

2017 Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championship

&

46th Annual Jack Elfman Orange Coffee Pot Regatta

Laser, Laser Radial

Surf City Yacht Club

June 3-4, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

This year the Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championship (MACC) will be held in conjunction with the SCYC's annual Jack Elfman Orange Coffee Pot Regatta (OCP). The combined OCP/MACC fleet will sail five races on Saturday for the traditional OCP. The MACC participants will return Sunday for four races to complete their championship. The two events will be scored separately but the MACC participants are also part of the OCP. This NOR addresses the MACC/OCP combined event. If you would like to participate in the OCP only, registration information for that event is available on the SCYC's website at www.scyc-nj.org.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST CLUB:

The organizing authority is the Surf City Yacht Club

RULES:

The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, ILCA Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions shall be in effect. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

RRS 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (Code Flag Y need not be displayed).

Laser Class Rule 27(d) is changed by permission of ILCA North America as follows: Unless a minimum of twelve (12) Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, 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 twelve (12) Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet – Rig Swapping Rule turned off.

ADVERTISING:

Competitor advertising will be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

ELIGIBILITY:

The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Class whose skippers have reached the age of 35 by June 3, 2017. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of the regatta:

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

All competitors 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

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

REGISTRATION & FEES

Eligible competitors may register by completing the online registration including fee payment at the US Sailing "Regatta Network" site ([add link](#)).

The Entry Fee is \$80 for online entries completed with payment on or before May 20, 2017.

An Entry Fee of \$100 will be charged for entries received after May 20, 2017 – online entries will be accepted up to June 1, 2017. Onsite entries will be accepted during the Registration times listed below but not after 9:30 AM on June 3, 2017.

Entry fee includes trophies, breakfast, water/bars/bananas on the water, post-race snacks & beverages and a dinner Saturday evening. All competitors registered online by the May 20, 2017 deadline will receive a regatta T-shirt. There will be limited quantities and sizes available on a first come basis after that date.

All sailors, including those who pre-registered, must check-in at the Registration Desk on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 2, 2017

5:00 – 9:00 PM - Registration & Check-in.

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:00 – 9:30 AM - Registration, Check-In & Breakfast
9:30 AM - Competitors' Meeting
10:30 AM - Warning Signal, First Race
- Up to five (5) races may be sailed
- No race will be started after 3:30 PM.
TBD - Post-race food & beverages
- Orange Coffee Pot Awards Ceremony
6:30 PM - Dinner at Surf City YC (extra tickets available for \$15)

Sunday, June 4, 2017

8:30 – 9:30 AM - Breakfast
10:30 AM - Warning Signal, First Race
- No Warning Signal after 3:00 PM
TBD - Post-race food & beverages
- Awards Ceremony

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-In.

INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT:

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.

Competitors must present their sails at Check-In for inspection to ensure that sail numbers and sail buttons comply with ILCA Class Rules (refer to instructions at www.laserinternational.org).

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.

VENUE:

Racing will be on the Manahawkin Bay (lower end of Barnegat Bay) in an area generally to the north of the SCYC.

COURSES:

Courses will be around bouys set by the Race Committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee.

SCORING:

The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.

A total of nine (9) races are planned. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS A2.

The ILCA-NA Masters Handicap system will be used. For each race counted in a competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices – 3 points, Masters – 2 points, Grand Masters – 1 point, and Great Grand Masters – 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his/her included finishes plus total handicap points.

Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

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 RRS Appendix A, Section A8. Across age divisions, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta

PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), first woman overall, and top finishers in each of the four age divisions.

The number of trophies will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division by May 20, 2017. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

This is not a qualifying regatta for any subsequent events.

CHARTER BOATS

The Organizing Authority has made no arrangements for charter boats. It is suggested that competitors interested in chartering contact local Laser dealer Colie Sails at 732.892.4344 or dev@coliesail.com

REGATTA CONTACT:

Rich & Sue Warren @ (609) 709-0195 or warrens25@comcast.net

Newt & Marilyn Wattis @ (609) 494-2801 or nwattis@verizon.net

DIRECTIONS:

Garden State Parkway to Exit 63.

Follow Rt. 72 East over bridge and make left at first traffic light (CVS).

Go through the next light and stay on Barnegat Ave. to 9th Street in Surf City.

Turn left onto 9th Street. Club is at end of street.

ACCOMODATIONS:

A list of local hotels and motels can be found on the SCYC website at www.scyc-nj.org

It is expected that a limited amount of housing may be available through SCYC members on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Rich & Sue Warren (see above) with any inquiries in this regard.

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