

Severn Sailing Association

2017-2018 Laser Frostbite Series

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The Frostbite Series will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Sailing prescriptions, Laser Class Rules, and Sailing Instructions with the following changes:
 - a. Competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while on the water. For the purpose of this series, a dry suit or wet suit is not considered a buoyancy aid. This changes RRS 27.1 and 40.
 - b. A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 shall take a penalty by making a 360 degree turn. This changes RRS 44.1
 - c. No boat shall leave the basin(s) until the safety boat has left. **Any boat that leaves the basin before the safety boat will not be scored on that day.**
 - d. Competitors shall wear wet suits or dry suits at all times while sailing. **Any competitor not wearing a dry or wet suit will not be scored on that day.**
 - e. Laser Standard and Laser Radial rigs will be scored separately; therefore, there is no switching of rigs during a series. Sailors must select which rig they choose at the beginning of the series.
 - f. There must be a minimum of three boats in each fleet to have a separate start. If there are less than three boats in either fleet, all boats will start together but will be scored separately.
 - g. Non-class legal replica sails are permitted.
 - h. Competitors must register with a unique sail number and must sail with this same number throughout the series. Sails without numbers are not permitted and will not be scored.
 - i. The sound signal starting system in RRS Appendix S will be used with the following changes:
 - The 3-minute warning signal will be eliminated.
 - The sequence will begin with 2 long horns 2 minutes prior to the start (this changes rule S3).
 - RC will use Individual Recall and General Recall flags as indicated (this changes rules S2 & S6).
 - Failure to receive a hail shall not be grounds for redress.
2. **Dates:** The 2017-2018 Frostbite Series will be divided into two series.
 - Series 1: November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, January 7, 14, and 21
 - Series 2: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
3. **Registration:** Registration shall be made on the SSA website at severnsailing.org, through the Racing and Event Calendar. **Participants must register for each series.** Unregistered participants shall not sail.
4. **Weather Monitoring and Communication:**
 - a. Each day of frostbite racing begins with a competitors' meeting that includes a weather briefing, to share:
 - the latest National Weather Service marine forecast for our zone (Sandy Point to North Beach; available at <http://forecast.weather.gov/shmrn.php?mz=anz532>)
 - current water temperature (from December 1-March 31, use http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=tplm2; otherwise use <http://www.buoybay.noaa.gov/locations/annapolis>)
 - any current watches, warnings, advisories, or weather statements for that marine forecast zone

- b. The Race Committee will post the NWS weather forecast for the day on the Notice Board, no less than two hours before the first scheduled start (it can be printed out from the computer in the Race Committee office on SSA's second floor).
 - c. While on the water, a designated Race Committee member will monitor weather conditions, particularly to see if any new watches, warnings, advisories, or weather statements are issued for the Annapolis area. *Note that while mobile apps can be informative, many do not reliably relay NWS watches, warnings, advisories, or weather statements that provide critical, timely information.* For that purpose, track <http://forecast.weather.gov/shmrn.php?mz=anz532>.
- 5. Safety:**
- a. **Check In/Out Procedure** - Each competitor will indicate their status on shore via the check-in/out board. Each competitor is responsible for filling out a key tag with their name and sail #, hanging the tag on the *out hook* position before launching. Once back on shore, each competitor is to move their tag to the *in hook* position. Competitors launching out of Eastport YC should walk over to indicate their status on the board; competitors out of Annapolis YC or other locations may dock briefly at SSA for this purpose on their way to and from the race course or may ask a friend to do so for them by phone. **If a competitor does not follow the check in/out procedure, that competitor will not be scored.**
 - b. Each competitor shall carry a safety whistle with their PFD/lifejacket, worn at all times while on the water.
- 6. Racing:** The first warning signal each Sunday shall be at 1:00pm. No races shall be started after 3:30pm.
- 7. Course:** A windward/leeward, triangle, or other course may be set at the discretion of the Race Committee. The start/finish shall be in the middle. The start will be on the port side of the RC boat between an orange flag mounted on the boat and a pin mark. The finish will be on the starboard side of the RC boat between a blue flag mounted on the boat and a red spherical mark. If the RC intends to set a course other than a windward/leeward or a triangle, such course description shall be posted on the board under the stairs prior to 12:30pm. Course length will be set to approximately 15 minutes per race.
- 8. Scoring:** A low point system will be used.
- a. Daily: Competitors will be scored each day using a low point system. The daily ranking will be based on the total of each competitor's scores on that day. DNS equals the number of competitors for the day plus 1 point (this modifies RRS Appendix A 4.2). There will be no throw-outs for daily scoring.
 - b. Series: Competitors will be scored for the series using a low point system. Series scoring shall be the total of each competitor's daily finishes, excluding 50% of the scores. In the case that an odd number of days are raced, the number of excluded scores shall be rounded down. To be included in the final series score, competitors must have completed their Race Committee duty during the series. Competitors must also have been scored for 50% of the race days to be included in the final series score. An average score received for race committee duty (see 8. d.) shall qualify as a race day score for the overall series.
 - c. In the event of a tie excluded scores will be used to break the tie (this modifies RRS Appendix A8.1).
 - d. Race Committee Duty: The competitor's score on the day he or she serves on RC shall be the average of all his or her daily scores. Exceptions to this rule made at the discretion of the Laser Fleet Captain.
- 9. Protests:** All protests will be settled using the three-minute justice system. A copy of this procedure will be posted on the SSA website.

- 10. Race Committee:** All competitors must volunteer for one RC day during each series to be scored for that series. At least two of the persons on the RC must be SSA members. Only SSA members may drive boats. RC signup is available on-line at severnsailing.org. Laser Fleet Captains are exempt from Race Committee duty. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Fleet Captain.
- 11. Awards:** Awards will be given to all competitors who participate in at least 50% of the race days for both series combined.
- 12. Annual Fleet Dues & Entry Fee:**
- Laser 10 Fleet dues for the 2018 season are \$30.** These dues support the maintenance and storage of the Fleet Laser, the annual winter party, after sailing drinks, and regatta trophies/souvenirs.
- Non-member Entry Fee**
- a. The Series 1 entry fee is \$150 (SSA registration fee for 8 days, plus the annual \$30 fleet dues). Non-member participants from Series 1 have a \$120 entry fee for Series 2. Non-members who only register for Series 2, have a \$150 entry fee.
- SSA Member Entry Fee**
- b. SSA registration fees are waived for members; however, members must pay the annual \$30 fleet dues through the Series 1 registration. Member participants from Series 1 have no cost to participate in Series 2. Members who only register for Series 2, pay the annual \$30 fleet dues.
- 13. Boat Storage:** There is no boat storage at SSA for non-members.
- 14. Information:** For questions please contact Scott Williamson, scottwilliamson@hotmail.com or Dorian Haldeman, spidervmd@gmail.com.
- 15. Directions:** US Route 50 to Exit 24 (Rowe Blvd – MD 70) to Annapolis. Continue on Rowe Blvd as it bears to the right after College Creek. At Church Circle, turn right and go to Duke of Gloucester Street (the Maryland Inn is on the corner), turn right and go to the end, turn right on Compromise, go over the Spa Creek Bridge then turn left on Severn Avenue (at the light). Go five blocks and turn left on First Street. Severn Sailing Association is at the end of the street on the right.