



## 2016 Gulf Coast Masters Laser Championship

Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

October 8 – 9, 2016

### Notice of Race

#### 1. Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.
- 1.3 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries have been received by September 24, 2016, all entrants shall start and finish together as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial, or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided all sail changes are made ashore and all sails have the same number (Rig Swapping Rule On). If 15 or more Radial entries have been received by September 24, 2016, the Radial Fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig Fleet (Rig Swapping Rule Off). This changes ILCA rule 27(d) by permission from the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 1.4 The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.5 All hails will use the last four digits of the sail number.

#### 2. Eligibility and Entry:

- 2.1 Members of ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter.
- 2.2 Proof of ILCA membership will be required at registration.
- 2.3 Registration may be made online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11480>
- 2.4 Entry deadline is Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 1030.

#### 3. Inspection and Measurement:

- 3.1 Boats, equipment, and sails shall comply with the International Laser Class Rules.
- 3.2 Boats, equipment, and sails may be spot checked at any time during the regatta to ensure compliance with the Laser Class Rules.

#### 4. Fees

- 4.1 Entry fee is \$75.
- 4.2 Entry fee includes: Continental style breakfast each morning of racing. Saturday dinner. Water, fruit, and granola bars between races. Refreshments after racing, and a regatta souvenir. Extra Saturday dinner tickets may be purchased for \$15 each.
- 4.3 Entries received and **paid** on or before September 24, 2016 will receive a \$15 discount.

#### 5. Schedule

Saturday, October 8

0930 – 1030	Registration
1100	Competitor Briefing
1200	First Warning Signal

Sunday, October 9

1000	Warning signal for first race of the day
1400	No Warning Signal after this time

Awards to follow as soon as practical after racing

## 6. Scoring

- 6.1 One (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 6.2 Eight (8) Races are scheduled.
- 6.3 A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed per day.
- 6.4 When six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores minus her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 6.5 The North American Masters Handicap system will be used to score the overall series. Apprentices add 3 points to each race score, Masters add 2, Grandmasters add 1, and Great Grandmasters add 0.
- 6.6 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
  - Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8.
  - Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

## 7. Sailing Instructions and Courses

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on-line at "hyper link here to regatta network event site"
- 7.2 Course descriptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8. Sailing Area

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Sarasota Bay or the Gulf of Mexico.

## 9. Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 10. Liability

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 this regatta.

## 11. Charter Boats

- 11.1 Charter boats are available through Tackle Shack Water Sports. Contact Andy Levine at 800-537-6099 [www.tackleshack.com](http://www.tackleshack.com)

## 12. Further Information

- 12.1 Regatta Chairman: David Hillmyer, 941-284-5901, [dhillmyer@mac.com](mailto:dhillmyer@mac.com)
- 12.2 Sarasota Sailing Squadron Manager: Craig Bridges, 941-388-2355 [manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org](mailto:manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org)
- 12.3 Tent and RV Camping is available, contact club manager for details.
- 12.4 Cars or trailers blocking access to member boats may be towed. Please park in designated parking spaces only, or outside the club in the public park.
- 12.5 Accommodations and additional club information is available here: <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/contacts/visiting-sailors/>