

Sailing Instructions Sail Country 2015

(Incorporating the Victorian Dinghy Championships and the
2016 Zhik Victorian Laser Masters Championship)
The Organising Authority is the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club Inc. (AWYC)
in conjunction with Yachting Victoria and Victorian Laser Association.

These Sailing Instructions do not include the Opti Green Fleet, which will be given spoken basic instructions prior to sailing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 If sufficient Finns for own class, the O flag may be displayed above 10 knots. Turned off with R flag.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club (AWYC) Clubrooms adjacent the Galley.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located in front of the AWYC Clubhouse.
- 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 RELATED TO RACING

Friday, 30 October 2015	
11:00 to Late	On-shore boat and trailer parking as directed.
Saturday, 31 October 2015	
08:00 to 11:00	Registration and late entries for Sail Country. Eligible Laser sailors may register for Laser Masters Championships until 12:30 as per separate NOR.
11:00 12.30	Welcome/Competitor then coach/support Info Session Separate Laser Masters Information Session as per separate NOR.
13:00 (Alpha & Bravo Courses)	Racing session for all classes other than Lasers (earliest time for warning signal)
14:00 (Charlie Course)	Racing session for Lasers (earliest time for warning signal as per separate Laser Masters NOR)
Sunday, 1 November 2015	
08:00	Information Session
09:00	Racing session (earliest time for warning signal) No warning signal after 13:00 for Alpha & Bravo courses. No warning signal after 14:00 for Charlie Course, as per separate Laser Masters NOR.
As soon as possible after racing	Presentations

5.1 Maximum number of races

- a) Lasers (Charlie Course): A maximum number of 5 races scheduled with at most 3 races on the Saturday.
- b) Other Classes (Alpha and Bravo Courses): A maximum number of 8 races scheduled, with up to 4 races per day.

- 5.2 To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal for at least five minute before a warning signal is displayed.

6. FLAGS FOR WARNING SIGNALS.

Class	Flag (if not class flag)	Course
Mixed Classes with Yardstick ≤ 104.5	Numeral Pennant 1.	Alpha
Mixed Classes with Yardstick > 104.5	Numeral Pennant 2.	Alpha
420	Numeral Pennant 3*	Alpha
Minnow	Numeral Pennant 1*	Bravo
Optimist - Open	Numeral Pennant 2*	Bravo
HANSA 303 & O'Pen Bic	Numeral Pennant 3*	Bravo
Laser Standard	White flag with red Laser emblem ^{#1}	Charlie
Laser Radial	Green flag with red Laser emblem ^{#2}	Charlie
Laser 4.7	Yellow flag with red Laser emblem ^{#3}	Charlie

* If an association provides a class flag, it will be used for the warning signal.
#1,#2,#3 – numeral pennant number if class flag becomes unavailable.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The location of the racing areas are shown in attachment A.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Course diagrams in attachments B and C.

8.2 The diagrams in Attachment B show the Alpha and Bravo courses (classes other than Lasers), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2.1 For Alpha and Bravo Courses (all classes other than Lasers), a windward clearance mark (1a) will be placed approximately 20m to the port side of the windward mark (1). All boats must pass this mark, leaving it to port, before heading on the downwind leg.

8.3 The diagrams in Attachment C show the Charlie courses (Lasers), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left

8.3.1 For Charlie Course (Lasers) there will be three separate windward marks (1) for Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7.

8.4 The course allocated for each class is shown in SI 6.

9. MARKS

Course	Windward (Mark 1)	Windward clearance (Mark 1a)	Starboard Gate (Mark 2s)	Port Gate (Mark 2p)	Port End Starting Mark	Port End Finishing Mark
Alpha	Yellow Cone	Orange round	Yellow Cone*	Yellow Cone*	Yellow Cylinder	Yellow Stick Mark
Bravo	Pink Cone	Orange round	Orange Cone*	Orange Cone*	Yellow Cylinder	Yellow Stick Mark
Charlie (Lasers)	Std: Orange Cone Radial: Yellow Cylinder 4.7: Pink Cone	NONE	Yellow Cone*	Yellow Cone*	Yellow Cylinder	Blue Stick Mark

* If one gate mark is missing, boats are to leave the remaining gate mark to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 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, resailed, postponed or abandoned. This changes rules 26 Starting Races and 63.1 Requirement for a Hearing. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual Recalls does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 5 mins after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 For Alpha and Bravo courses, a division which has had a general recall shall "move to the end of the queue" and other division start sequences will continue as scheduled.

11. CHANGE OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 For Alpha and Bravo Courses, if the finish line is moved to a new position upwind, a course or rescue boat will display code flag "C" with one sound signal for groups of boats at the mark prior to the mark that has been moved.
- 11.2 There will be no change of course for Lasers on Charlie Course.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish for Alpha and Bravo Courses (classes other than Lasers)
 - a) The Finish line will be set as near as possible to directly to windward of the Gate according to the wind direction at the time that the first boat of the current race(s) on the course pass through the Gate. The distance to the Finish line from the Gate will be about the same as the distance from the Start line to Mark 1.
 - b) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 The Finish for Charlie Course (Lasers)

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.
- 12.3 If the finish boat displays code flag "H", it signals that the race just completed is the last race for the current race session.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For Alpha and Bravo Courses (classes other than Lasers), Rule 44.1 is changed, due to short courses, so that Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all divisions.

Note: NOT changed for Charlie Course (Lasers)

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time Limits and Target times for Alpha and Bravo Courses (classes other than Lasers)

- a. The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- b. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course will be 60 minutes.
- c. 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.

14.2 Time Limits and Target times for Charlie Course (Lasers)

- a. The target time for the first boat to complete the course will be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- b. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course will be 90 minutes.
- c. Boats failing to finish within 20 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.

15. PROTESTS, MEDIATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at AWYC Discover Sailing Centre (DSC) Training Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of all divisions has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The PRO will post the time on the official noticeboard.
- 15.3 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 protest room, located at AWYC DSC Training Room, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17, 20, 22, 23, and 26 will 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.
- 15.6 For classes other than Lasers, a mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61. Such hearing will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 15.7 For classes other than Lasers, the time and place of the mediation hearing will be determined by the mediator and advice given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 15.8 For classes other than Lasers, a mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be ground for redress. Should a mediator make no finding and the protest proceeds to a protest hearing, the mediator may be a witness to the hearing. Any evidence given by the mediator shall only be given in the presence of parties to the mediation hearing.
- 15.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 16.1 All Lasers competing in the Sail Country (Victorian Dinghy Championships) will sail on the same course. For the Laser Masters Championships placings, results will be scored separately (i.e. ignoring boats not registered as Masters). All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall (Master Only) results of the applicable Class.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 The Sign Off period for each Class will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 17.4 To Sign On and Sign Off each skipper shall complete and sign the declaration sheet located in the Clubhouse.
- 17.5 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with SI 17.1 may result in that boat being scored DSQ in the first race on the day of the omission without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 17.6 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and indicate this on the sign-on/off sheet when signing off.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 All Lasers shall use only one hull, one sail, one mast and boom, one centreboard and one rudder.
- 18.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 All official course boats will be marked with a yellow flag.
- 20.2 The Media boat will be marked with a yellow flag with the letter M. The media boat shall be allowed on the race course during racing.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 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, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 21.2 Support boats are to be registered and with the race committee at time of competitor registration.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 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.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Sail Country Prizes will be given to the first, second and third placing for each eligible class.
- 24.2 Sail Country Prizes will be given to at least first place for a class with at least three boats in a mixed division as well as prizes for the overall Mixed Classes divisions' results.
- 24.3 Other Sail Country prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 24.4 Laser Masters: All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Masters Class. This is a cube event for Masters and cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Rules

25. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in an event competitors automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion picture, still picture or live feed of him/her during the period of the competition without compensation.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

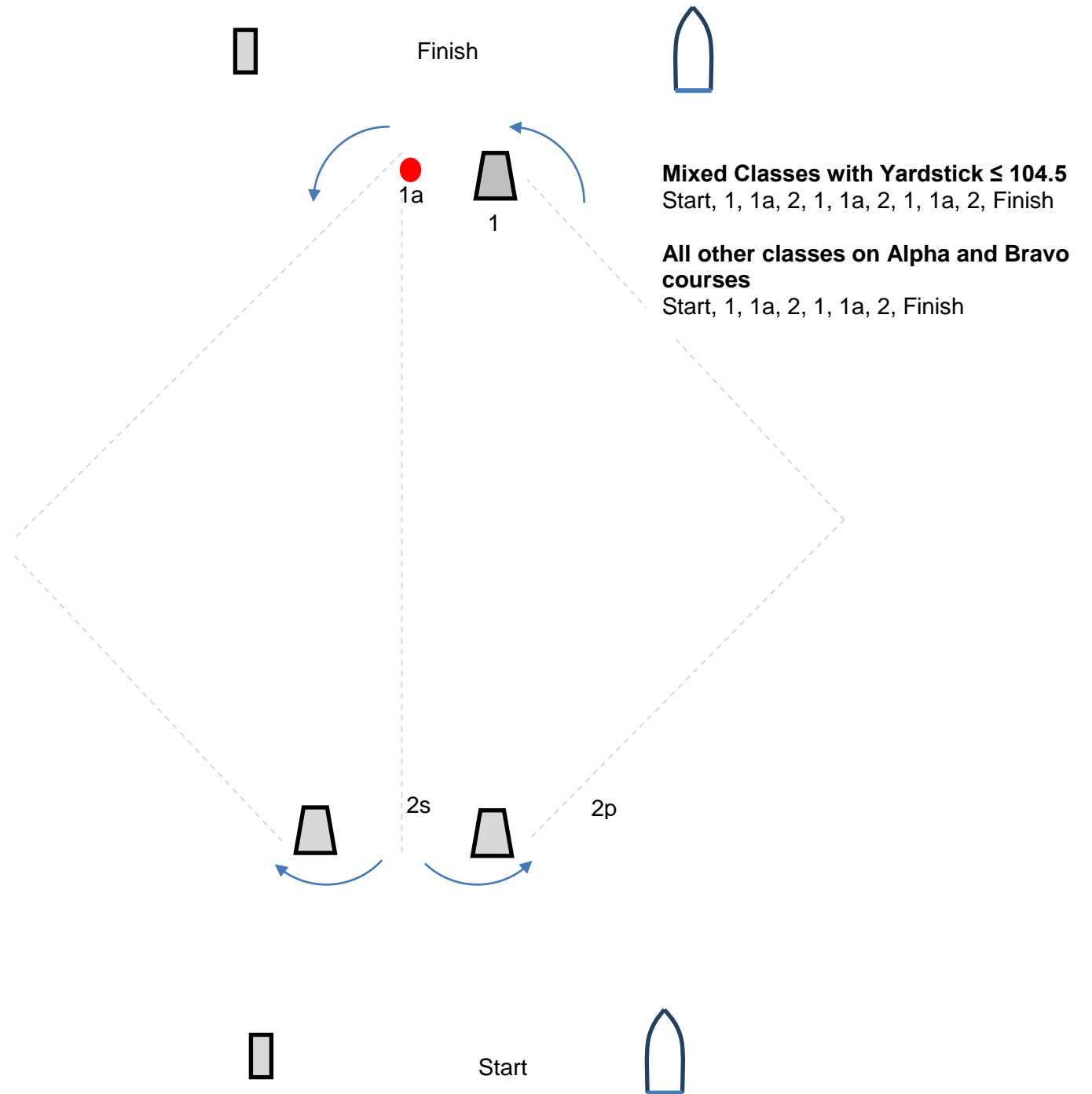
27. INSURANCE

27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000AUD (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 – Racing Area



Attachment B
Alpha and Bravo
course diagrams



Attachment C

Charlie course (Lasers) diagram

