

2010 Laser District 21 Grand Prix and Duluth Invitational Sailing instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), and these sailing instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Members of the ILCA may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. To sail in the Duluth Invitational does not require ILCA Membership. The Duluth Invitation is only open to Duluth members.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be made verbally at the skipper's meeting.

4. CHANGES TO INSTRUCTIONS.

Any written change in the sailing instructions will be posted at the launch site one hour before the first warning signal for the race it takes effect for, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect. Any oral changes made on the water will be signaled by code flag "L" and will be followed by oral instructions to all boats.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday August 7th	09:30 to 10:30 – Registration, Rigging, Breakfast 10:30 - Skippers Meeting 11:00 - 1st Race Lunch on the water in between races Try for 5 or more races on Saturday Grilled food and beverages on the pier after racing
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Sunday August 8 th	8:15 breakfast 10:00 first race Try for 4 or more races on Sunday Will not start a race after 1:30 Awards and thanks to the hosts
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6. RACING AREA.

Races will be sailed on Lake Superior in front of the Beach House or St. Louis Bay in front of the Sailing Pier as weather permits. Final decision will be made at the skippers meeting.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 Possible courses are:

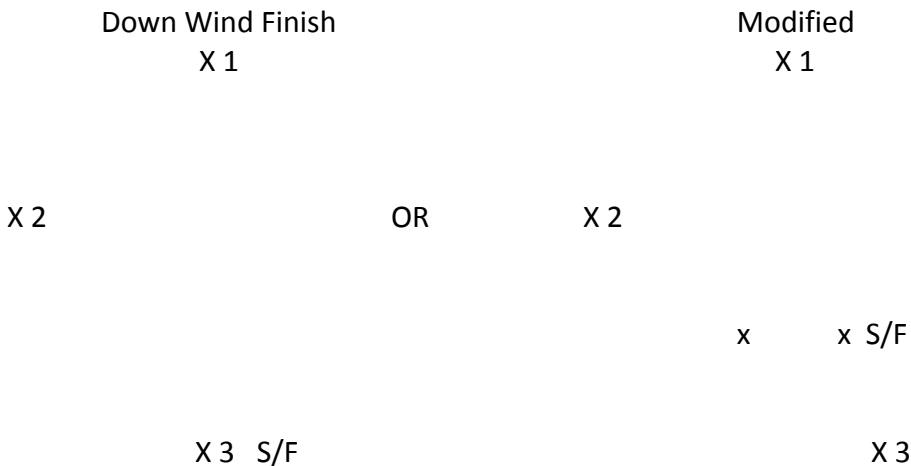
"O" (Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1- 3//Finish)

"W" (Start - 1 – 3//Finish)

The course board on the committee boat will display the number of laps.

7.2 An offset maybe used at Mark 1.

7.3 The PRO may use a modified course where the start and finish lines are in between the leeward and windward marks. When a modified course is used, it will be displayed on the committee boat's course board.



7.4 When a modified course is used, the finish line is open and yachts may be sail through it.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the standard 5-minute sequence. Class flag may be a yellow flag, preparatory flag will be a blue flag.8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat at the starboard end and the nearby port end starting mark.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE.

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg in question although, the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded thereafter may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC Boat and the nearby port end mark.

12. ABANDONMENT

12.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored DNF. This SI changes RRS 35.

12.2 The Race Committee may abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing

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13. PROTESTS

13.1 On Saturday and Sunday, protests will be lodged at the Yacht Club. Protests must be lodged within 1 hour after the committee boat has docked. Forms are available at yacht Club.

13.2 Protest notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard at the Yacht Club

13.2 RRS Part 2 may be arbitrated. When an arbitrator's penalty is accepted by the parties, a penalized boat shall receive a penalty of 2 points, or a 20% penalty as described in RRS 44.2(c), whichever is greater. Accepting a penalty in arbitration is voluntary and cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

13.3 Parties and witnesses to protests will be given 5 minutes following their call to the protest, after which the protest committee may proceed in their absence.

14. SCORING.

14.1 The Low Point scoring system RRS A4.1, will apply.

14.2 Up to 9 races will be sailed. One discard after 6 races have been completed.

14.3 One race will constitute a regatta

15. SAFETY

15.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while racing. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Life jackets may be briefly be removed to change cloths.

15.2 When leaving the racing area early a competitor shall attempt to notify a RC Boat, or an official on shore immediately upon arrival.

15.3 The RC has the authority to force a competitor to retire from racing at any time for safety reasons.