

2017 Laser Masters North American Championships
August 25-27 2017
Buffalo Canoe Club, Point Abino, Ontario

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, 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 International Laser Class Assn in conjunction with the Buffalo Canoe Club. This event will be held at Buffalo Canoe Club, located at 4475 Erie Rd, Ridgeway ON. 905-894-2750

1.3 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). This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch at BCC clubhouse

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole in front of BCC clubhouse

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday, August 25,
0830-0930 registration
0930 Skippers Meeting
1030 Harbour Start
1130 1st warning signal, races to follow
1830 Post Race Party

Saturday, August 26.

1030 Harbour Start
1130 1st warning signal, races to follow
1830 Regatta Cookout

Sunday, August 27

0930 Harbour Start
1030 1st warning signal, races to follow
(Awards to follow ASAP after last race)

6.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal when the last race of the day has been completed.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be on lake Erie in the Vicinity of Point Abino

8. Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will adjusted to target a race time of 35-45 minutes.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course and approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.

9. Marks

9.1 All marks will be orange inflatables or orange balls.

9.2 The start and finish marks will be orange flags.

9.3 New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Change of Course, will be yellow marks. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be:
Laser Numeral code "1" (one) pennant.

10.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4.1.

10.6 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

11. Change Of Course

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the finish mark and the orange flag on the signal boat.

13. Abandonment & time limit

13.1 The time limit for a race will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

13.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

14. Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta.

15. Protests

15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish Boat and report to the Finish Boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protests should be lodged at BCC front desk within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee Finish Boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

16.2 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

16.3 There will be one throw-out when six or more races are sailed.

16.4 NA Masters handicap system will be in place to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

17. Safety

17.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification. This changes RRS 40.

17.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

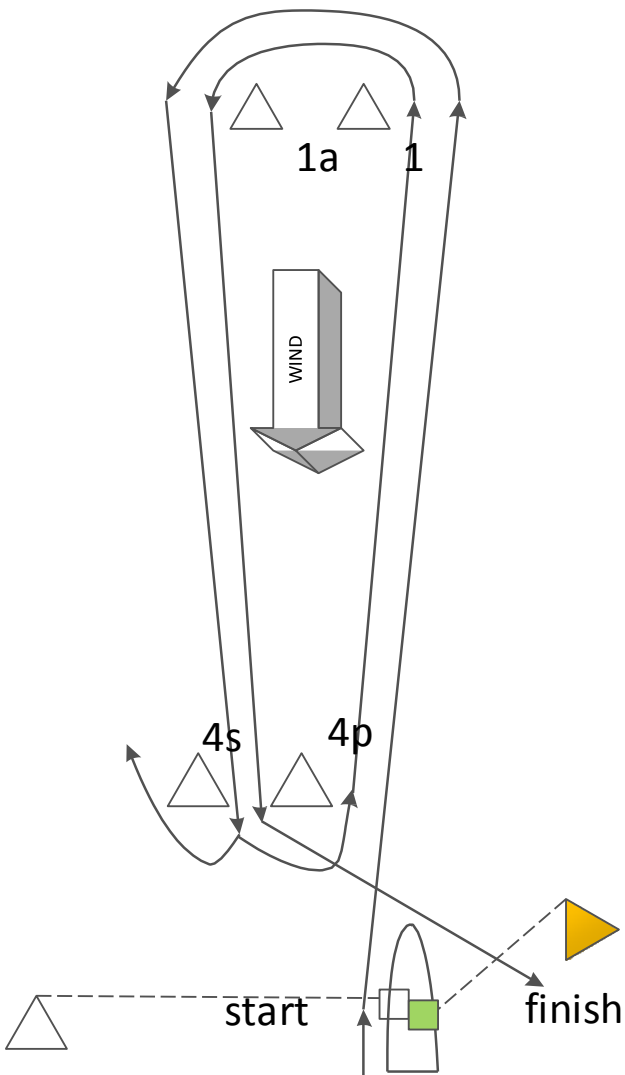
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. Trophies

1st- Overall, 1st Apprentice, 1st Master, 1st Grand Master, 1st Great Grand Master, 1st Female, Top 3 Radials (if started separately)

The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority."

APPENDIX 'A' – The Course



Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p - Finish

If one of mark 1 or 1a is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port and the course will then be directly to the gate or mark 4p, as appropriate

If one of mark 4p or 4s is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port. Mark 4s is not a mark of the course on the second rounding.

