



**2012 Laser 28**  
**North American Championships**  
September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012  
*Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Dorval, QC*



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2009-2012)*, the prescriptions of the CYA, the rules of the Laser 28 International Class Association, the Notice Of Race, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 In the case of an error in translation, the English version of these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

**2 Entries**

- 2.1 Only Laser 28 class yachts as defined by the Laser 28 International Class Association may enter.
- 2.2 Entrants must meet all ownership, Fleet membership, Class membership and yacht measurement requirements.
- 2.3 Entrants must have completed registration, paid regatta fees {\$200.00} and Class dues {\$35.00} to the regatta organizing committee, submitted all signed documents including crew and Laser 28 International Class Association Rules endorsement forms before becoming official competitors.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the ground floor of the main clubhouse.

**4 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 9 AM on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 8 PM on the day before it will take effect.

**5 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Flag Pole located on the front lawn, or from the Race Committee Boat.

- 5.1 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race signal AP.
- 5.2 When Flag "L"  is displayed ashore, means an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions or a Notice to Competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.3 Flag "B"  fully hoisted with one sound signal means "*Protest time has begun*". The time limit for filing protests will be 60 minutes from the signal. When lowered, it means "*Protest time has ended*".

## 6 Special Signals

The display of Flag "A"  at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day."

## 7 Schedule of Races

7.1 A Competitor's meeting will be held at 8:30 AM September 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Sailor's bar area of the RStLYC.

7.2 Racing is scheduled September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

7.3 The scheduled time of the first signal of the day is 10:00 AM. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, five (5) short horn blasts will be sounded approximately one (1) minute before the Warning signal is given.

7.4 No start sequence will be initiated after 2:00 PM on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 8 Class Flags

The Class Flag is a Red #28 and a Star Burst on a White background. 

## 9 Racing Area

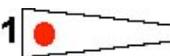
9.1 The distance from the harbor to the racing area is approximately 2.5 nautical miles. Depending on wind and water conditions, competitors are advised that it may take up to 40 minutes to get to the race area.

9.2 The racing area will be situated to the west of AD18. All boats are advised to stay in the channel way until they are well west of AD18. Boats should stay to the south of the red channel markers once they are west of AD18, and should not wander to the north of the channel.

## 10 The Course

10.1 The diagrams illustrated in Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 All courses will be Windward-Leeward type courses. Course selection will be signaled

using numerical pennant  or . The placard '2X' displayed on the Race Committee Boat means that the course must be sailed twice around, a '3X' means three times around, etc.

## 11 Marks

11.1 Marks W, LG, and L will be Yellow spherical in shape, and mark O will be an Orange sphere smaller in size.

11.2 The starting and finishing mark when they are not marks W, LG or L will be orange sphere.

11.3 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled by flying a "C" Flag  (with repetitive sound signals) before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark

may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. This alters rules 33a and 33b.

## 12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an Orange flag  is displayed on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 The RC boat may use a spacer buoy; boats shall not pass between the spacer buoy and the RC boat.
- 12.3 Boats are asked to sail by on Starboard tack to check in and be acknowledged by the Race Committee, before the first warning signal on each day of racing.
- 12.4 Boats will not start later than five (5) minutes after their starting signal.

## 13 Recalls

The race committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats on VHF channel 77 after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

## 14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag  on the RC boat with the Blue (on station) Flag  and the course side of the mark.
- 14.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag "S" , and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks.

## 15 Time Limit

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.

## 16 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Protests shall be in writing. Forms are available at the Official Notice Board, and must be delivered to the Principle Race Officer {PRO} within the time limit specified in section 5.3
- 16.3 A list of Protests and the Protest times will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2
- 16.4 As permitted in RRS 70.5(a), the right of appeal will be denied.

## 17 Scoring

- 17.1 The *Low-Point Scoring System*, RRS A2 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed.

17.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled, of which 3 shall be completed to constitute a series.

**18 Safety Regulations**

A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is not possible, the RStLYC Office immediately after arrival ashore.

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**19 Haul-out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**20 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**21 Prizes**

Prize giving will take place on the Front lawn of the Club. In case of inclement weather, the distribution of prizes will take place in the Sailor's bar area.

22.1 Perpetual Trophy will be presented to this year's North American Champion.

22.2 Prizes will be presented to the top three winning crews.

22.3 A Corinthian / Sportsmanship Award may be presented.

**Regatta Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Principal Race Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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