

NOTICE OF RACE

2009 LASER MASTERS MIDWINTERS SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON SARASOTA, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 13TH-15TH 2009

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota FL
- 1.3 The regatta is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2. LANGUAGE

The official language of this regatta will be English.

3. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Sails, blades and boats may be measured prior to racing, and may be spot checked at any time during the regatta. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pens are not legal. Refer to <http://www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm> for detailed instructions.

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 If there are 2 fleets, the organizing authority will provide colored masthead ribbons for the Radial fleet.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by Friday, February 13th 2009 are eligible to compete.
 - Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
 - Master – 45-54 years of age
 - Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
 - Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age
- 5.2 There will be an “Open” fleet consisting of all full rigs and those who wish to switch rigs. Masters of any age may switch rigs (4.7 to Radial to Full and back) at any time (on land only) throughout the event in the “Open” fleet. **IMPORTANT NOTE: All sails must have the same number.**
- 5.3 There will be a separate Radial fleet, with their own start IF 15 or more competitors pre-register for the Radial fleet by January 29th 2009. Switching rigs is not allowed in the Radial fleet.

6. RISK

It is the competitor’s decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. (See RRS rule 4). The competitors are ultimately responsible for assuming the inherent risks of sailboat racing. All competitors accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on –shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Friday Feb 13th
 - 0900 - 1100 On-site Registration.
 - 1100 - Skippers’ Meeting.
 - 1230 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.
 - Attitude adjustment immediately following racing. Barbecue pit open with burgers and dogs for sale.
- Saturday Feb 14th :
 - 1030 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.
 - 1800 – Dinner
- Sunday Feb 15th :
 - 1030 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.
 - Munchies, beverages and awards immediately following racing.

7.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. The number of races per fleet each day will be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee according to weather conditions.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the final day of the regatta.

8. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Competitors may register online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/sarasota.html> OR by completing the attached registration form and sending it, with the appropriate fees to:

2009 Laser Masters Midwinters
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
P.O Box 1927
Sarasota, Florida 34230

9. FEES

9.1 The entry fee is \$70 USD. (checks payable to Sarasota Sailing Squadron). There is no pre-registration discount BUT **Only those registered by January 29th 2009 will receive a t-shirt.**

9.2 The entry fee includes water provided on the course, dinner on Saturday night, door prizes, munchies Sunday after racing and a regatta souvenir t-shirt *for pre-registered sailors only*. Additional dinners for Saturday night will be available at \$10 each at on-site registration.

9.3 **Credit cards may be used only with online pre-registration** available at www.regattanetwork.com. On-site registration at SSS must be paid in cash or by check.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at on – site registration.

11. COURSES & RACING AREA

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward and Triangle-Windward-Leeward-Windward.

11.2 The racing area will be in the Sarasota Bay north of New Pass channel and west of the Intercoastal Waterway.

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.

12.2 Ten races are scheduled. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

12.3 When six or more races are completed a sailor may discard his/her worst score.

12.4 NA Master handicap scoring system will apply to determine overall scores.

13. AWARDS

13.1 For the open fleet, awards will be given to 1st Overall, 1st-3rd all age groups, 1st female overall.

13.2 If there is a separate Radial fleet, awards will be given to 1st-3rd overall and 1st female overall.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Only support/coach boats which have registered with the Race Committee on-site by Friday, February 13th at 1100, will be allowed in the racing area.

15. SAFETY

Boats must have a separate capsized mast retention system.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Sarasota Sailing Squadron 941 388 2355 www.sarasotasailingsquad.com

Regatta chair: Lainie Pardey 941 922 1969 epardey@qdtech.com

Charter boats: Tackle Shack. Call Andy at 1-800-537-6099 or email him at andy@tshack.com. Boats will be relocated between venues for sailors.

REGATTA ENTRY FORM
LASER MASTERS MIDWINTERS, FEB 13TH – 15TH 2009

Name of Competitor _____

Sail number * _____ Country Code _____

*If you switch sails during the regatta, sail numbers must be the same on every sail.

Rig Type* *specify "Open" or "Radial" please** _____

Age ____ Date of Birth _____ Sex ____ Shirt size ____

Street address _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____ Post code/ zip code _____

Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Yacht Club _____

Member of the Laser Class? _____ Expiration date _____

Entry Fee is \$70USD. ***Only those pre-registered before January 29th 2009 will receive a regatta t-shirt.***
Additional dinners available at \$10 each.

Check enclosed? _____ Amount? _____

Checks should be payable to "Sarasota Sailing Squadron" or "SSS"

Cash accepted at on-site registration on day of regatta only. No Canadian cash or checks accepted.

Mail this completed entry form to: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
P.O. Box 1927
Sarasota, FL 34230