



Point Leo Boat Club

LASER / IMPULSE REGATTA

Sunday 18th January 2026

Organising authority: Point Leo Boat Club Sailing Committee

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

.1.1 Preamble:

Point Leo Boat Club run their events with a degree of informality, as its sailing and boating fraternity is interested mainly in fun events where friendship and entertainment are key. Therefore light hearted and friendly competition is promoted.

- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2012-2016(RRS) as amended, the prescriptions and special regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation and these Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.2 Every person in charge must be a member of a Yachting Western Port affiliated club or the Australian Laser Class Association.
- 2.3 Entry form with \$10 fee must be lodged with the race committee before 12.00am
- 2.4 Point Leo Boat Club, its members and those assisting the club will not be responsible for damage to boats or injury to persons caused by any rescue boat, or in any other circumstances whatsoever.
- 2.5 Competitors are reminded of Fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race: The responsibility for a boat's decision to race or to continue racing is his or hers alone.
- 2.6 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000.000

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Point Leo Boat Club and also its website.



4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

.5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Date 18/01/2026 Class Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Laser 2, Impulse

5.2 Number of races: 2 or 3 back to back as per briefing from OOD

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12.53pm.

5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange or yellow flag will be displayed for at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be for Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 NUMERAL PENNANT 1, 2 or 3 (as per briefing).

7 RACING AREAS

Will be Westernport Bay in the vicinity of Point Leo Boat Club.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Courses may be shortened, in which case Flag "S" will be displayed from a committee boat in the vicinity of a mark as the leading boat reaches that mark, accompanied by two sound signals. The leading boat will pass between that mark and the committee boat, and finish. All other boats will complete the course as shortened for the leading boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting mark will be an orange flag stick buoy

9.2 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange buoys or similar.

9.3 The finish mark will be an orange flag stick buoy (same as starting mark)

9.4 The starting and finishing marks are the same buoy



10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made “Three” minutes before the starting signal or a “Five” minutes before the start as the Race Officer deems appropriate on the day.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

Signal	Time Prior to Start	Flag
Warning	3 minutes	Class Flag (numeral 1 or 2) up
Prep.	2 minutes	Blue Peter up
One minute	1 minute	Blue Peter down
Start	0 minutes	Numeral Pennant 1 down

10.4 Sound signals will be made with each flag signal.

10.5 The committee boat may stream a buoy which will be considered an extension of the boat and shall be passed on the same side as the boat when starting.

10.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the finishing mark and a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag or as described by the OOD at the briefing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The penalties are as follows: RRS 44.2 a 360 degree turn.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limit for each back to back race will be 60 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are *not* available at the control tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. – *Yeah. Good luck with that.*

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. *Or maybe 6 minutes.*

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. *Maybe.*

14.4 Breaches of instructions 12.4 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.



15 SCORING

- 15.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A 4.1 will apply.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Sign On: All boats shall sign the sign on sheet before leaving shore or by hailing the committee boat.

Sign Off: All boats shall sign the Sign Off sheet upon returning to shore or by hailing the committee boat, but no later than the end of protest time. A failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in a boat being scored equal to DNC for the last race and the police may be advised that the boat is missing.

- 16.2** A boat that does not start or retires from a race shall 'Sign Off' and notify the race committee as soon as possible.

- 16.3** **When the patrol boat(s) display "N over A" or "N over H" all boats shall return to shore and sign off.**

- 16.4** Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race.

RRS AYF Addendum A , AYF Special Regulations Part 2 will apply to all boats. Failure to comply with R1 Wearing Personal Buoyancy may result in disqualification without a hearing.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Seniors Trophy (skipper 55yrs and over)

Junior Trophy (skipper under 18yrs)

Female Skipper

Presentation will be as soon as possible after completion of last race

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.



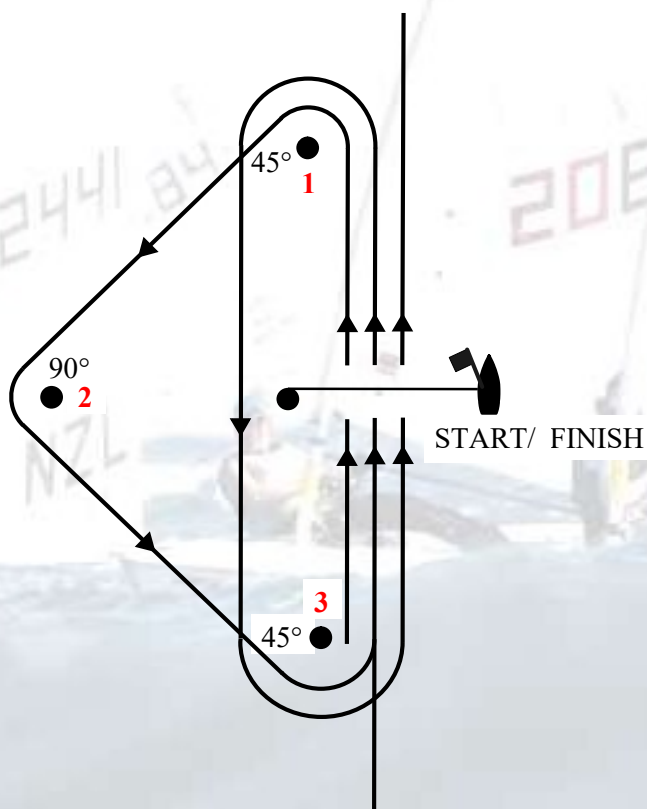
ADDENDUM A ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE

COURSE 01

A windward-leeward-triangle course as illustrated - or mirrored.

Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish

No need to sail through the start finish line on 2nd & 3rd legs.





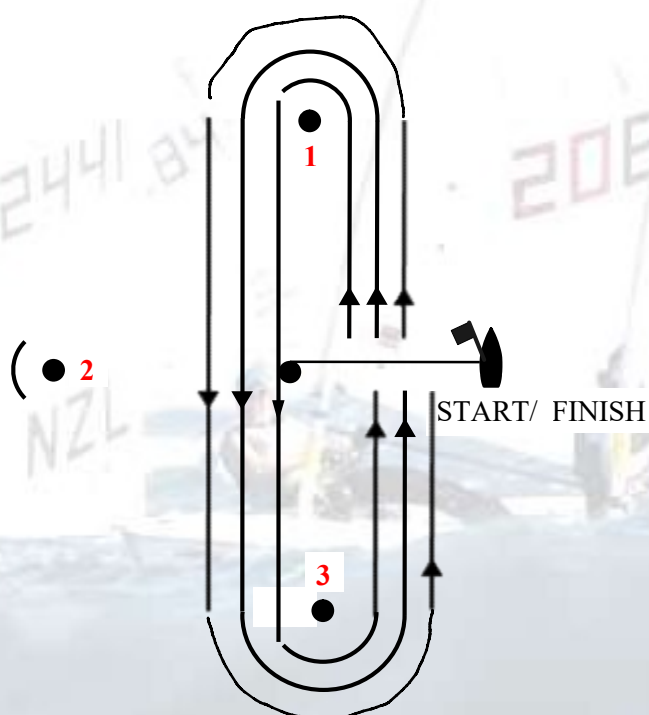
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COURSE 02

**A windward-leeward course as
illustrated - or mirrored.**

Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish

**No need to sail through the start finish line on 2nd &
3rd legs.**





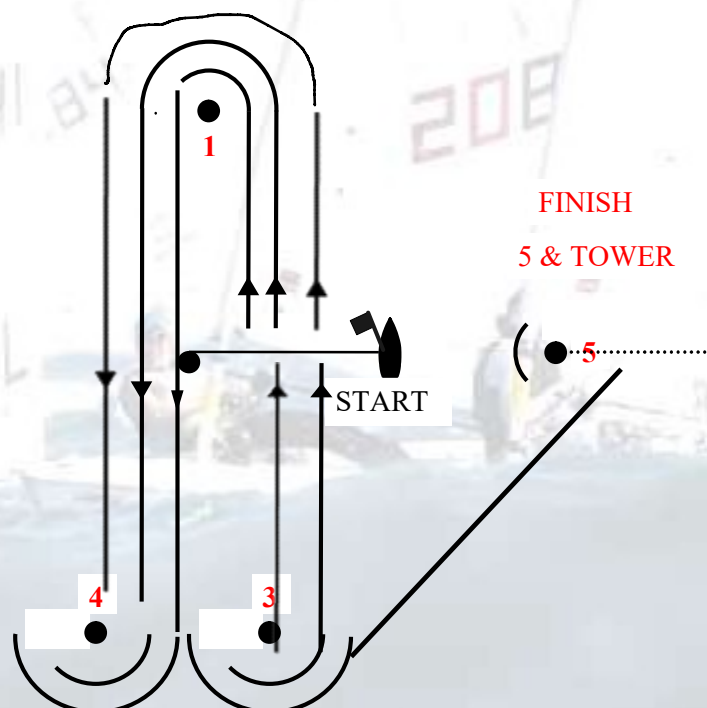
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COURSE 03

A windward-leeward course – with gates - as illustrated - or mirrored.

Start – 1 – 3 or 4 – 1 – 3 or 4 – 1 – 3 - Finish (5 & Tower)

No need to sail through the start finish line on 2nd & 3rd legs.





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