



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **Open Dutch Championship**

Laser Master class

Organised by WV Braassemermeer

in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association (RNWA)

from 14th to 17th May 2015

location: Braassemermeer, Roelofarendsveen, The Netherlands

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing”

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The ‘Rules for Championships. Sailing, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding’ will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 Every person on board who has its domicile in the Netherlands shall have the required license.
- 1.5 Arbitration will be used for breaches of part 2 RRS. Addendum AR applies.


2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the clubhouse of the WV Braassemermeer.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at flag mast in front of the clubhouse of the WV Braassemermeer.
- 4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP.



5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Fleetracing:

Date:	Class:	Class:
	Laser Standard	Laser Radial & 4.7
14 May	2 races	2 races
15 May	3 races	3 races
16 May	3 races	3 races
17 May	2 races	2 races

5.2 If the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series Addendum K applies.

5.3 Dates of racing

Qualifying- and final races:

14 May	Race 1	Laser Standard	Warning signal 12:55
		Laser Radial/4.7	10 minutes after a valid start of the Laser Standard
	Race 2	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 1
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 1
15 May	Race 3	Laser Standard	Warning signal 10:25
		Laser Radial/4.7	10 minutes after a valid start of the Laser Standard
	Race 4	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 3
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 3
	Race 5	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 4
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 4
16 May	Race 6	Laser Standard	Warning signal 10:25
		Laser Radial/4.7	10 minutes after a valid start of the Laser Standard
	Race 7	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 6
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 6
	Race 8	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 7
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 7
17 May	Race 9	Laser Standard	Warning signal 09:55
		Laser Radial/4.7	10 minutes after a valid start of the Laser Standard
	Race 10	Laser Standard	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 9
		Laser Radial/4.7	A.s.a.p. after the finish of Race 9



- (a) One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

For single fleet races:

Laser Standard

Laser Radial & 4.7

Flag:

Flag D

Flag G

Ribbon:

Yellow

Blue

For qualifying series:

Laser Standard

Laser Standard

Laser Radial & 4.7

Laser Radial & 4.7

Flag D + yellow flag

Flag D + blue flag

Flag G + yellow flag

Flag G + blue flag

Yellow

Blue

Yellow

Blue

Group 1

Group 2

Group 1

Group 2

For final races:

Laser Standard

Laser Standard

Laser Radial & 4.7

Laser Radial & 4.7

Flag D + yellow flag

Flag D + blue flag

Flag G + yellow flag

Flag G + blue flag

Yellow

Blue

Yellow

Blue

Gold fleet

Silver fleet

Gold fleet

Silver fleet

7 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 45 minutes.

8.2 **At least at the warning signal a white board with a black number will be showed at the starting vessel with the number of the course.**


9 MARKS

9.1 Marks A will be a orange/white cylinder, mark B will be black/white cylinder, Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow balls. The starting marks will be: at the starboard side a staff on the RC boat with an orange flag. At the port side a dan buoy with red flag.

10 Spare



11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the **starting signal**.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard- end and the port-end starting mark.
At the starboard end of the starting line an Inner Limit Mark (ILM) will be positioned. The ILM mark will be a dan buoy with a green flag.
Marks ILM are considered starting marks as prescribed in the preamble to RRS, part 2, section C. Boats shall leave the starboard end ILM to starboard while starting.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If flag U  as the preparatory signal has been displayed no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes rule 26, starting races, and A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1, Individual recall, does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The RC will be not show the C flag for changing a mark

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a red flag with a white square on the port end finishing and the mast of the finish ship displaying a green flag with a white square on the starboard end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A Protest Committee is appointed. Decisions of the protest committee concerning the qualifying races will be final as provided in rule 70.5. The Royal Netherlands Watersport Association has granted permission under rule 70.5 (a) and the prescription of the Royal Netherlands Watersport Association to this rule.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time limit Mark 1</u>	<u>time limit</u>	<u>target time</u>
Laser Standard	30 minutes	75 minutes	45 minutes
Laser Radial/4.7	30 minutes	75 minutes	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

- 15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3 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. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.



16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office located at the clubhouse of the WV Braassemermeer. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the clubhouse of the WV Braassemermeer, beginning as soon as possible after the last race of the day.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the jury will be posted.
- 16.6** Breaches of instructions marked with [DP] 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 jury so decides.
- 16.7** On the last day of the regatta and after the last qualifying race a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing and after the last qualifying race a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9** A request for a decision in writing has to be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes rule 65.2.
- 16.10** A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, if this is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.11** Decisions of the protest committee in the qualifying races will be final as provided in rule 70.5. The RNWA has granted permission in accordance with rule 70.5(a) and the prescriptions of the RNWA to this rule.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2**
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5 up to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.3** ADDENDUM K will be apply.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Spare
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee.
- 19.2** The rig chosen at the start of the event has to be used for the whole event



20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee or a measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity

21 SPARE

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows: White flag with "RC" or "JURY"

23 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. A penalty for breaking rule 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

25 SPARE

26 SPARE

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. VHF will only be used for safety communication.

28 PRIZES

Helmsman of the winning boat of the championship acquire the title "Dutch Champion" and receive the accompanying medal(s) of the RNWA.

The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Blue Pennant of the RNWA.

Helmsman of the boats that are places second and third acquire also medal(s) of the RNWA.

Other prizes will be given as follows:

- Overall Standard;
- Overall Radial;
- Apprentices;
- Masters;
- Grand Masters;
- Great Grand Masters;
- Legends;
- Radial;
- Ladies Radial;
- Ladies 4.7.



29 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.

30 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent.

31 ORGANISATION

For further information please contact :

Mark Kalf

Phone: +31 (0)6 5116 3242

e-mail: info@lasermasters.nl

www.lasermasters.nl

www.brassemermeer.nl



Addendum AR; Arbitration

If stated in the Sailing Instructions arbitration will be used when applicable and this addendum will apply

- a. All protests involving a rule of RRS part 2 or RRS 31 and involving only two boats will be subject to arbitration. In this case 20 % in RRS 44.3(c) is changed in 30%.
- b. RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a scoring penalty as calculated in the changed RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- c. RRS 63.1 is changed by adding: The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.
- d. After a protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed.
- e. After taking evidence from each representative, the arbitrator will render his opinion:
 - e1 The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees the protest may be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the protest committee will hear the protest.
 - e2 One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a penalty as mentioned in the changed RRS 44.3(c) and the protest may be withdrawn. If not the protest committee will hear the protest. Rule 64.1(b) applies at a boat that has accepted an arbitration score penalty.
 - e3 The arbitrator decides a full protest hearing is required. In which case the protest committee will hear the protest.
- f. The abbreviation ARB will be used for an arbitration scoring penalty. This is added to RRS A11.



ADDENDUM K; Qualifying Races

If stated in the Sailing Instructions qualifying races will be scheduled in the mentioned classes according to sailing instructions Addendum K.

- a. In the qualifying races is the start of Group 2 (the amount of boats as stated in the Sailing Instructions) 10 minutes after a valid start of Group 1. In the final races is the start of the Silver fleet the amount of boats as stated in the Sailing Instructions 10 minutes after a valid start of the Gold fleet.
- b. The Sub Groups are sailing qualifying races according to this schedule:

Qualifying Race	Laser Standard	Laser Radial & 4.7
1	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
2	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
3	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
4	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
5	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
6	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
7	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
8	Sub Groups 1 - 2	Sub Groups 1 - 2
9	Gold and Silver fleet	Gold and Silver fleet
10	Gold and Silver fleet	Gold and Silver fleet

- c. The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- d. The fleet will be divided into two starting groups (group 1 and group 2). The starting groups will sail a qualifying series on 14, 15 and 16 May, followed by a final series on Sunday 17 May.
- e. Initial assignments for the qualifying series will be made on a random basis by the Organizing Authority. Those assignments will be posted by 11:00 hrs. on Thursday 14 May 2015.
- f. For the second and third day of the qualifying series, boats will be reassigned to starting groups, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all starting groups have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If not all groups have completed the same number of races the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races completed by all starting groups.
- g. Reassignments will be made on a 1,2, 2,1 basis.
- h. Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 19:00 hrs. that day, regardless pending protests or requests for redress. Assignments or re-assignments will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- i. Each day, two hours before the first scheduled start of that day, a list with the classification of the groups will be published on the official notice board.
- j. Boats will be assigned to final series starting groups on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The final series starting groups will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver group is not larger than the Gold group. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series in Gold, boats with the next best qualifying series ranks will race in Silver.
- k. Different final series groups need not have completed the same number of final races. After the qualifying races boats will be assigned to final-series fleets Gold and Silver.
- l. If five qualifying races are completed, the worst result in the qualifying races will (temporarily) be discarded.
If less than five races are completed, the ranking is based on the results without discard.
Boats with the best qualifying-series ranks will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet, boats with the next-best qualifying-series ranks will race in the Silver fleet.
- m. As long as three qualifying races are completed, the assignment to Gold- and Silver fleet will be posted on -the date stated in the Sailing Instructions- at 2100. If at that time only two or less



qualifying races are completed, the races on the next day are also qualifying races until three races are completed.

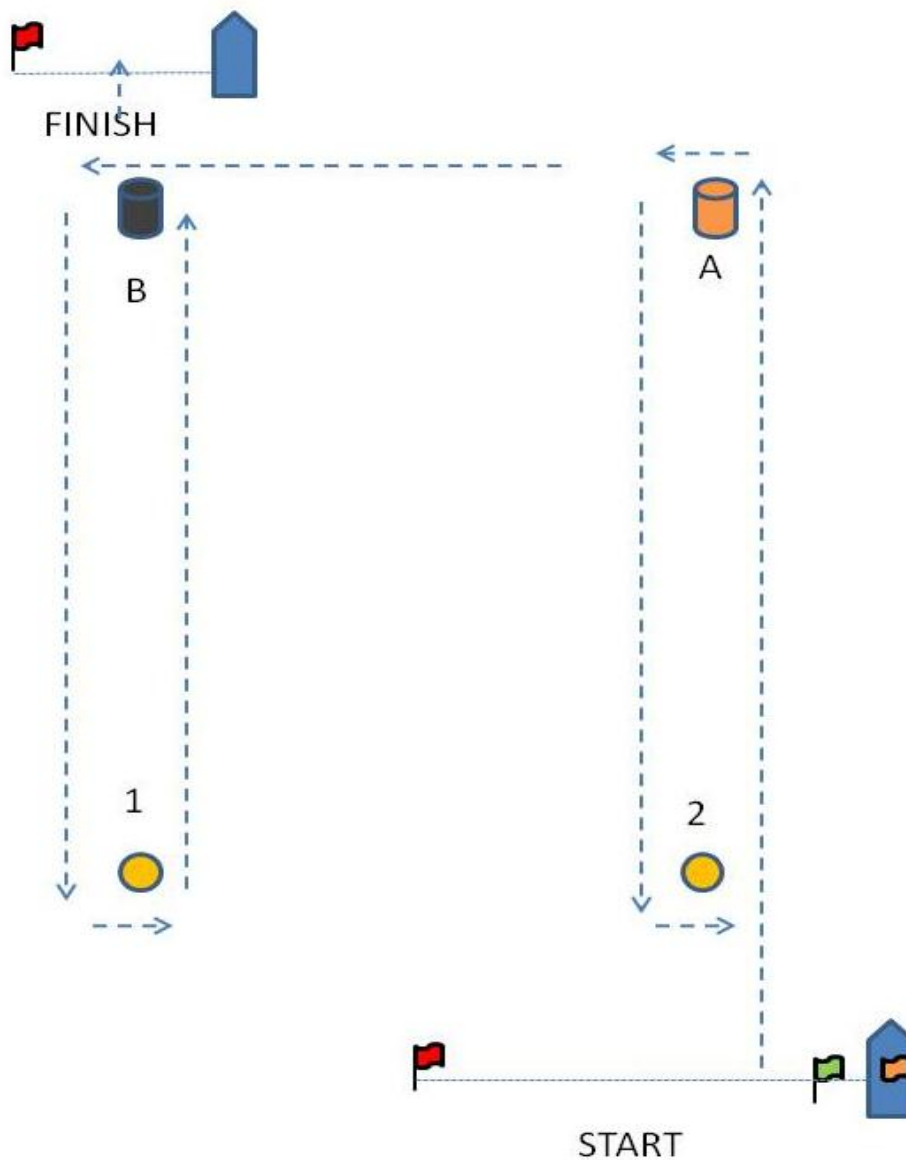
- n. If after one day before the last day of racing only two qualifying races are completed, the assignment to the Gold and Silver fleet will be made after one day before the last day on the basis of two qualifying races.

If after one day before the last day of racing only one qualifying race is completed, the qualifying series will be extended until two valid races are completed.

- o. Points for letter scores as mentioned in regel A11 RRS are the same as points given in the biggest possible fleet +1. This changes regel A4.2 RRS.
- p. Scores in the qualifying series are carried forward to the final series.



ADDENDUM A



Laser Standard:

Course 1: start – A – B – 1 – finish

Course 2: start – A – B – 1 – B – 1 – finish

Course 3: start – A – B – 1 – B – 1 – B – 1 – finish

Laser Radial & 4.7:

Course 1: start – A – B – 1 – finish

Course 2: start – A – 2 – A – B – 1 – finish

Course 3: start – A – 2 – A – 2 – A – B – 1 – finish