

Potomac River Sailing Association
Notice of Race
Laser Winter Series for 2010-2011
Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ENTRY FEE

There is no entry fee, but PRSA membership for 2010 (which is valid through March 2011) is strongly encouraged: \$60. (We have to pay for insurance, slips, motor maintenance, etc.) The launch fee to the WSM is half price to PRSA members on race days: \$3. The membership application is on the website along with instructions for where to send the form and check. There is also a PayPal option for paying your dues.

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 The series will consist of 17 Sundays from November 21 through March 20, excluding December 26.

3.2 Please refer to the PRSA Laser calendar at www.potomacroversailing.org/lasers for the schedule of race dates.

3.3 Skipper's meeting at 12:00 noon and the first warning signal @ 12:30 pm. The start may not be delayed for latecomers.

3.4 The RC will attempt to run 4 or more races each day. The last race of the day shall not be started after 3:30 p.m.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on November 19, 2010 at www.potomacroversailing.org/lasers/calendar.php.

5 VENUE

The Washington Sailing Marina is off of the GW Parkway between Old Town Alexandria and Reagan National Airport. For directions to the Washington Sailing Marina go to www.potomacsailing.org and click About PRSA.

5.1 RACING AREA

It'll either be in the cove or out on the river in the vicinity of the power plant. The choice will depend on the tide and wind. The choice will be announced at the skipper's meeting and is at the discretion of the Race Committee that day.

6 THE COURSES

6.1 All starts will be to windward.

6.2 Boats shall leave marks to port (with the exception of the port end of a gate).

6.3 The course will be hailed by the Race Committee to the competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to receive the hail from the RC.

6.4 The course may be a Windward-Leeward (Hot Dog), Triangle or combination thereof. All courses are at the discretion of the RC.

7 PENALTY

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

8 SCORING

8.1 SERIES SCORING

To qualify in the series you must *sail* in 50 percent (rounded up) or more of the races. (Your turns on RC don't count, so you need to be out there for more than the minimum 50 percent.) Your score will be the average of your best 50 percent of races in the series. The more you sail, the more of your bad races will be excluded. The low point average scoring system will be used. Averaging scores instead of summing them allows us simply to assign a blank for RC duty and a blank for DNC. The Hangover Regatta on January 1 does not count towards the series scoring.

8.2 WINNER-OF-THE-DAY SCORING: It is fun to know who won each day and how close or far you were from the winner. Plus, for the privilege of humiliating us, we'd like the winner to send the group an email the week after with some thoughts and why the day went well for him or her. The low point average scoring system will be used. If there are 6 or more races in a day, a competitor's worst race will be excluded. Otherwise, all will count. Also, you need to race half the races + 1 to qualify for winner of the day.

8.3 RACE SCORING: If you start and finish a race properly, your score is your finish position. Other scores depend on the number of qualified finishers. Qualified finishers excludes OCS, DSQ, and RAF. DNF and OCS will be the number of qualified finishers + 1. DNS, DSQ, and RAF will get the number of qualified finishers + 2. Note that to get a DNS you must have started at least one race on that day.

9 PRIZES

We'll score and engrave the name of the winner of the full 17 Sunday series on a perpetual plaque.. To qualify you must *sail* in 50 percent (rounded up) or more of the races. The skipper who qualifies for the series with the highest series average score will have their name engraved on the perpetual rusty rudder award.

10 RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

You can sign up for RC Duty on the PRSA Laser Website here:
http://www.potomacriversailing.org/lasers/rc_form.php. EVERYONE needs to sign-up for at least one day during the winter. Competitors who feel comfortable to do so may switch with the assigned RC of the day to allow the RC to do a few races.

10.1 RECORDING FINISHES

Although the RC person can record finishes using sail numbers, they need to add the names of the skippers in borrowed boats before starting another race. Also, it is important for the RC person to note anyone who did not finish (DNF) because DNF and DNS get different scores.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the winter series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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