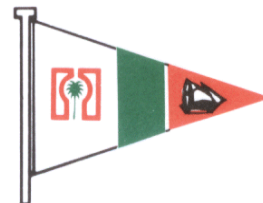




جمعية ليزر عمان

OMAN LASER ASSOCIATION



**VOLVO**  
**2011 RAHBC OMAN OPEN**  
**LASER CHAMPIONSHIP**

**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011**  
**Ras Al Hamra Boat Club**  
**Muscat, Oman**

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**AND**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## 1. Organising Authority

1.1 The VOLVO 2011 RAHBC Oman Open Laser Championship is organised at the Ras Al Hamra Recreation Centre (RAHRC) by the Laser Sailing section of the Ras Al Hamra Boat Club (RAHBC) in co-operation with the Oman Laser Association (OLA). The designated Officer of the Day (OOD) and the Race Committee (formed by the OOD, RAHBC Laser Sailing Committee and OLA appointed members) will manage the event.

This Notice of Race is issued by the RAHBC Laser Section and Oman Laser Association. All enquiries regarding the event shall be addressed to:

Tony van Thiel: [tony.agm.vanthiel@pdo.co.om](mailto:tony.agm.vanthiel@pdo.co.om), GSM: 99.54.27.80

## 2. Venue & Date

2.1 The Championship will be held on 14th & 15th April 2011. All Racing will take place at Ras Al Hamra, Muscat, Oman. The Racing Area will be in close proximity to and generally North of the RAHBC.

## 3. Rules

3.1 The event will be governed by the [ISAF RRS 2009-2012](#), this Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, the [Laser class rules](#) and properly posted amendments on the RAHBC Bridge Notice Board.

## 4. Conditions of Entry

4.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and any crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. The establishment of this notice of race and sailing instructions does not in any way limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the competitor for any crew, boat and management thereof. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitor or any crew as a result of his taking part in the race or races. Every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

Every competitor will be requested to sign a waiver to this effect. Signature of the waiver is mandatory to enter the event.

4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by "SIGNING IN" on each racing day on the registration sheets provided at the Race Office desk located on the RAHBC bridge.


4.3 All competitors shall display a distinguishing sail number that need not be that of the hull number, or as required by the Rules of the Class Association.

4.4 Buoyancy aids **shall be worn at all times when on the water.**

## 5. Notice to Competitors

5.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards at the RAHBC Bridge.

## 6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

6.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be signalled by flying Code Flag L (LIMA)  from RAHBC Bridge and by posting of a notice no later than 30 minutes before the start of any race to which it will apply.

6.2 Signals made on shore will be made from the RAHBC Bridge.

## 7. Eligibility & Club Access

7.1 Entry to this event is open to all residents of, or visitors to Oman.

A race entry fee will be charged as follows:

- RAHRC members: 5 OR payable by club chit at registration.
- Non-RAHRC members: 9 OR payable cash at registration. The additional 4 OR cover the RAHRC entry fee for the 2 days of the event.
- Non-racing visitors: can be entered into the RAHRC as guest at a fee of 2 OR per visiting day (to be paid in cash at registration by the competitor who brings in the visitor)

7.2 Non-RAHRC members must register with Tony van Thiel (through e-mail: [Tony.AGM.VanThiel@pdo.co.om](mailto:Tony.AGM.VanThiel@pdo.co.om)) before the event in order to arrange for RAHRC access passes. Full name and GSM number must be provided. Identification must be shown at the RAHRC security gate when entering the facility. RAHRC visitor charge is 2 OR per day per visitor 12 years of age or older.

## 8. Competing Classes

8.1 The Championships will be held for the Laser class. The Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 sail can be used. All rigs shall sail together in the same races. A handicap system will NOT be used.

## 9. Registration


9.1 All competitors shall complete the final registration prior to the start of racing on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the RAHBC Bridge.

## 10. Schedule of Events


10.1 The Championships will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The schedule for the two days will be as follows:

<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	08:45 – 10:30	Registration on the RAHBC Bridge
	10:30	Briefing on the RAHBC Bridge
	11:30 – 17.30	Race 1 to 5
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11:30 – 16.30	Race 6 to 8
	17.30	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

Races might be sailed back-to-back without a shore break. The race schedule timings are indicative only. Actual start times will depend on conditions on the day and will be advised by the Race Officer/OOD and posted on the Race Notice Board.

NOTE: Code Flag L  will be displayed on the Finish Line to indicate that the races are back-to-back. If Flag L is not displayed then all boats are required to return to shore after finishing that race.

## 11. Class Flag

11.1 The Class flag will be the “Laser” flag (White with Laser logo). 

## 12. The Course

12.1 Three courses will be used - see Annex A.

- **Course C1** will comprise a triangle
- **Course C2** will comprise a triangle and a “sausage”
- **Course C3** will comprise a triangle, a “sausage” and a triangle.


The number of the course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee boat prior to and during the start sequence of each race.

## 13. Marks


13.1 All the course marks and the outer distance mark (ODM) of the start/finish line will be orange buoys of triangular or cylindrical shape.

## 14. Starting Procedure



14.1 Signals.

Signals will be made from the Race Committee boat stationed at the starboard end of the line. The Flag "Red"  will be displayed from the Race Committee boat when on station for the start and during the starting sequence.


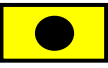

14.2 Starting Line.

The Starting Line is defined as the line between a mast displaying Flag "Red"  on the Race Committee boat (located at the starboard end of the starting line) and the outer distance marker (ODM) consisting of an orange buoy at the port end of the starting line.

14.3 Starting Sequence

<b>Warning Signal</b>	<b>Preparatory Signal</b>	<b>One minute signal</b>	<b>Start Signal</b>
5 mins	4 mins	1 min	0 mins
1 Sound Signal	1 Sound Signal	1 Sound Signal	1 Sound Signal
"Class" Flag up 	Preparatory Flag "P", "I" or "Black" up	Preparatory Flag "P", "I" or "Black" down	"Class" Flag down 

14.5 The Preparatory Flag informs competitors of which rule applies during the last minute before the start signal (See Annex B for details of flags):

Flag "P"		Boat/crew must be wholly on the pre-start side of the course before starting
Flag "I"		Round the ends rule applies for the last minute before the start signal - Rule 30.1
Flag "Black"		Should a boat enter a triangle formed by the ends of the start line and the first mark, it shall be disqualified - Rule 30.3

## 15. Recalls

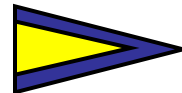
15.1 Individual recalls:

<b>Individual Recall</b>
Flag "X" up
1 Sound signal



15.2 General recalls:

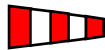
<b>General Recall</b>
First substitute Flag up
2 Sound signals



15.3 Approximately one minute after a general recall a new warning signal (i.e. the 5 min signal) will be given by raising the "Class" Flag combined with 1 sound signal.

## 16. Postponement

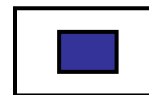
16.1 Flag "AP" shall signal that races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made approximately 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.





## 17. Shortened Course or Abandoned Race

17.1 A shortened course will be signalled on the Race Committee boat located on the finish line by:

<b>Shortened course</b>
Flag "S" up
1 Sound signal




Change to ISAF 32.2: The shortened course flag will only apply for boats after rounding mark C. It is the onus of the boat to correctly identify the shortened course when rounding mark C (the Race committee boat will fly 2 flags in that case: the blue finish flag  and the shortened course S flag.  )

17.2 A race that is abandoned **after the start** will be signalled by:

<b>Abandoned race</b>
"Class" Flag up
Occulting Sound signal for 1 minute



## **18. Finishing**

18.1 The Finish Line is the line between a mast displaying Flag "Blue"  on the Race Committee boat and the outer distance mark (ODM) consisting of an orange buoy.

When crossing the shortened course finish line, the onus is on the boat to decide whether or not it has completed the shortened course.

18.2 The race officer may impose, without warning and at his sole discretion, any time limit on the finish considered suitable. Boats finishing after this time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish".

## **19. Scoring System**

19.1 The Championships will be scored using the Low Point System. A minimum of three races is required to make a Championship. Should four or more races be held, one discard will be allowed. Each boat finishing a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified shall score points as follows:

1st	1
2nd	2
3rd	3
4th	4 etc.

19.2 A boat which does not finish or retires after the start shall score points equal to the number of starters during that race + 1.

19.3 A boat "on the course side" of the starting line (OCS) at the time of the start shall score points equal to the number of starters during that race +1.

19.4 A boat disqualified (e.g. by protest or failing to comply with the starting procedures) shall score points equal to the number of starters during that race +2.

19.5 A boat which does not start, or has not been located near the start line before a race, shall score points equal to the number of entries in the event +1.

19.6 If there is a tie of total points, the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the most first places, second etc. If the tie still exists, the last race shall be decisive.

## **20. Penalties**

20.1 Touching a mark can be exonerated by taking a penalty consisting of one turn including one tack and one gibe as per ISAF 31 and 44.1 & 2

20.2 ISAF 44.1, a Two-Turns penalty will apply, making two turns in the same direction, including two tacks and two gybes as per ISAF 44.2.

## **21. Protests**

21.1 A protest must be delivered in writing to the race officer within ½ hour after the race or a series of races has finished. A race or series of races is finished after the last finishing boat has reached the beach.

21.2 The sail number of the boats involved in a protest will be posted on the Official notice board immediately after the 30 minutes time limit has passed. The time for the hearing of a protest will be announced by the Race Officer/OOD. It is the competitors' responsibility to check the notice board and attend any protest meeting together with their witnesses.

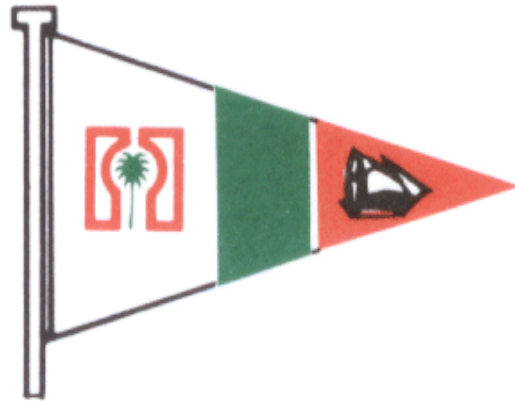
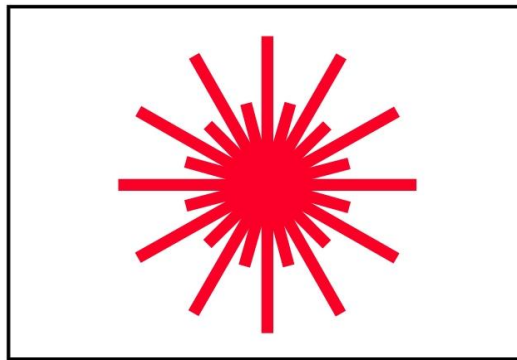
## 22. Prizes

22.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded as follows:

VOLVO 2011 RAHBC Oman Open Laser Championship  
- Overall Champion 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places

22.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the RAHBC Laser Section / Oman Laser Association.

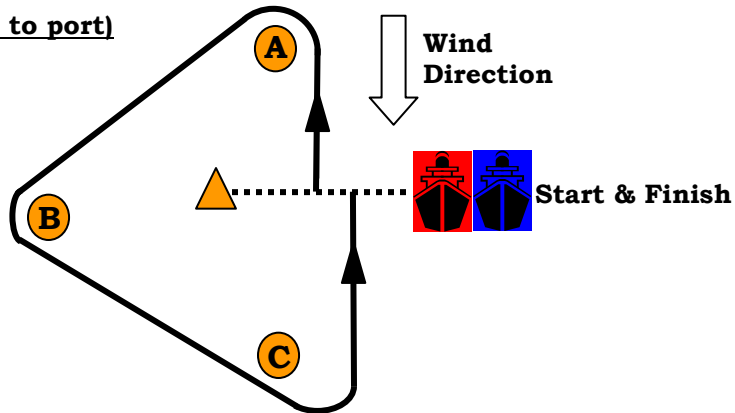
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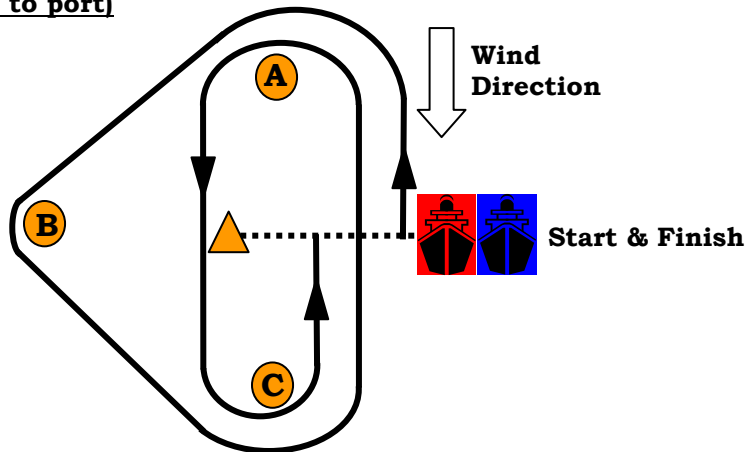
### Course C1 (all marks to port)

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C  
Finish



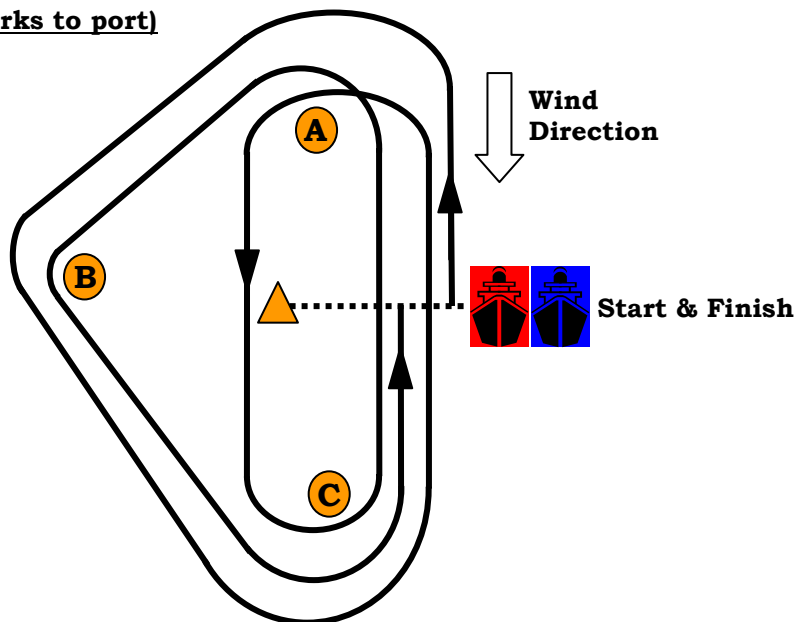
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### Course C3 (all marks to port)

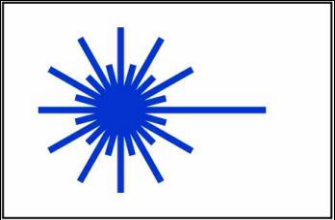
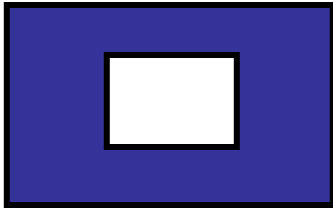
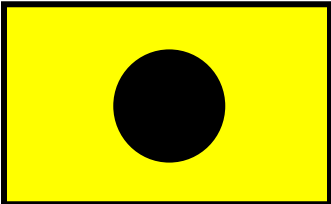
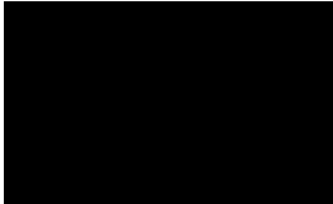
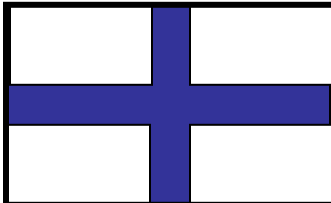
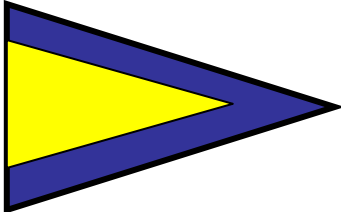
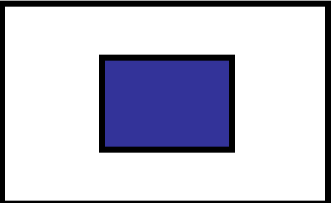
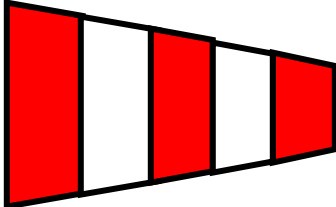
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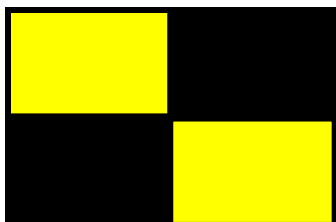


**Note: the finish line is not part of the course unless a boat is finishing. Note that the onus is on the boat to identify the shortened course when rounding mark C.**



## FLAGS

	<b>Laser Class</b>		<b>P</b>
	<b>I</b>		<b>Black</b>
	<b>X Individual Recall</b>		<b>First Substitute General Recall</b>
	<b>S Shortened Course</b>		<b>AP Postponement</b>



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- notice to competitors has been posted
- races are back to back –stay for next race