

**Felpham Sailing Club**  
**UKLA Laser Masters Open**



Saturday/Sunday 11/12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Organizing Authority: Felpham SC (FSC)

Venue: FSC, 21 Blakes Road, Felpham, West Sussex, PO22 7EE

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Rules**

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- 1.1. Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Rules, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available at this event.
- 1.3. RRS 40 will apply at all times whilst afloat but flag Y will not be displayed.

**2. Notices to Competitors**

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- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the FSC Clubhouse.

**3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

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- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

**4. Signals Made Ashore**

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- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club mast and communicated by the official Notice Board.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, flag AP will be lowered with 1 sound signal and the warning signal for the postponed race will be made not less than 20 minutes after AP is lowered.

**5. Schedule of Races**

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- 5.1. There will be a Briefing for competitors at 11:00 on Saturday 11 June.
- 5.2. Saturday 11 June 2016:
  - 5.2.1. Number of races: 3.
  - 5.2.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for **Race 1** is 11:55. The scheduled **Race 2** and **Race 3** will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.3. Sunday 12 June 2016:
  - 5.3.1. Number of races: 3.
  - 5.3.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for **Race 4** is 10:25. The scheduled **Race 5** and **Race 6** will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
  - 5.3.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## **6. Class Flags**

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6.1. Class flags will be displayed on the official Notice Board and will be shown at the Briefing:

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| 6.1.1. Laser Standard       | TBA |
| 6.1.2. Laser Radial and 4.7 | TBA |

## **7. Racing Areas**

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7.1. The racing area shall be off Felpham beach to the south of FSC Clubhouse and detailed fully in the competitors Briefing.

## **8. The Courses**

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8.1. Courses may be triangle/sausage or trapezoid, will be displayed on the official Course Board in FSC Clubhouse and will be set dependant on the conditions.

## **9. Marks**

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- 9.1. The marks will be Black triangle racing marks.  
9.2. The pin-end mark will be a yellow 'pole' mark.

## **10. The Start**

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- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. It is intended that the first start will be for Laser Standards and the second start for Laser Radials and 4.7s
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat, at the starboard end, and an Outer Distance Mark. An Inner Distance Mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the starting line.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

## **11. The Finish**

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11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and a Finishing Mark.

## **12. Time Limits and Target Times**

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- 12.1 The time limit and target times shall be 50 minutes and 45 minutes respectively.
- 12.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

### **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

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13.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Registration Desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the Time Limit.

13.2. The protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to the beach or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.4. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10.2 and 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

### **14. Scoring**

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14.1.1 The scoring system is as follows:

14.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **15. Safety Regulations**

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15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

### **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

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16.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee.

### **17. Support Boats**

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17.1 Support boats shall register at the Registration Desk.

### **18. Radio Communication**

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18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **19. Prizes**

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19.1 Prizes will be awarded to sailors in all Masters categories, to approximately the square root of the number of entries in that category.