



Sailing Instructions

2020/2021 Victorian Laser Open & Masters Championship



27th & 28th February 2021

Organising Authority: Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club in conjunction with the Victorian Laser Association

1. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located to the east of the clubhouse
- 2.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

3. SIGNALS MADE ON THE WATER

- 3.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 3.2. Flag "L" flown on the Finish Vessel will indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race. Flag "L" flown over a class flag indicates another race for that class only.

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 4.1. A minimum of five entries is required to constitute a Division.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1. The Class flag for the **Laser Standard** will be a White Flag with Red Laser Emblem.
- 5.2. The Class flag for the **Laser Radial** will be a Green Flag with Red Laser Emblem.
- 5.3. The Class flag for the **Laser 4.7** will be a Yellow Flag with Red Laser Emblem.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.
- 6.3. Courses will be designated on a board on the Race Committee Vessel located on the starboard end of the start line and displayed before or with the warning signal.
- 6.4. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. Laser Standard & Radial: Marks 1 and 2 will be Orange
- 7.2. Laser 4.7: Marks 1b and 2b will be Green
- 7.3. Gate Marks 3 will be Orange
- 7.4. Gate Marks 4 will be Orange
- 7.5. Mark 5 will be Orange
- 7.6. The Finish Mark will be Blue

8. THE START

- 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the port end.
- 8.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

9. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. The target time for the first boat to sail the course will be 45 - 50 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to sail the course will be 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

11. HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1. Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office and may also be submitted electronically here <https://sailingresults.net/sa/protest/?ID=80417>
- 11.2. 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. "or two hours after the incident, whichever is later" is deleted from rule 62.2. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. The times will be posted on the official notice board.
- 11.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 11.4. Breaches of Notice of Race 10, 11 or Sailing Instruction 16 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This amends rule 64.2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Five races are scheduled of which three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 12.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1. Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing.
- 13.2. The Sign Off period for each Class will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 13.3. To "sign on," each skipper shall sign on using the Australian Laser App.
- 13.4. To "sign off," each skipper shall sign off using the Australian Laser App.
- 13.5. Failure to Sign On and or Sign Off for a session in accordance with SI 13.1 will result in that boat receiving a 5 point penalty The penalty will be applied without a hearing to the race closest to the first instance of breaching this SI. However, no boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 14.2. All competitors shall use only one hull, one sail, one mast and boom, one centreboard and one rudder.
- 14.3. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS

Race Committee Vessels and patrol boats may display a club burgee

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

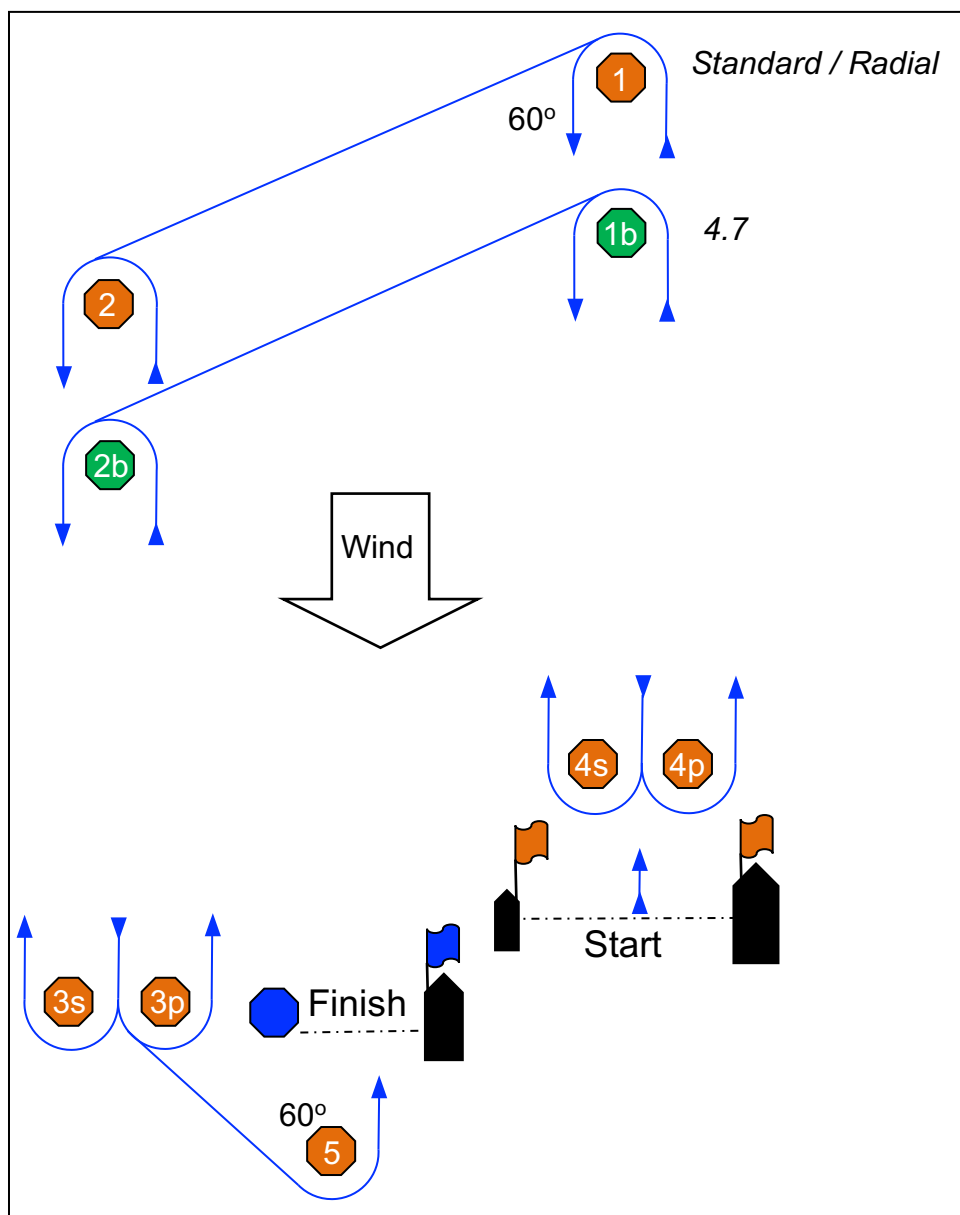
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and/or Sorrento Sailing Coutha Boat Club will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

COURSE DIAGRAM

The diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The leg between marks 3s/3p and mark 5 may be laid shorter than the leg between mark 1 and mark 2 so that the finish line is not directly to leeward of the start line.



	Course	Mark Rounding Order
<i>Standard/Radial</i>	O2	1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
	I2	1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
4.7	O2	1b – 2b – 3s/3p – 2b – 3p – 5 – Finish
	I2	1b – 4s/4p – 1b – 2b – 3p – 5 – Finish