

# Laser Masters European Championship 2018

## 5-11 October 2018

### Sailing Instructions

Venue: Vigo, Spain

Organizing Authority: Club Marítimo de Vigo and Liceo Marítimo de Bouzas (Organizer) and the European Laser Class Association (EurILCA)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form."
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply as amended in instruction 18.
- 1.4 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this regatta (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 1.6 (NP, DP) Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race office.
- 2.2 The race office is located in the main building at the race village. The race office is open:  
05 October from 1400 – 1900 and 06 October from 1000 to 1230 and 1330 to 1800  
07-11 October from 0900 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the end of the last protest time or 2000, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. REGISTRATION / EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 4.1 Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required registration and equipment inspection formalities before racing.
- 4.2 **No-show entries:**  
Any sailor who has not, by the closing time for registration, completed registration at the venue shall be removed from the list of sailors for that event and shall not be scored at that event. This also applies to sailors who have complied with all other entry requirements. This is to avoid having multiple sailors scoring DNC for all races and thereby influencing the results of the event.
- 4.3 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta, with the bottom mast, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 4.4 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:  
05 October from 1400 – 1900 and 06 October from 1000 to 1230 and 1330 to 1800
- 4.5 Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of EUR 20.
- 4.6 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, equipment inspector, race committee or the jury.

## 5. EQUIPMENT PROTESTS (NP, DP)

- 5.1 Equipment protests will only be accepted from either the race committee, equipment inspector or jury. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 5.2 If a boat is sailed without a centreboard stopper, or with no mast retention line attached (class rule 3(b) xi), a scoring penalty of 30% rounded to a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) of the number of entries will, without a hearing, be added to the boats score in the last completed race in which she was racing without a centreboard stopper or the retention line. However, she shall not be scored worse than DSQ. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 5.3 If a sail, top mast, or bottom mast has been changed prior to a race without the permission required by instruction 6.2 the sailor will be disqualified without a hearing from the last completed race when the change was used. This changes rule 63.1 and A5.
- 5.4 For any other equipment protest, the jury may apply an alternative penalty to disqualification.

## 6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 Competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta equipment inspector. If the damage occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the regatta equipment inspector, jury or race committee and the written permission of the regatta equipment inspector shall be applied for before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place
- 6.3 For the purposes of rule G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes rule G1.1.
- 6.4 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 6.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 6.6 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 6.7 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

## 7. RACE FORMAT

- 7.1 The Laser Radial entries will sail as a single fleet.
- 7.2 The Laser Standard entries will sail as a single fleet.

## 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 05 October 1400-1900 Registration, Equipment Inspection  
06 October 1000-1230 & 1330-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection and practice race at 1500 followed by an opening ceremony.  
07 October 2 races back to back  
08 October 2 races back to back  
09 October 2 races back to back  
10 October 2 races back to back  
11 October 2 races back to back
- 8.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1500.
- 8.3 The time of the first warning signal on 7-11 October will be 1300.
- 8.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.5 Any race whose warning signal is not given by 1600 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not resailed.
- 8.6 The schedule may be changed to sail more than two races a day.

## 9. AGE CATEGORY IDENTIFICATION (NP, DP)

- 9.1 While racing each boat shall display a colored band corresponding to the age category of the competitor. The band shall be placed on the bottom mast between the boom vang fitting and the boom.
- 9.2 The coloured bands will be issued at registration and if bands are lost or damaged spares will be available at the race office.

## 10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE and COURSE AREA

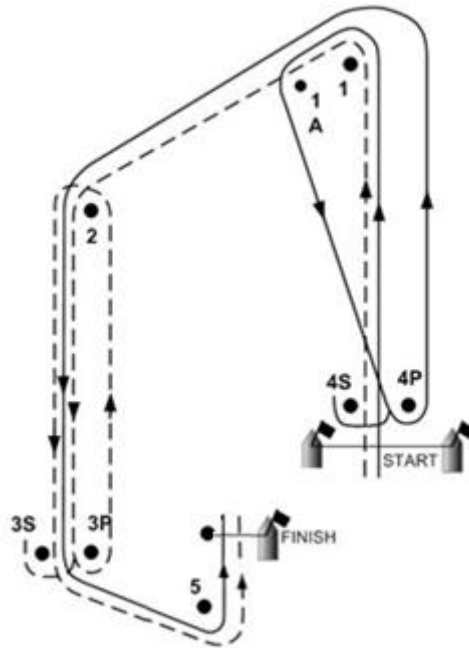
- 10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located near the race office.
- 10.2 The approximate position of the course areas is displayed on the official notice board.
- 10.3 Flag G displayed with two sounds (one when removed) means "No boat shall go afloat until this signal is removed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag G is removed.
- 10.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 The diagram shows the course, 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.

**Outer: .....1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH**

**Inner: .....1, 1A, 4S/4P (gate), 1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH**



- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 11.3 The length of the course will be set for a target time of 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4 The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or a gate provided 4 or more legs have been sailed on an outer course and at least 3 or more legs have been completed on an inner course (excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 1A).

## 12. MARKS

- 12.1 Course marks 1, 2, 3S/3P, 4S/4P and 5 will be red truncated cone buoys.
- 12.2 Course mark 1A will be a truncated cone orange buoy.
- 12.3 Change marks will be yellow truncated cone buoys. (see SI 15)
- 12.4 The starting marks will be committee boats at each end.
- 12.5 The finishing marks will be committee boats or, a truncated cone orange buoy at the port end and a committee boat at the starboard end.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 13.2 The warning signal for the subsequent starts will be made as soon as practicable after the previous start.
- 13.3 Start Sequence and Fleet Flags

Fleets	Fleet Flags	Start Sequence	Course
Laser Standard	White flag with colored Laser emblem	1 <sup>st</sup> Start	Outer
Laser Radial	Green flag with colored Laser emblem	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start	Inner

- 13.4 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 13.5 (DP, NP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets.
- 13.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules A4 and A5.

#### **14. STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 14.1 Races will be started using either rule 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 14.2 Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is supplemented as follows;
- (a) Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the racing area, defined in instruction 14.2(b) before the new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she is liable to be scored DNE.
  - (b) Before the starting signal, the racing area is the area within 100 metres of the starting line. After the starting signal, the racing area is the area within an imaginary line drawn 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 at all times when any boat of any fleet is still racing.
  - (c) When the race committee decides that its application of rule 30.4 might entitle a boat to redress under rule 62.1(a), it may decide not to display her sail number and not disqualifying her. This changes rules 30.4, 60.2 and 63.1.
  - (d) For the purposes of rule 30.4 a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is resailed on a later date, or is resailed as part of a final series instead of a qualifying series.

#### **15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

A change of the next leg of the course will first be attempted by changing the position of the original marks. When this is not possible the course will be reset using one or more change marks (described in instruction 12). When change marks are already in use, the course may be further reset using the original marks. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under rule 60.1(b).

#### **16. ABANDONING A RACE**

Under rule 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s) as measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under rule 60.1(b).

#### **17. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a buoy, except when rule 32.2 'Shortening Course' applies.

## 18. PENALTY SYSTEM FOR BREACHES OF RULE 42

18.1 Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

- (a) If a first penalty is signalled after a boat has crossed the finish line, a scoring penalty of 10% rounded to a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) of the number of entries will be added to the boat's score. However, she shall not be scored worse than DSQ.
- (b) Rule P3 is replaced with "If a boat has been penalised for the first time under rule P1.2 and the race is restarted or resailed the penalty is cancelled, but it is counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta. This changes rule 36."
- (c) Rule P4 is replaced with "An action by the jury under rule P1.2 shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. The jury may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action under rule P1 by a member of the jury or its designated observer". This changes rule 60.1(b).

18.2 A boat that has either retired from or been disqualified in a race for a second or subsequent breach of rule 42 shall not compete in that race if it is restarted or resailed. For the purposes of this instruction a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is resailed on a later date, or is resailed as part of a final series instead of a qualifying series. If she competes in that race, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and that score shall not be excluded (DNE) and the jury will consider calling a hearing under rule 69.1(a).

This means:

Yellow Flag	Immediate penalty action by boat	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment	No action by boat	After a general recall or a postponement or an abandonment
1st	Two turns / 10% (SI 18.1(a))	Can restart	DSQ	Can restart
2nd	Retire (RET)	Shall not restart	DNE	Shall not restart
3+	Retire (DNE)	Shall not restart	DNE Regatta	Shall not restart

## 19. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 20. PROTESTS

- 20.1 Protests shall be in writing and delivered to the race office. Protest forms will be available at the race office. The protest time limit will be set by and posted on the official notice board by the jury and may be different for each fleet. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 20.2 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit for each fleet. Protests will be heard at the jury office.
- 20.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or jury will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 20.4 If rule N1.4(b) applies, the time limit for requesting a hearing under that rule is 30 minutes after the party was informed of the panel's decision.
- 20.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision under rule 62.2 shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 20.6 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 20.7 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 20.8 A list of boats that, under instruction 18, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted after racing each day.

## 21. WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## 22. SCORING

- 22.1 A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 22.2 When from four to nine races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 22.3 When ten races have been completed two races scores will be excluded.

## 23. TITLES & PRIZES

### Laser Masters' Championship

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each of the following:
- Laser Standard Apprentice Men
  - Laser Standard Master Men
  - Laser Standard Grand Master Men
  - Laser Standard Great Grand Master Men
  - Laser Radial Apprentice Men & Women combined
  - Laser Radial Master Men & Women combined
  - Laser Radial Grand Master Men & Women combined
  - Laser Radial Great Grand Master Men & Women combined
  - Laser Radial Legend Master (75 & over)
  - Laser Radial Women
- 23.2 Women's results will be determined by the series score in the combined Men & Women competition. (Note: these results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)
- 23.3 The age category results will be determined by the series score in the combined fleets. (note: this result will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.)

### EurILCA Medal Prizes

- 23.4 EurILCA medal prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

## 24. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS/ SAILORS AND COACHES/TEAM LEADERS MEETING (DP, NP)

- 24.1 There will be a coaches/sailors meeting every morning from 7 October 2018, 2.5 hours before the first warning signal of the day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organization, exchange viewpoints and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organization in general.
- 24.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1800 on 6 October 2018.
- 24.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used. No fee will be required for the identification number.
- 24.4 Each coach/support boat shall carry at least three hazard warning tapes for the purposes of SI 25.6. The tape is available from the race office.
- 24.5 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 24.6 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel (coach/support boats) shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and completely outside the area bounded by marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of **all fleets**. When boats are finishing coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters outside and to windward of the starboard end of the finish line until all boats in all fleets have finished.
- 24.7 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 24.8 When the coach/support boat engine is running coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 24.9 If a coach/support boat does not comply with instructions 24.3, 24.4, 24.5, 24.6, 24.7 and 24.8 a discretionary penalty may be applied by the jury to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their coach/support boat.

## 25. SAFETY

- 25.1 Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.
- 25.2 When code flag "B" ICS is displayed ashore, each competitor shall sign the checklist, located at the race office, not later than 30 minutes after this flag has been displayed to indicate that the competitor have returned to shore. Flag B will be displayed not before than the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later
- 25.3 Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 25.4 If considered necessary a competitor may be ordered by a race organization boat to abandon his or her boat and board a patrol boat.
- 25.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee, safety/patrol or jury boat as soon as possible and the race office immediately after returning to the shore.
- 25.6 If a boat is abandoned it will be marked with a hazard tape tied through the bow eye to signal that the sailor is safe

## 26. RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race officials boats.

## 27. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 28. LIABILITY

- 28.1 Club Marítimo de Vigo, Liceo Marítimo de Bouzas, EurILCA and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta and competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.
- 28.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.
- 28.3 A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 28.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in strong winds and it is his sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 28.5 **All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000 (1.5 million Euro) per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.**
- 28.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

## 29. COMMITTEE BOATS

- 29.1 The race committee signal boat, pin boat and any boat displaying course signals will not display an identification flag.
- 29.2 All other race committee boats will display a white flag or a white flag with small round regatta emblem.
- 29.3 Jury boats will display a flag with the word J or JURY.
- 29.4 Press/TV boats will display a flag with the words PRESS or MEDIA.
- 29.5 Failure of a committee boat to fly an identifying flag will not be grounds for redress under rule 60.1(b).