***2016 TUESDAY NIGHT LASER SERIES - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

1. **Events:** The events include three (3) series organized by the Park City Sailing Association. They are the *Spring* Tuesday Night Laser Series, *Summer* Tuesday Night Laser Series, and *Overall* Laser Series Championship.
2. **Schedule:**
	1. **Spring Tuesday Night Laser Series:** nine (9) Tuesdays – June 7th through August 2nd, 2016.
	2. **Summer Tuesday Night Laser Series:** nine (9) Tuesdays – August 9nd, through September 27th, 2016.
	3. **Make-up races:** There shall be no make-up races due to cancellations.
	4. **Start Time:** First Warning signal shall be at 1830 hours.
	5. **Number of Races:** RC may run 1-6 races per night, at their discretion, depending upon conditions.
3. **Rules:** The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) except as modified by these Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race, and/or the regulations of the Jordanelle State Park.
	1. These Sailing Instructions modify Rule 18 – the Zone is set at two (2) boat lengths at a mark rounding.
	2. These Sailing Instructions modify Rule 44.1 – requiring only One-Turn (one tack and one gybe) for all racing rule infractions.
4. **Personal Flotation Device (PFD):** All competitors must wear a (PFD) while on the water in accordance with Jordanelle State Park and USCG rules.
5. **Eligibility and Entry:** Registration is required. Participants must be a member in good standing of the Park City Sailing Association, have paid the Laser Series registration fee and have completed the online registration form. Races sailed prior to successful registration (including fees paid) will be scored DNC and may be scored after payment is received.
6. **Class:** the Tuesday Night Laser Spring and Summer Series are open to Laser class racing sailboats only that conform to the Class Rules of the Laser Class Association.
7. **Sail Numbers:** Competitors are strongly encouraged to have and sail under a unique sail number. Failure to do so may compromise accurate scoring. This modifies Rule 77 of the RRS.
8. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Park City Sailing Association Yahoo Group website. It is the responsibility of participants to monitor this site. In addition, notices may be posted on the storage area fence at the Personal Watercraft Ramp.
9. **Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the storage area fence at the Personal Watercraft Ramp at least one (1) hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 one week before it will take effect.
10. **Signals Made On The Water**: Signals made while on the water will be made from the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee may fly Code Flag “L” (Come Within Hail) but it is not required. All competitors must stay within hailing distance to the R/C.
11. **Racing Area:** The racing area is the immediate area to the South of the Personal Watercraft Ramp at the Jordanelle Reservoir, adjusting slightly for wind direction.
12. **Courses:** The racing course will remain constant throughout the series unless changed by the Race Committee. The course shall be a windward/leeward/windward with a start and finish in the middle of the course. Number of laps to sail will be indicated verbally by the race committee prior to the start of each race. (See chart below)
13. **Marks:** Marks will be orange balls except the RC may set a white ball for the other end of the starting line. Alternatively, the RC may use a “5 mph buoy” and/or channel markers for rounding buoys if the situation calls for it.
14. **Start-Finish Line:** The start-finish shall be a line between an inflatable or fixed buoy and an orange flag on the race committee boat. The race committee may shorten the start-finish line. The start/finish line is not restricted and is open to pass through during the race.
15. **Starting Sequence:** Races will be started using the Sound-Signal Starting System (see Appendix S of The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (listed below).
	1. The race committee may as a courtesy make a series of short sound signals before beginning the starting sequence.
	2. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This modifies Rule A4
16. **Protests:** In the spirit of the PCSA Laser Fleet, it is strongly encouraged 1) that rule infringements not be ignored and 2) protests should be settled on the water by the infringing party completing the appropriate penalty turns. Remember, “If in winning the race you have lost the respect of your fellow competitors, then you have not won at all.” – Paul Elvström

That said, should a protest not be resolved amicably on the water, the protesting boat shall:

* 1. Verbally notify the infringing boat of their intent to protest at the time of the incident.
	2. Verbally notify the RC their intent to protest at the completion of the race in which the infringement occurred.
	3. File a written protest with the Race Committee (forms are available from the RC) within 30 minutes of the RC’s return to shore.
1. **Kinetics:** RC may penalize a boat for infringement of Rule 42 of the RRS (excessive rocking, pumping, fanning the sail for forward motion). If so penalized, the boat must complete a 360 degree turn at the first reasonable opportunity to exonerate. Repeated violations can result in DSQ for that race without a protest hearing.
2. **Scoring:** Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS. The Low Point Scoring System as described in A4 will be used and Series will be scored on a Low-Point Average Scoring basis as recommended by the US Sailing Association for scoring season long series. Appendix A is modified as follows:
	1. Competitors are allowed to discard one night’s DNC for the Spring Series and one night’s DNC for the Summer Series.
	2. For every 7 races completed, the boat’s single worst score will be discarded.
	3. Appendix A 4.2 is modified as follows:
		1. DNF, DNS, OCS, DNC = number of that night’s starters plus 1
		2. DSQ = number of that night’s starters plus 2
		3. RC = average of all series finishes after throw outs (if any) rounded down.
		4. Laser Class Master’s scoring handicap is not in effect for the PCSA Tuesday Night Laser Series.
		5. Scoring is based upon a competitor’s registration and only the registered sailor is scored for a race. A boat may be raced by another registered member and that member will score the points on the night raced, not the boat, in the series.
3. **Overall Series Champion:** The overall series champion will be scored based upon a compilation of the Spring and Summer series with discarded races taken into consideration. A perpetual and a keeper trophy will be awarded upon the conclusion of the series racing at the annual awards dinner.

**For Reference: Appendix S (Sound-Signal Starting System)**

**Signal Sound Time Before Start**

Warning 3 long 3 minutes

Preparatory 2 long 2 minutes

1 long, 3 short 1 minute, 30 seconds

1 long 1 minute

3 short 30 seconds

2 short 20 seconds

1 short 10 seconds

1 short 5 seconds

1 short 4 seconds

1 short 3 seconds

1 short 2 seconds

1 short 1 second

Starting 1 long 0 (Start)