



American YC Fall Laser Regatta
September 12th & 13th, 2020
American Yacht Club
499 Stuyvesant Ave
Rye, NY 10580

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- i. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- ii. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.
- iii. The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix T "ARBITRATION" shall apply.
- iv. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 "PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT" shall apply.
- v. Races will be started as follows: warning followed by a 3 minute dinghy start. This changes RRS 26.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

i. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Event Website <http://www.americanyc.org/documents/10197/5923560/2020+AYC+Laser+Regatta+NOR.pdf/f36df889-0927-403e-adea-df1126b91802?version=1.0>.

ii. Copies of notices posted on the official notice board may be distributed to competitors via email and/or text messages. Competitors are asked to ensure their contact details are input and correct on the google doc. This function is a courtesy only and failure to send or receive any notices shall not be grounds for redress, this changes rule 62.1

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted on the official notice board, before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

i. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main club flagpole located on the front lawn of the main clubhouse.

ii. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

iii. Verbal hails may also be announced on VHF ch. 73 to help communicate to all competitors in the vicinity.

5 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - EMERGENCY ONLY

i. Each boat may carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channel 16 (For Emergencies), 71 (AYC Shore), 73 (RC and for Safety and Rescue). This changes class rules, which may prohibit use of VHF radio.

ii. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to any form of mobile communication device.

iii. Competitors may use radio to contact the Race Committee to notify that they are leaving or returning to the course. They can do this on channel 73. If Competitors need assistance or help, they may contact the Safety & Rescue boat on channel 73.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

Saturday, October 12

0930 RC will be leaving the dock

1000 RC will be on station

1005 - 1025 RC will be taking check ins
1030 Scheduled First Warning Signal of the day

Sunday, October 13

0915 RC will be leaving the dock
1000 RC will be on station
1005 - 1025 RC will be taking taking check ins
1030 Scheduled First Warning Signal

(No Warning Signal will be given after 1500 on Sunday, September 13th)

Awards ceremony will be held virtually. There is no physical gathering location for this event.

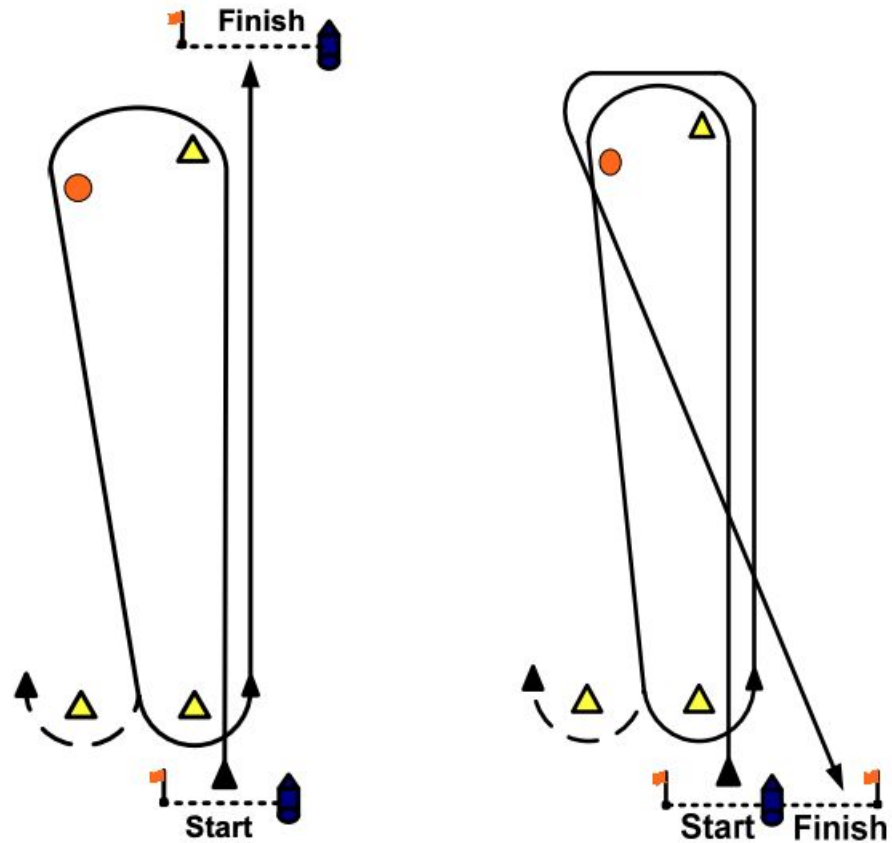
7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the waters south of American Yacht Club, as shown in Appendix A of the NOR. We will do our best to take advantage of the wind direction and velocity and set up near Bell 42. A Member of the Race Committee will be available via VHF on ch 73 starting at 0915 if sailors have questions or seek clarification.

8 COURSES

The intended race course will be course 4 (see diagram below) with 4 legs, unless specified otherwise by the race committee on the course.

- i. The course for each race will be Windward-Leeward for a specified number of legs.
- ii. All turning rounding marks and the start mark left to port, except when a leeward gate is used.
- iii. The race committee may set a leeward gate in place of a leeward mark. If there is a leeward gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark, pass between the leeward gate marks, and round accordingly outside before proceeding on to the next leg of the course.



Example: (3) Course

(4) Course

9 MARKS

The rounding marks will be Orange buoys. The windward mark may be larger than the gate and finish marks to help competitors locate it up the course. Start and Finish marks will be light pink or orange buoys. An offset mark may be set approximately 50 feet away from the windward mark and will be a small orange or red buoy. This mark, if set, must be honored regardless of the course being sailed.

10 CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

i. Prior to the first warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat on starboard tack and check-in and continue to do so until verbally acknowledged by the Race Committee.

ii. Boats retiring for the day, withdrawing from a race or not intending to start a race must notify the race committee or a safety boat before leaving the course, or when that is not possible, then email or text americanycsailingATgmail.com immediately upon arriving ashore.

iii. Boats are encouraged to email and/or text Kevin Broome, American YC Sailing Director, at americanycsailingATgmail.com or 914.eight1five.2four3four before leaving shore and upon finishing for the day.

11 THE START

The Laser Class is divided into Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 fleets and each fleet will have separate starts. If there are less than 3 Laser 4.7s the 4.7s will start with the radial fleet. RC intends to start the laser standard fleet first, followed by the radial followed by the laser 4.7.

i. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee Signal boat. The starting line will be to the port side of the Signal Boat when looking upwind and go between the orange flag and the starboard side of the pink starting buoy.

ii. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

iii. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

iv. The Race Committee may endeavor to hail sail number/s of boats who are OCS. Failure of the race committee to hail OCS boats, timing of the hail or failure of competitors to hear the hail shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

i. The finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

ii. For a leeward finish, the finish line will be an orange or pink buoy at the port end and a blue flag on a committee boat at the starboard end.

iii. For a windward finish, the finish line will be an orange or pink buoy at the port end and a blue flag on a committee boat at the starboard end.

iv. The race committee shall signal its intention to not run another race by verbally hailing competitors.

14 TIME LIMIT

- i. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- ii. A boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
- iii. If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score that boat in the place she would have finished. This changes rule 35.

15 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- i. All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) or CE approved personal flotation device while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.
- ii. A towing line is recommended but not required

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- i. A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee promptly after finishing that race. This changes rule 61.1a.
- ii. Written protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the protest committee via email sent to AmericanYCSailingATgmail.com no later than 1 hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest forms are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf>
- iii. The expiration time for filing written protests and a list of protests in the approximate order in which they will be heard will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings via zoom will begin as soon as practicable.

17 SCORING and PRIZES

- i. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

ii. Prizes will be awarded following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, September 13, for first, second and third place finishers in each class with over 6 competitors via email. Prizes will be distributed the week after racing has concluded..

iii. We will have a hospitality boat on station flying a smiley flag at the end of each day. Please sail by and say hello!

18 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

The skipper shall be responsible for his or her own actions. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member or agent of the American Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by American Yacht Club, each sailor agrees: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, Sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against American Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, Sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other American Yacht Club vessels, or patrol boats, from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

20 CONTACT INFORMATION

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