



## The Laser Bay Series

2025 Season

Annisquam Yacht Club  
17 River Road  
Annisquam, MA

### **Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs)**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

#### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1. The Bay Series Championship for the Laser (ILCA) 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 the 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 – 2025 Season.

#### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The Bay Series Championship and each One-Day Series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 - 2028* (RRS).
- 2.2. [NP][DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. (Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times while afloat, except for brief periods of time while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.)
- 2.3. Each race shall begin with a 3-minute “dinghy” starting sequence according US Sailing Prescription Appendix U “Audible-Signal Racing System”.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. Each One-Day Series is open to competitors in the Laser (ILCA) Class. Membership in the AYC is not required. Non-members are invited to compete as guests.
- 3.2. There is no additional cost for participation: Registration is free.
- 3.3. [NP][DP] Registration for each One-Day Series happens on the water at any point in time prior to starting the competitor's first race of the One Day Series. Registration is accomplished by sailing past the stern of the committee boat on starboard tack and loudly hailing them with sail number and name.
- 3.4. Any AYC member competitor appearing in the final standings of a particular One-day Series is a competitor the Bay Series Championship.
- 3.5. Guests are eligible for class honors in each of the One-Day Series, but not in the Bay Series Championship.
- 3.6. [NP][DP] 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.
- 3.7. [NP][DP] Guests must complete a guest sailing waiver, available on the AYC Race Sail website at <https://annisquamyc.org/index.cfm?ID=163> before competing in their first race in which they compete.

### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. One-Day Series: The One-Day Series shall be held on the following eight dates: 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17 and 8/24.
- 4.2. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1400 hours sharp.
- 4.3. If a scheduled race day is cancelled, it shall not be made up.

### **5. SCORING**

- 5.1. Scoring is by competitor, not by boat. A competitor may have a different sail number or sail a different boat from one week to the next.
- 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. The Bay Series Championship:

5.3.1. A minimum of one One-Day Series is required to constitute the Bay Series Championship.

5.3.2. Each competitor shall be scored in the Bay Series Championship 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 the Bay Series Championship, 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 Bay Series Championship. 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 Bay Series Championship 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. Bay Series Championship: If five or more One-Day Series are held, each competitor's score for the Championship shall be the total of their adjusted (per NoR 5.3.2) One-Day Series scores excluding their worst score. If fewer than five One-Day Series are held, no score shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1. The competitor with the lowest total score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly, following RRS 90.3(a) and RRS A4.

5.3.4. Bay Series Championship Ties

5.3.4.1. If there is Bay Series Championship score tie between two or more competitors, each competitor's adjusted (per NoR 5.3.2) 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 (per NoR 5.3.2) 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. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 7.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the AYC flagpole on the front deck.
- 7.2. When the AP flag is displayed ashore indicating a postponement, the warning signal of the next race will be made 35 minutes after the removal, unless at that time the race is postponed or abandoned. This changes RRS "Race Signals".

## **8. COMMUNICATION**

- 8.1. Postings by the AYC Race Sail Governor or PRO to The AYC Laser Google Group, available at <https://groups.google.com/g/ayclaserfleet>, shall serve as the official notice board.

## **9. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 1800 on the day before a given One-Day Series or may be communicated orally on the water before the first warning of the race to which they will apply. The black and yellow "L" flag will be displayed to indicate to competitors to come within hailing distance.

## **10. SAILING AREA**

- 10.1. The sailing area can be seen in Addendum A.

## **11. COURSES**

- 11.1. The courses are shown in Addendum B along with descriptions of class flags and marks.

## **12. PRIZES**

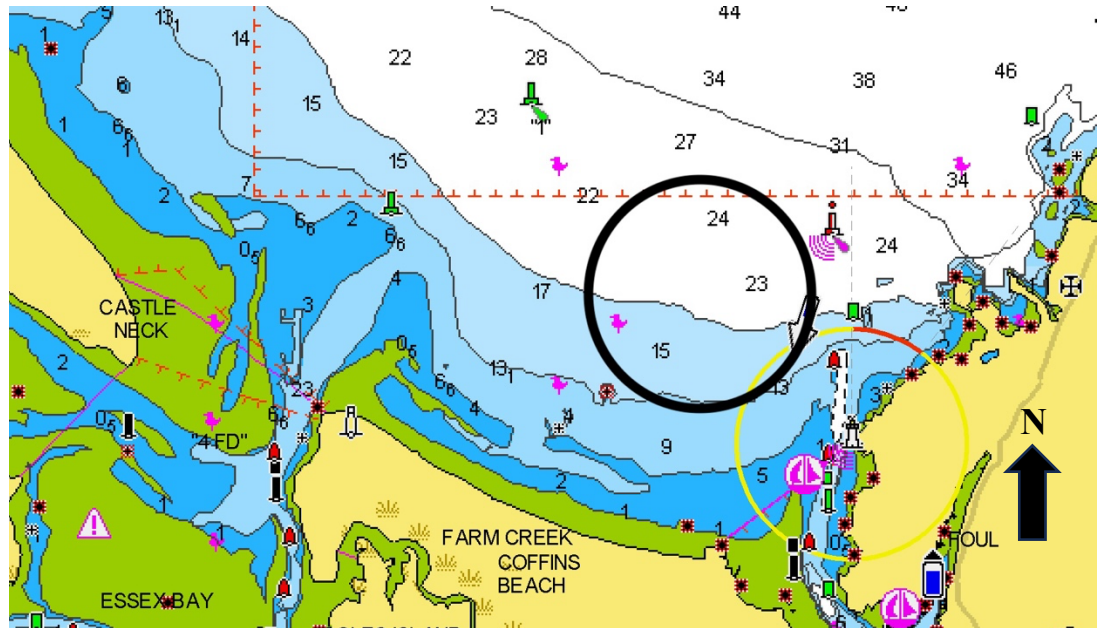
- 12.1. Small prizes shall be awarded for each top-three finishes in a One-Day Series.
- 12.2. For the Bay Series Championship, prizes shall be awarded to the top three competitors at the Sailors' dinner on August 27th.

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 13.1. For further information please contact the Race/Sail Governor ([racesailgov@annisquamyc.org](mailto:racesailgov@annisquamyc.org)).

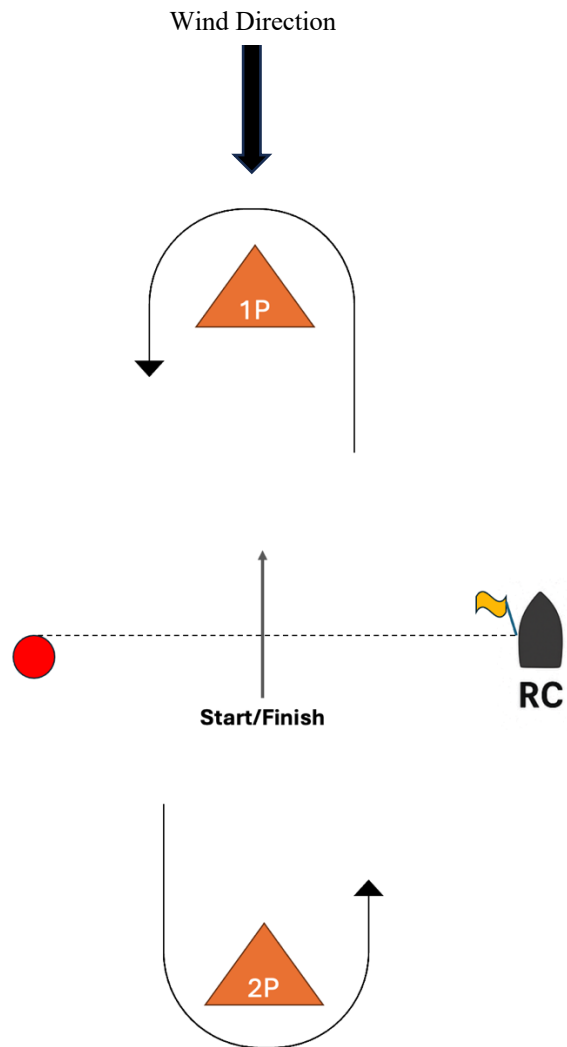
## ADDENDUM A: RACING AREA

The black circle represents approximate racing area, to the North West of the Annisquam harbor.



## ADDENDUM B: COURSES

### COURSE A:



#### **Rounding order:**

Start, 1P left to port, 2P left to port, Finish.

#### **Description of marks:**

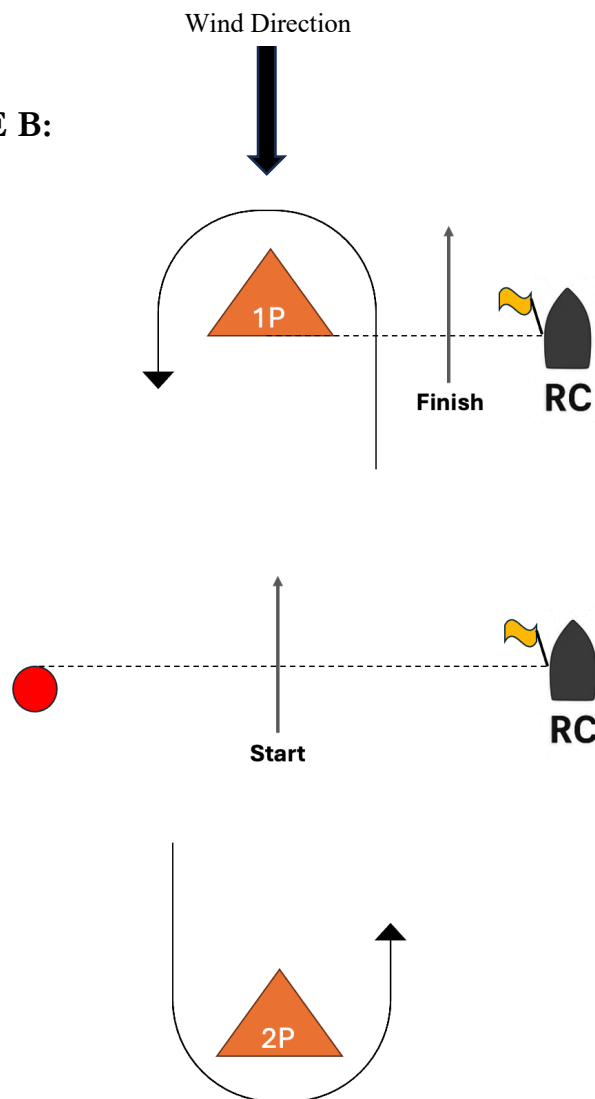
The start and finish line are between a red hippity hop on the port end and the orange flag on the committee boat on the starboard end. The windward and leeward marks will be large inflatable tetrahedrons.

**NOTE:** The start/finish line is open and may be sailed through on the downwind leg between 1P and 2P.

#### **Class Flags:**

The Laser (ILCA) Class Flag is a white flag with a Red Laser symbol/logo.  
The Alerion Class flag is a white flag with a blue Alerion "A" symbol/logo.

## COURSE B:



### Rounding order:

Start, 1P left to port, 2P left to port, Finish (at the windward mark).

### Description of marks:

The start line is between a red hippity hop on the port end and the orange flag on the committee boat on the starboard end. The windward and leeward marks will be large inflatable tetrahedrons. The finish will be at the windward mark with the large tetrahedron (1P) acting as the pin end of the finish line.

**NOTE:** The start/finish line is open and may be sailed through on the downwind leg between 1P and 2P. The committee boat will move to the finish location after both fleets have started.

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## ADDENDUM C: REVIEW OF RRS RACE SIGNALS

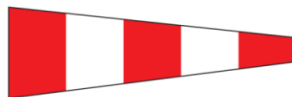
### RACE SIGNALS

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down ( $\uparrow \downarrow$ ) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot ( $\bullet$ ) means a sound; five short dashes (— — — — —) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, fleet flag, event flag or race area flag, the signal applies only to that class, fleet, event or race area.

#### Postponement Signals



**AP** Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



**AP over H** Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



**AP over A** Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

#### Abandonment Signals



**N** All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.

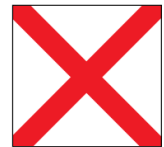


**N over H** All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.



**N over A** All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

#### Safety



**V** Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

### Recall Signals



**X** Individual recall.



**First Substitute** General recall.  
The warning signal will be made  
1 minute after removal.

### Other Signals



**L** Ashore: A notice  
to competitors has  
been posted.  
Afloat: Come within  
hail or follow this  
vessel.



(no sound)

**Orange** flag.  
The staff  
displaying  
this flag is  
one end of the  
starting line.