



## **2013 White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta**

June 2

White Bear Yacht Club (WBYC) - White Bear Lake, MN

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

This event will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Rules of the International Laser Class Association, the Regatta NOR, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and other governing rules, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

#### **2 ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter by completing an entry form and paying the entry fee [\$35 Adults, \$25 Juniors (<18), \$5 Credit for US Sailing Members] at regatta headquarters (WBYC Sailors House) prior to the Skipper's meeting.

The White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta is open to all sailors in Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, and Laser type rigs.

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sailors House. Changes to these Sailing Instructions or the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board and accompanied by a sound signal.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WBYC race committee boat at or near the WBYC main "Y" dock. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June	08:30	Registration and Rigging
	10:00	Skippers Meeting and Launch
	10:45	Warning Signal - 1st Race
	12:45	Lunch (on the water or shore)
	14:00 - 16:30	Racing Continues
	18:30	Social – Hosted near White Bear Lake (Location TBD)

#### **6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be toward the center of White Bear Lake, south and west of WBYC.

## **7 COURSES AND MARKS**

The courses will be windward/leeward, designated by a black letter (W or L) and a number on a white board on the starboard aft corner of the WBYC committee boat, positioned at the start line. W5 indicates 5 legs with an upwind finish. L4 indicates 4 legs with a downwind finish. All marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

## **8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM**

The starting and finishing lines will be between the orange flag staff on the WBYC committee boat and the course side of the leeward mark (course side of the windward mark for an upwind finish). The WBYC committee boat may use a barging buoy attached to her transom. This buoy is part of the starting mark and is to be avoided.

The Sound Signal Starting System in Appendix S (3 minute sequence) of the RRS, US Prescriptions will be used with "attention" sounds 20 seconds before the 3 minute sequence begins. The I flag or Black flag (starting penalties - RRS 30.1 and 30.3) will be flown during the 3 minute sequence when in effect.

## **9 RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be signaled. An attempt will be made to hail the boats over the start line early, but it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start.

## **10 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be 1 hour for the first boat to finish. The target time for each race will be approximately 20-25 minutes.

## **11 PENALTIES**

The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be the Two-Turns Penalty per the RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

## **12 SCORING**

7 races are scheduled. Scoring will be per RRS Appendix A, Low-point system – each boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. If at least 5 races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. One race constitutes a series.

## **13 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKIN**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V wearable PFDs (life jackets) are required. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.

Competitors are required to check in with the WBYC race committee boat prior to their first race, reporting their name and sail number.

## **14 WATER BOTTLES AND TRASH DISPOSAL**

Please use non-disposable (re-usable) water bottles. Refills will be available on a support boat. Please return any trash to shore or deposit it on a support boat. Thanks for being a "green" sailor.

## **15 PROTESTS**

All protests shall be in accordance with RRS 60. Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer(s) or Protest Committee at regatta headquarters within 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks. The protest time limit, a list of protests received, and hearings will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at regatta headquarters.