

# 2018 Milwaukee Bay Laser Fleet



## TUESDAY EVENING LASER RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

1.1 The series will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* as defined in the current (*RRS*) 2017-2020 including the US Sailing prescriptions, and the Rules of the International Laser Class.

1.2 ILCA membership is encouraged but not required for this series.

1.3 Non sanctioned class sails are allowed for this series.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the bulletin board of MYC, SSYC, MCSC.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Instructions and Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board of MYC, SSYC, and MCSC.

3.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions may be posted at MYC, MCSC and SSYC at least 2 hours before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. A change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed on the Main flagpole at MYC, MCSC and SSYC. Information will be coordinated between sailing centers by cell phone to lead agent [MYC: Dolan 262-506-8879; SSYC: TBD; MCSC Drake 414-349-9888].

4.2 Flag AP means, "The race is postponed do not leave the dock." The Warning is modified so that the first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. Cell phone communication will be coordinated with lowering AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE

5.1 First start every Tuesday night at 18:00 from May 29 through August 28 2018. Subsequent races will be started immediately thereafter. Racing will conclude each night approximately one hour before sunset. There may be an additional fleet sailing on the same course [combined fleet of Lightning's, 470, 420, V15, etc]. In the event that there is a second fleet, Lasers will start first. MYC will be host club for May June and August, MCSC for July.

5.2 The first three (3) races each night will be scored towards the season series scoring [conditions permitting]. A fourth race may be sailed and scored, only if being made up from a previously canceled evening.

5.3 In the event of no wind, inclement weather, approaching storm or foul water, races may be cancelled and may be re-sailed. The decision to cancel a night of racing will be made no earlier than 5:00pm and will be communicated by cell phone to lead agents or their designee at each club: MYC: Steve Dolan 262-506-8879; MCSC: Jared Drake 414-349-9888; SSYC: TBD.

### 6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be inside the Milwaukee Harbor break-wall, North of the Main Gap Channel. See Illustration "A".

### 7. THE COURSE

7.1 The diagrams in Illustration "B" show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The start finish line is **not** restricted. Boats may cross the starting or finishing line during any leg without penalty.

7.2 The Number of laps [W1 or W2] will be posted or verbally communicated before the warning signal of each race.

### 8. MARKS

The marks are throw-in buoys, either orange cylinders (which may have a short spar), or inflatable buoys (these may be orange or yellow or red).

### 9. THE START

9.1 The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix U will be in effect for all starts. Individual and general recalls will be verbally announced

9.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of a mark at the port end.

9.3 Short sound signals may be used to call attention to the beginning of the starting sequence for each race.

### 10. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

10.1 Changing the position of the next mark on the next leg will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When a subsequent change of course is signaled, it will be replaced with the original mark.

10.2 The Race Committee may make insignificant changes to the position of marks without signaling a change in course, provided no boat has started the leg to the mark that is being changed. This changes RRS 33.

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the nearby mark at the port end for upwind finishes.

11.2 The Race Committee may terminate any race and award points to boats still racing based on their position at the time of the race's termination. Termination of a race will be signaled by the lowering of the blue shape signifying the Race Committee is on station with one long sound signal.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1, "Taking a penalty", will apply.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit is 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, will be scored one more than the last boat that finished correctly. This changes RRS 35.

## 14. PROTESTS

14.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified. A boat intending to protest must notify the Race Committee at the finish of the race of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party.

14.2 Protests will be written on forms available from the Race Committee office at MYC, MCSC and SSYC and filed within 1 hour of the docking of the Race Committee finish boat. Protest forms will be delivered to any of the following (in order of preference) within the above time limit 1) The race committee Principal Race Officer for that night of racing, 2) MBLF Fleet Captain, 3) MYC, SSYC, MCSC Race management.

## 15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.

15.2 One race constitutes a series. One discard will be allowed for every three races sailed.

15.3 DNS, DNC, DNF, DSQ will be scored as one more than the number of competitors that came to the racing area each night except as indicated by item 13, time limit.

15.4 The Race Committee will score each boat's finish place and give the score sheet to the Fleet Captain or representative of the MBLF designated scorer.

## 16. SAFETY

16.1 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs, properly secured with a whistle attached, shall be worn by competitors from the time a boat leaves the dock until it returns to the dock except for brief periods to adjust clothing.

16.2 To be an official entry and therefore to be scored for that night's racing, each boat shall sail by the Race Committee Signal Boat, hail her sail number and the last

name of competitor and be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This shall be done at least one minute prior to the first race sailed by that competitor that evening.

16.3 Boats withdrawing from a race shall report their intent to withdrawal to the Race Committee or to a safety boat. If it is not possible to notify their withdrawal while on the water, the skipper shall report their actions to the PRO and or the Host Club personnel of that night's racing as they arrive ashore.

16.4 The Race Committee may order a boat ashore for safety reasons. This decision is final without grounds for redress. The boat will be scored Did Not Finish.

16.5 When a race is abandoned, all boats shall return to the dock immediately when directed by the Race Committee or a safety boat.

## 17. PRIZES

17.1 The Milwaukee Bay Laser Fleet Full Rig and Radial Rig Fleet Champion Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the lowest scoring Full Rig and Radial Rig sailors after completion of the last night of racing.

17.3 Trophy awarding will take place at the annual awards banquet of the Milwaukee Yacht Club .

17. Additional trophies may be awarded at the annual MBLF Winter/Spring meeting .

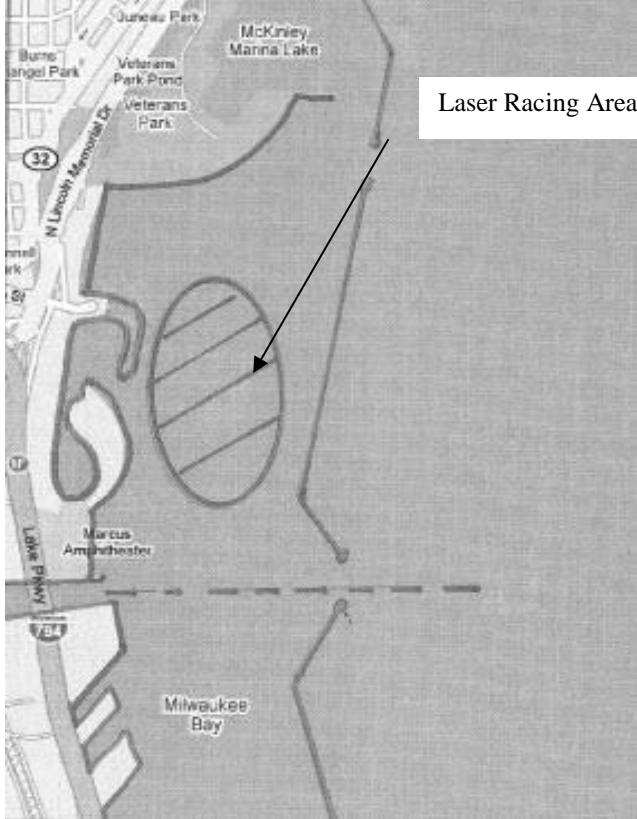
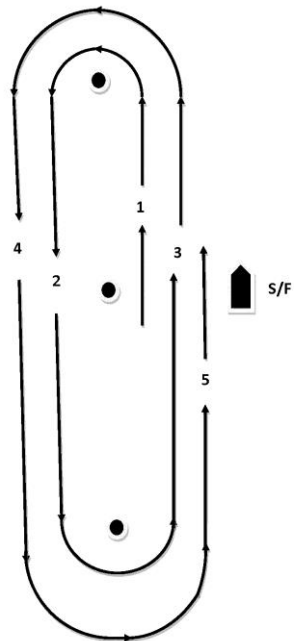


Illustration "A" – Racing Area



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Illustration "B" – Race Course

W2: Start, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Finish