



2017 Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championship

August 12-13, 2017 Richmond Yacht Club Point Richmond, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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 the Radial fleet has been received by August 1st, 2017, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, or Radial 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 the Radial fleet by August 1st, 2017, each fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).

This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(c) 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.

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 or <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14879>

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 \$75 for entries completed with payment on or before July 23rd, 2017.

6.2. An entry fee of \$100 will be charged for entries completed or paid on or after July 24th, 2017.

6.3. Entries will not be accepted after 9 am on August 12, 2017.

6.4. Entry fees include post-racing refreshments, and the Sailors' Dinner on Saturday August 12. Additional tickets for the Sailors' Dinner may be purchased during online registration for \$27.50 per ticket.

6.5 The first 20 registrants will receive a gift as a thank you for facilitating the organization of the event.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 12 10:30am skippers meeting

12:30 am First race warning signal

6:30 pm Sailor's Dinner at RYC

Sunday, August 13

12:00 am First race warning signal

No race will be started after 4:00 pm

Award presentation as soon as possible after racing.

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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RYC website on or before August 11, and at event check-in.

10. VENUE

10.1. The racing will be on the east side of central San Francisco Bay as close to the Potrero channel breakwater as wind will allow. As a general rule, we'll move the course

North into Keller Cove when windy, and we might move south toward the Berkeley circle if the wind off Portrero channel is light or unstable. We're seeking moderation, not heavy air.

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

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 7. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.

12.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 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. No coach or support boats will be allowed on the course.

14. FACILITIES

14.1. Competitors shall store their boats and trolleys in designated areas on the grounds of RYC for the duration of this event. Storage locations will be provided at check-in.

14.2. Vehicle parking during the day is allowed in the main Club parking lot except for the areas restricted by signage to RYC berth renters. Parking is also allowed in the Club overflow lot on the west side of the Club property.

14.3. On site storage of road trailers during the event will be allowed in the Club overflow lot on the west side of the Club property.

14.4. Tent camping is prohibited on Club property. As long as appropriate space remains available, on site overnight parking of RVs and campers will be allowed in the Club overflow lot on the west side of the Club property.

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.
15.3. Overall winner in the Standard fleet receives the perpetual Don Trask Trophy.

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.

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. The Organizing Authority has made no arrangements for charter boats. It is suggested that competitors interested in chartering contact local Laser dealer Alex Jordan at Svendsen's Marine, (510) 522.2886 x.309 or alexjordan@svendsens.com
For further information please contact Emilio@castellivineyards.com