

2016 Laser Open Meeting



Chichester Yacht Club

Chichester Marina,
Chichester,
West Sussex,
PO20 7EJ

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016*. Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16, and the International Laser class rules. Competitors should note that Chichester Yacht Club:

- Implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter
- Expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

4.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, numeral zero pennant is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until the pennant is removed. Boats may rig and approach the beach whilst held ashore.

5 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

Fleet designation:

Standard Laser
Fleet: Laser Radial
Laser 4.7 Fleet:

Class flag:

Laser Class Flag (red on white)
Laser Radial Clas Flag (red on green)
Laser 4.7 Class Flag (red on yellow)

6 Racing Schedule

Date: 15th October 2015 Event briefing: 09:30

High Water: 11:17 Ht.5.0m

Fleet:	Number of races planned:	Warning signal of first race:
Standard Laser	3	10:25hrs
Laser Radial	3	10:30hrs
Laser 4.7	3	10:35hrs

Subsequent races will usually follow immediately after the preceding race. However, at the Race Officer's discretion, there may be a short break ashore between races. For subsequent races the fleets shall start in the same order as the first race.

7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour in the area known as Chichester Lake.

8 Courses

8.1 The race course, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first race.

8.2 The course may be changed by the Race Officer from the committee boat by displaying International Code Flag "L", with one sound signal, and displaying the new course on a board on the committee boat. When the Race Officer deems that all competitors have had sufficient time to see the course change he shall remove flag "L" and begin the normal race start procedure.

8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 Marks

9.1 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instruction.

10 The Start

10.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

- Cyclone start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.
- Jaffa start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC patrol boat Jaffa and a small spherical yellow mark. Jaffa shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small spherical yellow mark shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.

10.2 Limit marks may be laid adjacent to any starting mark and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the starting mark it guards after her warning signal.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 The Finish and Finishing

11.1 The finish line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of the lines as defined in instruction 10: The Start.

11.2 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet, but not all fleets, by flying international code flag S with the appropriate class flag.

11.3 If flag S is flown over the relevant class flag then that fleet's race shall be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

12 Time Limits

12.1 The advisory time limit for the leading boat will be 40 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish, however to minimize delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing, to help ensure competitors have an enjoyable and successful competition. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35.

13 Scoring

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

13.2 When 1 or 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores but excluding her worst score.

14 Scoring System

Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

15 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See the official notice board for details.

15.2 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

15.3 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.7 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 10.3, 16.1, 17.1, 18.1 and 18.2 and Notice of Race paragraphs 2 and 4.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.9 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 RRS 62.2.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 Safety Regulations

17.1 RRS 40 is changed in that an adequate personal flotation device to 50N must be worn at all times while afloat. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also junior competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons. This instructions changes RRS 40.

Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

17.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RET or DNF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

18 Local Variations

18.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence cannot be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

18.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

18.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

19 Prizes

Standard Laser Fleet: CYC Laser Open Salver Trophy for 1st overall, plus 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes

Laser Radial Fleet: Prize for 1st overall, 2nd and 3rd

Laser 4.7 Fleet: Prize for 1st overall, and 2nd

Other prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and the above prize allocation may be changed, depending on the number of entries. The boat finishing in first place in the Standard Laser Fleet shall be presented with the CYC Laser Open Salver Trophy. This trophy shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year. The prize giving will be as soon as possible following the final race.