Visual Signal and Flag	Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P or Black Flag	1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed	1 long sound	0

11.3 Attention may be drawn to the fact that a starting sequence is about to begin by a series of short sounds shortly before the Warning signal in a sequence of starts.

11.4 If there is a General Recall the Warning signal for the recalled class will be made at the starting signal for the last class, or previously recalled classes, in the sequence of starts. This changes Rule 29.2.

11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.6 Boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes Rules A4 and A5.

## 12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish) to a new position. The procedures stated in Rules 33 and 34 shall apply.

### **13. SHORTEN COURSE**

If the race committee decides to shorten course at a rounding mark the procedure stated in Rule 32.2 shall apply.

### **14. THE FINISH**

The finish will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag or shape on the race committee boat and the finish mark named "Finish" in Appendix 1.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.3 "Scoring Penalty" shall not apply.

### **16. TIME LIMIT**

Boats failing to finish within the 30 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes or 90 minutes after their start, whichever is soonest, will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rules 35 and A4.2.

### **17. PROTESTS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of all classes has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 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 Race Office or other location notified there.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking Rule 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing will be delivered
  - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes Rule 66.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 17.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 When all boats in a race are unable to complete the full or shortened course for any reason then, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the result of the race may be decided from the times of the boats as they completed their previous round.

### **19. RACE COMMITTEE**

The Race Committee is those members present of the Chanonry Sailing Club committee, or the Race Officer in their absence. The Race Committee will nominate Protest Committee members as necessary.

### **20. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday at the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to up to the first three boats in each class at the discretion of the organising authority.

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **COURSES**

Courses are made up of a number of **LEGS** as described below with all marks taken to PORT.

Before the warning signal for a class a single course number will be displayed on the race committee boat. If the course number for the next class is to be different a postponement will be signalled and the ongoing starting sequence restarted 1 minute after signal **AP** is removed.

Marks W, and L will be large triangular orange buoys.  
Marks "Start" and "Finish" will be spherical orange/red buoys.  
All Marks to be taken to port)

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Laser Standard and Radial</b>	<b>Laser 4.7 if separate start</b>
<b>1</b>	W L "Finish"	W L "Finish"
<b>2</b>	W L W L "Finish"	W L W L "Finish"
<b>3</b>	W L W L W L "Finish"	W L W L "Finish"

**THE LAYOUT OF THE BUOYS ON THIS DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE.**

