



The Laser Bay Series

2024 Season

Annisquam Yacht Club
Annisquam, MA

Notice of Race

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Bay Series for the Laser Class consists of one or more One-Day Series held over the course of the season. Each One-Day Series consists of one or more races held on a particular race day. Competitors compete for class honors in each One-Day Series, as well as in three Multi-Day Series: the July Series, August Series, and Bay Series Championship. The winner of the Bay Series Championship is also eligible to win the Forbes Trophy which is awarded pursuant to a separate document: The Forbes Trophy Scoring Guidance – 2024 Season.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Each One-Day Series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 - 2024* (RRS).
- 2.2. Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket while racing.
- 2.3. Each race shall begin with a 3-minute dinghy starting sequence. (US Sailing Prescription Appendix U)

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Each One-Day Series is open to competitors in the Laser Class. Membership in the AYC is not required. Non-members are invited to compete as guests.
- 3.2. Any member competitor appearing in the final standings of a particular One-day Series is a competitor each applicable Multi-day Series, i.e., the Bay Series and either the July Series or August Series.
- 3.3. Guests are eligible for class honors in each of the One-Day Series, but not in the Multi-Day Series.

- 3.4. Guests are permitted to use the AYC boatyard to rig/unrig, to launch/land and to store their dollies on race days. There is no parking of cars or trailers in the boatyard unless permission is granted by the AYC waterfront staff.
- 3.5. Guests shall identify themselves to the Race Committee on shore or on the water prior to starting their first race of the day.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. One-Day Series: The One-Day Series shall be held on the following eight dates: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18 and 8/24.
- 4.2. Multi-Day Series: The five One-Day Series in July comprise the July Series; the four One-Day Series in August comprise the August Series; and all nine of the One-Day Series comprise the Bay Series.
- 4.3. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1400 hours sharp.
- 4.4. If a scheduled race day is cancelled, it shall not be made up.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. Scoring is by competitor, not by boat.
- 5.2. One-Day Series:
 - 5.2.1. One race is required to constitute a One-Day Series.
 - 5.2.2. Scoring for each One-Day Series is according to the Low Point System (RRS, Appendix A).
 - 5.2.3. No race scores shall be excluded. There is no throw out race.
- 5.3. Multi-Day Series: The July Series, August Series and Bay Series Championship:
 - 5.3.1. One One-Day Series is required to constitute each Multi-Day Series.
 - 5.3.2. Each competitor shall be scored in each Multi-Day Series based on their place in the final results of each One-Day Series adjusted as follows:
 - 5.3.2.1. Guest competitors shall be removed from the One-Day Series final standings, and the finishing places of all competitors finishing below them shall be moved up accordingly.
 - 5.3.2.2. If, in scoring a particular One-Day Series, a tiebreaker was used to break a tie between two or more remaining competitors, then, for

the scoring of each relevant Multi-Day Series, the tie shall not be broken, and each of the tied competitors shall receive points equal to the average of the finishing positions they collectively occupy. For example, if a tiebreaker was used to break a two-competitor tie for second in a particular One-Day Series, each of the two tied competitors shall receive 2.5 points (i.e., the average of 2 and 3 points) for that One-Day Series in the scoring for the Multi-Day Series. In a three-competitor tie for second, each tied competitor would receive 3 points (i.e., the average of 2, 3 and 4 points).

- 5.3.2.3. A Multi-Day Series competitor that does not appear in the final standings of a particular One-Day Series shall be scored points for that One-day Series equal to one more than the number of member competitors in that One-Day Series.

5.3.3. Throw-outs

- 5.3.3.1. July and August Series: If four or more One-Day Series are held for either Series, each competitor's score for that Series shall be the total of their adjusted One-Day Series scores (5.3) excluding their worst score. If fewer than four One-Day Series are held, no score shall be excluded. The competitor with the lowest total score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.
- 5.3.3.2. Bay Series Championship: If eight or more One-Day Series are held, each competitor's score for the Championship shall be the total of their adjusted One-Day Series scores excluding their two worst scores. If four to seven One-Day Series are held, each competitor's score for the Championship shall be the total of their adjusted One-Day Series scores excluding their worst score. If fewer than four One-Day Series are held, no score shall be excluded. The competitor with the lowest total score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.

5.3.4. Multi-Day Series Ties

- 5.3.4.1. If there is Multi-Day Series score tie between two or more competitors, each competitor's adjusted One-Day Series scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the competitor(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.
- 5.3.4.2. If a tie remains between two or more competitors, they shall be ranked in order of their adjusted scores for the last One-Day Series. Any remaining ties shall be broken using the tied competitors' scores in the next-to-last One-Day Series and so on until all ties are

broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

6. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 6.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1. There are no prizes for the One-Day Series.
- 7.2. For each Multi-Day Series, prizes shall be awarded to the top three competitors.

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 8.1. For further information please contact the Race/Sail Governor (racesailgov@annisquamyc.org).