



Sailing Instructions
2018 Victorian Laser
State & Youth
Championship
17th & 18th March 2018
Mordialloc Sailing Club

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, Part 2, for Off The Beach boats.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower deck of the clubhouse.

3. 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located at the veranda.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Saturday 17 th March	Registration	1000 hrs -> 1230 hrs
	VLA AGM	1100 hrs
	Information Session	1230 hrs
	Racing	1400 hrs
Sunday 18 th March	Racing	1030 hrs

	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing
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- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 Flag "L" flown on the Finish Boat 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.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 18th March.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted in three Classes as follows:
- Laser Standard;
 - Laser Radial; and
 - Laser 4.7
- 6.2 Divisions within each Class will include Youth and Women's at the discretion of the Organising Authority and in accordance with ILCA policy. A minimum of five entries is required to constitute a Division.
- 6.3 Eligibility for Youth Divisions shall be the competitor's age as at 31st December 2018.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class flag for the **Laser Standard** will be a White Flag with Red Laser Emblem.
- 7.2 The Class flag for the **Laser Radial** will be a Green Flag with Red Laser Emblem.
- 7.3 The Class flag for the **Laser 4.7** will be a Yellow Flag with Red Laser Emblem.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip Bay off Mordialloc Sailing Club.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Laser Standard & Radial: Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow self-inflating buoys.
Laser 4.7: Marks 1 and 2 will be orange self-inflating buoys
- 10.2 Gate Marks 3 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.3 Gate Marks 4 will be orange flags.
- 10.4 Mark 5 will be a red self-inflating buoy.
- 10.5 The Start Mark will be orange and white flag.
- 10.6 The Finish Mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 11.3 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.

12. 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.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 45 - 50 minutes and the time limit for the first boat to complete the course will be 90 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.2 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.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit for each Class will be 60 minutes after the last boat for that Class has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of Sailing Instruction's 16, 19, and 20 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 64.1(a).
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 Five races are scheduled of which three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 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.
- The Sign On period for each Class will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.
- The Sign Off period for each Class will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- To Sign On and Sign Off each skipper shall move the numbered tag from the Sign off Board to the Sign on Board and reverse when signing off
- 16.2 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 16.1 will result in that boat receiving a 5 point penalty, except that no boat shall be scored worse than a DSQ, in the first race of the day on the day of the omission without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, one sail, one mast and boom, one centreboard and one rudder.
- 17.2 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.

18. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race committee boats and patrol boats may display a MSC pennant.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency at the request of the Race Committee.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as per the Notice of Race.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. 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.

Attachment A

Course Diagram

This diagram shows the relative positions of the marks of the course, but the distances between them are not necessarily to scale.

All marks will be left to port except where gates are used. Where there is a gate used, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. In the event a Gate mark is missing, the single mark remaining shall be left to Port.

Course Designation	Roundings
I2	Start, 1, Gate 4, 1, 2, Gate 3, 5, Finish
I3	Start, 1, Gate 4, 1, Gate 4, 1, 2, Gate 3, 5, Finish
O2	Start, 1, 2, Gate 3, 2, Gate 3, 5, Finish
O3	Start, 1, 2, Gate 3, 2, Gate 3, 2, Gate 3, 5, Finish

