



# 2016 Laser Masters North American Championship

August 5-7, 2016

Richmond Yacht Club

Point Richmond, California

## **NOTICE OF RACE with Amendment #1 – 7/28/16**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority is the Richmond Yacht Club.
- 1.3. Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y will not be displayed).
- 1.4. Unless a minimum of 15 entries in each fleet (Standard and Radial) has been received by July 1, 2016, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).

If a minimum of 15 entries has been received in each fleet by the pre-registration deadline, each fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). However, rig-swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect and competitors in the Radial fleet may choose Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number.

This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

### **2. LANGUAGE**

- 2.1. The official language of this Regatta will be English.

### **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1. Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

**4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class whose skippers have reached the age of 35 by the regatta start date. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of racing:
  - 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
- 4.2. All entrants must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at [www.laser.org](http://www.laser.org).
- 4.3. Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Richmond Yacht Club website [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org).
- 4.4. Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver shall be completed during online registration.

**5. CLASSIFICATION**

- 5.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

**6. FEES**

- 6.1. The entry fee is \$155 for entries completed with payment on or before July 1, 2016.
- 6.2. An entry fee of \$195 will be charged for entries completed or paid after July 2, 2016.
- 6.3. Entries will not be accepted after 10 am on August 5, 2016.
- 6.4. Entry fees include berthing, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all scheduled social events.

**7. SCHEDULE**

Friday, August 5	830-1030 1030 1200	Check-in & Measurement Competitors Meeting First Race Warning
Saturday, August 6	1130 1800	First Race Warning Sailor’s Dinner at RYC?????
Sunday, August 7	1130 1459 ASAP after racing	First Race Warning Latest time for any Warning Signal Awards presentation

**8. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee or judges at any time during the event.
- 8.2. Competitors must present their sails at check-in for inspection of sail numbers and sail buttons to ensure compliance with class rules. Sail numbers must be applied in accordance with ILCA class rules (refer to [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org) for detailed instructions).
- 8.3. The organizing authority will provide colored bands which competitors shall affix to their mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck to identify their division. Colors shall be green for Apprentices, red for Masters, blue for Grand Masters, and yellow for Great Grand Masters.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RYC website on or before August 4, and at event check-in on Friday, August 5.

## 10. VENUE

- 10.1. The racing area will be in the area bordered by the Potrero channel breakwater, the Berkeley Pier, and Point Blunt, on the east side of central San Francisco Bay.

## 11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. They will be standard ILCA-NA courses as described in the ILCA-NA Masters Regatta Guidelines.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- 12.2. The number of races scheduled is 10. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 12.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.
- 12.5. Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.
- 12.6. When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
  - Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.
  - Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period on August 5. During racing, support boats shall display a colored flag provided by the race committee, shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and shall remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

## 14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of RYC.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded in each fleet to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), first woman overall, and top finishers in each of the four age divisions.
- 15.2. The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number pre-registered in each division (i.e., one award for 1-4 entries, 2 for 5-9, 3 awards for 10 or more entries). Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

**17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk (see 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

**18. INSURANCE**

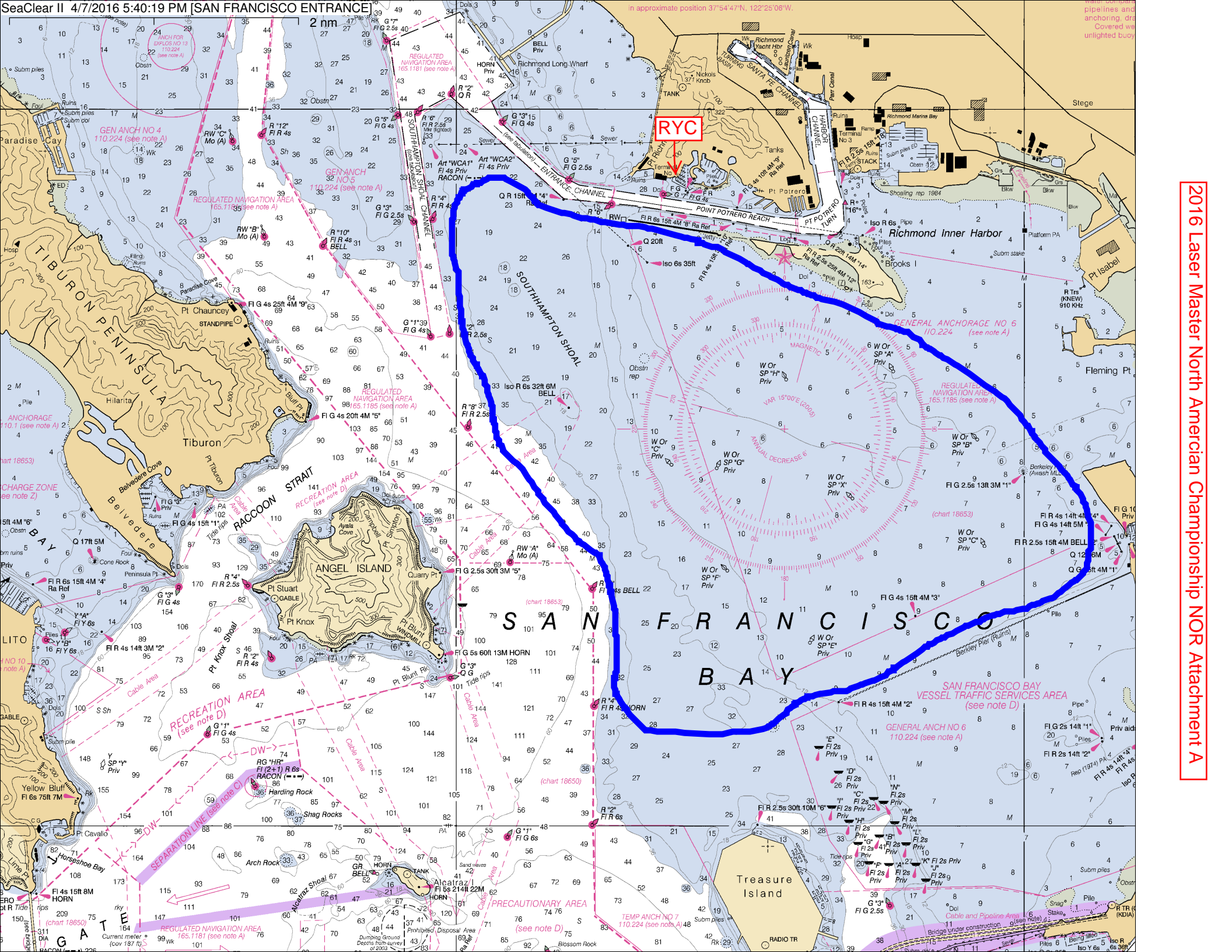
- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

**19. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS**

- 19.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

**20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at [www.richmondyc.org](http://www.richmondyc.org).
- 20.2. For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Emilio Castelli at [emilio@castellivinyards.com](mailto:emilio@castellivinyards.com).



2016 Laser Master North American Championship NOR Attachment A

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