



COURAGEOUS SAILING

COURAGEOUS Summer Laser Racing 2023

Courageous Sailing Center
Pier 4, Charlestown Navy Yard
Boston, MA 02129

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Courageous Sailing Center (CSC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 Racing at Courageous Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Other alterations in the rules are noted below.

- Starting Sequence: As described in Appendix U of the RRS, the three-minute dinghy starting signals shall be used for all races. This changes Rule 26.
- If there is a collision causing damage, all parties involved in the collision **must** immediately retire from the current race, sail clear of other boats directly to a Race Committee boat to report the incident and display the damage. The Race Committee will assess the damage and determine if one or all parties must retire from the remainder of the remaining races. At the discretion of the Race Committee, one or both boats involved in the collision may be subject to immediate retirement from the remaining races for that day. Boats thus retiring are unable to exonerate themselves although they may be eligible for redress. This changes RRS 44.
- When a boat that has been damaged is unavailable for a subsequent racing day, the competitor(s) at fault, as determined by either by a protest hearing or by the agreement of parties involved in the incident resulting in the damage, may race only if there are boats available beyond those used by other competitors.
- A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the Race Committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. Failure to do so may be grounds for declaring the protest invalid under RRS 63.5. This changes RRS 61 and 62.
- RRS 62.1(b) is changed to "swamping, capsizing, disablement, injury, or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear."
- The following is added to the end of RRS 62.1: "(e) failure of equipment on the boat that could not be prevented by a reasonable inspection and/or adjustment prior to racing." Competitors are reminded to inspect knots, halyards, sheets, control lines, tiller extension and fittings, shackles, cotter pins, and cotter rings ('ring dings') used the secure stays to the hull or blocks to the boom, mast, traveler, or boat, before leaving the dock. If they do not do so, they should not expect relief when simple and preventable failures occur.
- RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear, while on the water or dock, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, an approved US Coast Guard PFD. The PFD must be worn outside all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging." Note that flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of

the RRS.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to individuals who submit complete roster information (name, mailing address, and email address) and payment of the associated regatta fee.
- 2.2 All competitors shall provide a signed Courageous Sailing Center waiver. No individuals may be on the CSC dock or boats without having signed a waiver.
- 2.3 Strong sailing and racing skills are expected of all skippers. For some events, skippers must be approved in advance by the OA [Executive Director, Adult Program Director, or in their absence, the designated Principal Race Officer].
- 2.4 Teams competing on Lasers shall consist of one person single-handing the Laser.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Payment of the entry fee shall be made by cash, check, or credit card.
- 3.2 The fee for an evening of racing shall be \$20 for each week.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Racing shall take place on Thursdays from May 25 through August 31.
- 4.2 On each Thursday evening, the first warning shall be given at 1800. Racing will continue at the discretion of race committee.
- 4.3 A brief meeting of the competitors may be held prior to the first warning and notice for such a meeting will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.4 Racing for a given day may be canceled at the discretion of the OA.

5 BOATS

Lasers provided by the Courageous Sailing Center (CSC) and all class legal Lasers that registered participants wish to use.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the first race and on the website of CSC.

7 VENUE

The venue is the Courageous Sailing Center on Pier 4 in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA. Races will be conducted within the Inner Harbor area, unless otherwise specified. Driving directions, parking suggestions, and a description of public transportation options are available at www.courageoussailing.org/directions/charlestowndirections.html

8 COURSES

The Courageous Course Diagram illustrates the seven possible courses.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Daily Scoring: A low-point system, as described in Appendix A of the RRS, will be used with no scores excluded.

10 PRIZES

Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

11 MEDIA RELEASE

By participating in the race or regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical information in perpetuity in any media, including but not limited to television, video, print, and electronic media, for the purpose of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the regatta and the participants.

12 DISCLAIMER

All participants are reminded of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in the regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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