

2016 Belmont/Newcastle Laser Winter Series
May – August 2016
Belmont Bay, Lake Macquarie & Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle
Organising Authority
Belmont 16ft Sailing Club & Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing if the International Sailing Federation and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Yachting Australia*.
- 1.2 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats will apply.
- 1.3 International Laser Class Association Class Rules will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 For races conducted at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club (B16ftSC), notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Brian Ellis Boat Shed.
- 2.2 For races conducted at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the NCYC Laser Compound.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 For races conducted at B16ftSC, signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal mast located at the southern end of the B16ftSC Rescue Boat Shed.
- 4.2 For races conducted at NCYC, signals made ashore will be displayed at the signal mast located at the eastern end of the NCYC Laser Compound.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.4 When Code Flag "R" is displayed ashore, boats shall not go afloat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race Area</i>	<i>Host Club</i>
Saturday 14/05/2016	Newcastle Harbour	NCYC
Saturday 28/05/2016	Belmont Bay	B16ftSC
Saturday 25/06/2016	Newcastle Harbour	NCYC
Saturday 09/07/2016	Belmont Bay	B16ftSC
Saturday 23/07/2016	Newcastle Harbour	NCYC
Saturday 06/08/2016	Belmont Bay	B16ftSC

- 5.2 The number of races per day will not exceed three.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300. The warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Laser/Laser Radial/Laser 4.7	White flag with red Laser class insignia.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 Attachment 1 describes the courses that the race committee may signal to be sailed.

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the numeral pennant indicating the course to be sailed.

7.3 Marks 1 and 2 shall be rounded to port.

7.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

8 MARKS

8.1 For races conducted at B16ftSC, Marks 1 and 2, will be large yellow inflatable cylinders and the start and finish marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a black & white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.

8.2 For races conducted at NCYC, Marks 1 & 2 will be stick marks displaying an orange flag and the start and finish marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a round orange buoy at the port end.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

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

9.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 40 minutes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms will be available near the official notice boards. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the premises of a host club beginning at the time posted.
- 13.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5** Breaches of instructions 15 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 13.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 13.7** 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.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** The series shall include a scratch result point score and a handicap result point score. The race committee may establish separate class divisions as it deems appropriate.
- 14.2** A boat's handicap shall be based on an arbitrary Time Correction Factor (TCF). A boat's handicap score is then determined by its place relative to other boats based on corrected time. Corrected time is calculated by multiplying the boat's elapsed time by the TCF.
- 14.3** The selection of a handicap method or adjustment system shall be at the discretion of the race committee.
- 14.4** 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.5**
- (a) When fewer than 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 8 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (c) When 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.


15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** All helmspersons shall enter their details and sign-on in the On Water Register prior to going afloat.
- 15.2** No later than 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later, all helmspersons shall sign-off the On Water Register
- 15.3** A helmsperson who does not comply with SI15.1 and SI15.2 shall have 2 points added to her race scores for all races conducted that day without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 & A6.
- 15.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

- 15.5** When Code Flag “R” displayed on a race committee signal boat, all boats shall return to shore.
- 16** **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 16.1** Substitution of helmsperson will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17** **SUPPORT BOATS**
- 17.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment or requests assistance.
- 18** **PRIZES**
- 18.1** Prizes will be given at a presentation to be held at B16ftSC after the last race of the series.
- 19** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 19.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 19.2** Participants are warned that regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possible death. This risk warning is issued jointly by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and NSW Roads & Maritime Services, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and/or Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.
- 20** **INSURANCE**
- 20.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident.

ATTACHMENT 1

THE COURSE - Windward-Leeward Course

<i>Numeral Pennant Displayed</i>	<i>Course to be Sailed</i>	<i>Course Diagram</i>
1	Start – 1 – 2 – Finish	
2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish	
3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish	

