DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the prescriptions of Australian Sailing, and the rules of the participating Classes, (except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions). By starting, Competitors are deemed to comply with RRS Part1.

2. Entries

Entry is open to all ILCA (Laser) class dinghies. Eligible boats may enter by completing sign on forms showing Sail Number, Name of Skipper, sail type (size) and mobile phone number if applicable. Sail number is to display a minimum of the last 3 digits of the hull serial number to comply with annual AS Safety Audit.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the Undercroft at Claremont Yacht Club.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day of racing.

5. Signals made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the main jetty of Claremont Yacht Club.

5.2 Flag "AP", (See Appendix A3 Other Flags) with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means- "The race is postponed". All competitors shall stay ashore until advised by the Race committee. The Warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Time of first warning signal 1000

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1145 on the day of racing.

7. Class Flags

Laser rig types combined: White background with red Laser emblem
as per Full Rig class flag, Appendix A3. If numbers are sufficient, Laser rig types may have their own start (See Appendix A3 Other Flags).

8. Racing Areas

The racing area will be on Freshwater Bay, in the vicinity of Karrakatta Bank.

9. The Course

9.1 The course sheet shows the course including the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course sheets are located in the Lower Deck of Claremont Yacht Club. (Also see Appendix A1 Course Layout).

9.2 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange or yellow fluorescent inflatable buoys.

9.3 The port end starting mark will be the leeward course mark (3 or 4). The finishing mark will be a white pin mark with orange flag to leeward of the Start/Finish boat that may be laid before the start of the first race of the day.

9.4 Shortened Course

When code flag 'S' (See Appendix A3 Other Flags) is displayed from a committee boat near to a rounding mark, boats shall leave that on the required side and proceed directly to the finishing line.

9.5 Line in Use.

When an orange "line in use" flag is displayed from the mast of a start boat it signifies that the respective starting line is in use. When an orange or blue "on station" flag is displayed from the mast of a start boat it signifies that the respective finishing line is in use (see Appendix 2). Boats are not permitted to cross the finish line when the orange or blue flags are displayed. This rule does not apply during the period from the boats 'warning signal' until she is clear of the starting area after starting, or when finishing.

10. The Start

10.1 Races using course 1 or 3 will be started using Rule 26 (5 minute sequence).

10.2 Races using course 2 or 4 will be started using a 3 minute start sequence as described below.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag raised	One	Warning signal
2	Preparatory flag raised	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag dropped	One long	One minute
0	Class flag dropped	One	Starting signal

10.3 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark (9.4). A buoy may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee boat, either directly secured or floated on a short line. Such buoy and its line shall form part of the starting boat for the purposes of Rule 31, Touching a Mark.

10.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal.

10.6 Individual recall. RRS 29.1 apply Flag 'X' (see Appendix 2).

10.7 General Recall. RRS 29.2 apply Flag 1st substitute (see Appendix 2).

11. Alternative Penalties

No penalties apply for touching a soft mark, excluding start marks. For all other penalties a one-turn penalty applies.

12. Handicap Start Procedures

12.1 Individual handicap start groups, flag colours and timing between each group start will be communicated at least 30 minutes prior to the race start.

12.2 All Handicap Start Races will be started according to Rule 26 (5 minute sequence) for the first group.

12.3 At the starting signal, the first designated group will start, and the first coloured flag will be raised.

12.4 Subsequent groups will start at the drop of their group's coloured flag at 1 or 2 minute intervals.

12.5 No recall signals will be made. This changes Rule 29.2. Premature starters who do not return will be scored "OCS".

13. Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new or moved mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new or moved mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

14. The Finish

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange or blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

15. Boats Retiring

Boats retiring shall notify a committee boat or a Race Official as soon as possible. Boats failing to give notice may be disqualified at the discretion of the Protest committee.

16. Time Limits

Race Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
90 minutes	30 minutes	50 minutes

Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

17. Protests

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available and delivered within 30 minutes after the time of the last boats finish.

17.2 All protests will undergo mediation in accordance with the Claremont Yacht club Sailing Instructions and RRS 61.

17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness.

17.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

18. Scoring

18.1 The RRS Appendix A, Low Point scoring system, will apply to all races with modifications to Clauses A5.2 and A5.3 as follows:

18.2 Boats that are scored DNF, DSQ, OCS, UFD, BFD or RTD will be scored 1 point more than the number of **finishers** in that race.

18.3 Boats that are scored DNC (Did Not Compete) will be scored 1 point more than the number of **starters** in that race.

18.4 The Club Championship and Windward Series will be scored over 6 and 9 races respectively as listed in the Sailing Program. If all scheduled races are completed in a series, a sailor's worst race score will be discarded in the overall results.

18.5 The Consistency Series (high points) will be scored by including all races completed in the Summer Season. Each race will be scored using the CYC handicap system (all rig sizes combined). Only the first 6 finishers in each race will be scored bonus points (6-1) and all others that competed will be awarded participation points (0.5 for starting and 0.5 for finishing). All sailors that DNC (Did Not Compete) in that race will be scored 0 points. The participation points awarded for Opening Day, Closing Day, Commodores Cup and Dom Papaluca Cup will be 1.5 or
starting and 1.5 for finishing.

19. Responsibilities

19.1 All those taking part in racing at Claremont Yacht Club do so at heir own risk and responsibility.

19.2 The organising authority, any of its committees and the host club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

19.3 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

20. Safety

All skippers and crew must wear approved buoyancy vests type 2. All boats shall comply with the requirements of the Australian Sailing, Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats and RRS 40. In the event of strong winds or thunderstorms the Race Committee at their discretion may order part or all of the racing fleet ashore. All skippers shall obey such an order immediately.

21. Prizes

Pennants will be awarded to each sailor placing fastest in each rig size division and first, second and third on combined handicap. Should there be less than 3 boats finish the race only a fastest and first place pennant will be awarded.

22. Coaching

The club coach and or any other appointed person by the race committee can give advice to some, any or all competitors. This will not be regarded as a breach of RRS 41.