



February 4, 2018

Hello Laser Master Competitors,

Please find the attached competitors' information package. Which includes:

- Vehicle & Trailer Parking Map (Aerial View)
- Rigging Spot Map
- Food & Beverage Instructions
- Hotel/Motel Information Data Sheet (REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN)
- Sailing Instructions (please print ahead or view on-line, there will be a limited number of printed copies)

SAVE CHECK-IN TIME: Know your sail number and complete the required Hotel Motel Information Data Sheet prior to getting in line. The USSCMC receives financial support from the local "bed tax" based on these forms, so your assistance is greatly appreciated.

ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please keep all vehicles and all trailers off of the east lawn at all times. Off-loading trailers is permitted along the sidewalk east of Regatta Headquarters. **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK WITH YOUR VEHICLE.** You will not be allowed to park here, it is only for loading and unloading. *Per local ordinance, please keep all vehicles off this grass shoulder throughout the weekend.*

When you arrive take your boat on its dolly to any place on our east lawn to claim your rigging spot. Locations may be selected on a first come basis. There is plenty of room. Please leave the sidewalks clear for pedestrian access to and from our docks. After properly placing your boat make sure your vehicle has been moved to a proper parking area so the next vehicle can get into position to unload. After parking proceed to check-in on the second floor of the Sailing Center (REGATTA HEADQUARTERS).

Trailers attached to vehicles may be parked at the adjacent boat ramp. If you plan to disconnect your trailer from your vehicle it should **NOT** be at the boat ramp, empty trailers should be parked in the lot WEST of the Boat Ramp (LOT # 2). Passenger vehicles may park on the grass west of Headquarters, and for overflow there is ample parking south of the USSCMC property in Indian Riverside Park.

Four Fish Marina has graciously allowed us to use LOT #2 for our regatta, so we wish to return their generosity with our courtesy. Please keep these lots clean and keep your trailers and cars parked neatly.

As an important reminder, overnight camping on USSCMC property is strictly prohibited by Martin County Parks Department.

We are looking forward to an exciting weekend. Thank you for supporting the 2018 Laser Masters Midwinters East Regatta.

Sincerely,
Alan Jenkinson

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**Race Committee
Only at USSCMC
Dock**

**vehicle
parking
LOT #3**

**loading and unloading only
no parking along drive**

**Trailers with
Vehicle Attached**

LOT #1

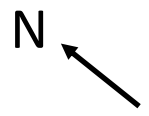
**Race Committee,
Vendors, Class Reps**

**Detached
LOT #2 Trailers
and Vehicles**

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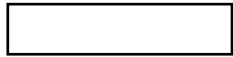
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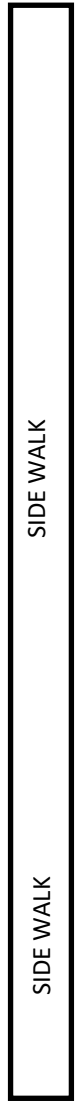


LASER MASTERS MIDWINTERS EAST

SHORELINE



PLUS ADDITIONAL SPACE ALONG BEACH



SIDE WALK

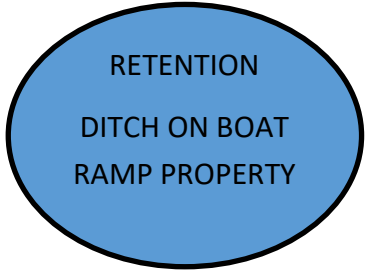
SIDE WALK

← Gravel path

ADDITIONAL SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE APPROX. 12 BOATS



81 RIGGING SPOTS IN THE GRAY SHADED AREAS



RETENTION DITCH ON BOAT RAMP PROPERTY

USSCMC REGATTA HEADQUARTERS

RIGGING SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS. THERE IS AMPLE SPACE FOR BOAT RIGGING AND STORAGE ON A DOLLY



Food & Beverage Notes

Bagels & Coffee will be provided early morning each day before launching. However, Tuesday, opening day, a pancake breakfast will be provided starting around 7:30 AM and will be offered up until the competitors meeting.

It is anticipated that there will **NOT** be a lunch break on the water, though this may be subject to change, the plan is to keep racing without a break. The Race Committee will have snack bars and refillable drinking water available on the water for those needing nourishment and hydration. The USSCMC is proud of our continued work to protect our waterways and be certified all season long as a Sailors for the Sea Gold Level Clean Regatta, so please bring your own reusable water bottle and help us make every effort to keep trash from getting in the river.

The USSCMC will be providing three evening meals (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Meals are only for the competitors and those guests who have paid in ADVANCE for the evening meal. Guests meals are \$12 per meal when paid in advance or \$15 when paid at the door. If you did not order your guest meals through Regatta Network, then please do so at check-in.

Tuesday night menu- Salmon or Ribeye, side fixings with beer & wine.

Wednesday night menu- Burger paradise, side fixings with beer & wine.

Thursday night menu- Ribs by Tony Romas, side fixings with beer & wine.

5:30- 6PM is the targeted time for each of the meals, though we may make adjustments according to the day of sailing. It will take time to cook and serve for such a large crowd so plan on being patient and enjoying a beverage with your friends while you wait.

Feeding such a large crowd with good food is always a challenge when you don't have a commercial kitchen. The USSCMC appreciates your support of our regattas and our volunteers will do their best to make your time here enjoyable.



Room Night Tracking Form

EVENT NAME: Laser Masters Midwinters
DATE OF EVENT: February 6-9, 2018
COMPETITOR NAME: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL: _____
CITY: _____
NAME ON RESERVATION: _____

CHECK-IN DATE: _____ **CHECK-OUT DATE:** _____

NUMBER OF NIGHTS PER RESERVATION: _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS PER RESERVATION: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOM NIGHTS: _____

(number of room nights X number of rooms booked)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO EVENT DIRECTOR



Laser Masters Midwinters

US Sailing Center Martin County, February 6-9, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Competitors shall choose to participate in the Laser (Standard Rig) Division or the Radial Division for the duration of the regatta. (No Rig Swapping is permitted in the Laser Division. The 4.7 rig may be used at any time in the Radial Division, however rig swaps are to be made onshore at the center only and sail numbers shall be the same).
- 1.3. If the number of entries in either Division exceeds 70 boats, the Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, use a split format for that Division. The criteria and method used for Division Splits will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 1.4. All hails will use the last 4 digits of the sail number. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats. The timing of such hails, the order of hails, or the failure of a competitor to hear the hails shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the RC under RRS 62.1(a). The RC will make recordings of the starting sequences available for competitors to listen to 30 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 1.5. The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.6. RRS 30.1 and 30.3 are deleted. The working of Appendix L 11.5 (U-flag rule) is added.
- 1.7. Appendix T Section A *Penalties While Racing* shall apply.
- 1.8. Appendix T Section B *Post Race Penalties* shall apply.
- 1.9. Appendix T Section C *Expedited Hearings* shall apply.

2. Notices To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at Regatta Headquarters.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by the end of the competitors meeting on Tuesday and for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before 0900 on the day it

will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before protest time expires on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole on the end of the Center Dock.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5. Racing Area

- 5.1. The racing area will be on the Indian River Lagoon East of the ICW and either North or South of the Jensen Beach Causeway.

6. Schedule Of Races

Tuesday, 6 February

- 0800 – 1000 Registration
- 1030 Skippers Meeting
- 1130 First Warning Signal

Wednesday, 7 February

- 1030 First Warning Signal

Thursday, 8 February

- 1030 First Warning Signal

Friday, 9 February

- 1030 First Warning Signal
- 1500 No warning signal after 1500
- Awards to follow after last race*

There will be a maximum of 4 races per day

7. Courses

- 7.1. The diagrams and descriptions in "Attachment A & B" define 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.
- 7.2. The course to be sailed will be designated by signal flag T, W, or O displayed at or near the bow of the signal boat.
- 7.3. When the trapezoidal course (T) is used, the first division for that start will sail the outside course and the second division will sail the inside course.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The windward, reach, and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The windward-offset mark, if present, will be a green smaller tetrahedron (baby tet).
- 8.2. The finish mark will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 8.3. If only one mark of a gate is in place, it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4. In a course change, a single yellow tetrahedron will replace the original mark or gate.

9. The Start

- 9.1. Boats shall remain clear of the starting line until code flag F (white flag with red diamond) has been displayed with one sound. Code flag F will be removed with the warning signal for the class being started.
- 9.2. The Class Flag for the Laser Division (standard rig) will be a white Laser Class flag.
- 9.3. The Class Flag for the Radial Division will be code flag R. (Red with yellow cross)
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat, a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee pin boat.
- 9.5. Rules 30.1 and 30.3 are deleted.
- 9.6. Add RRS 30.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boats hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed, or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26. The scoring abbreviation UFD is added to RRS A11.
- 9.7. A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS A 4.2 and A5.

10. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or gate, or finishing line mark) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee may also move an existing mark.
- 10.2. A gate or offset mark may be adjusted any time without signaling a course change.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.
- 11.2. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more races will be started today.’

12. Time Limit & Abandonment

- 12.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course in compliance with RRS 28 and finish is 75 minutes. Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat complies with RRS 28 and finishes will be scored TLE. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A5 and A11.

13. Penalties and Protests

- 13.1. Appendix T, Section A shall apply.
T1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a OneTurn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a TwoTurns Penalty.’
- 13.2. Appendix T, Section B shall apply.
T2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a PostRace Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

14. Scoring

14.1. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

14.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (1 drop for 5 or more).

14.3. The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters - add 0.

14.4. The score for TLE is number of finishers within the time limit plus 2. This changes rule A4.2.

15. Safety

15.1. Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

15.2. All boats shall check in with the race committee Signal boat displaying code flag "L", prior to the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the signal boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

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

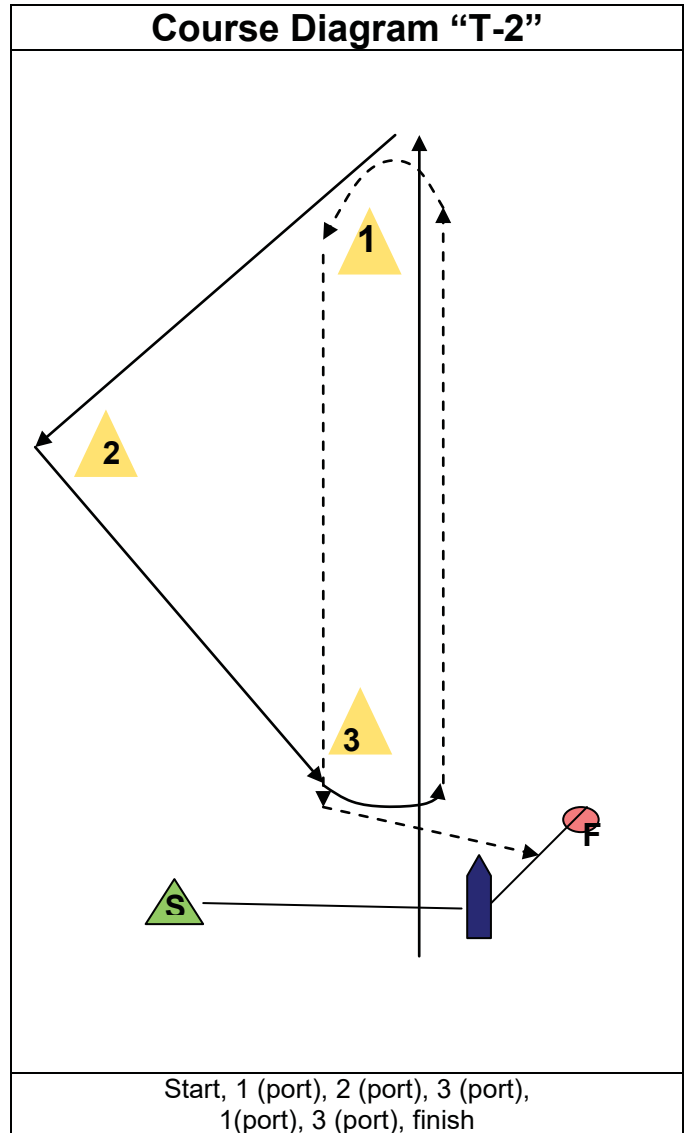
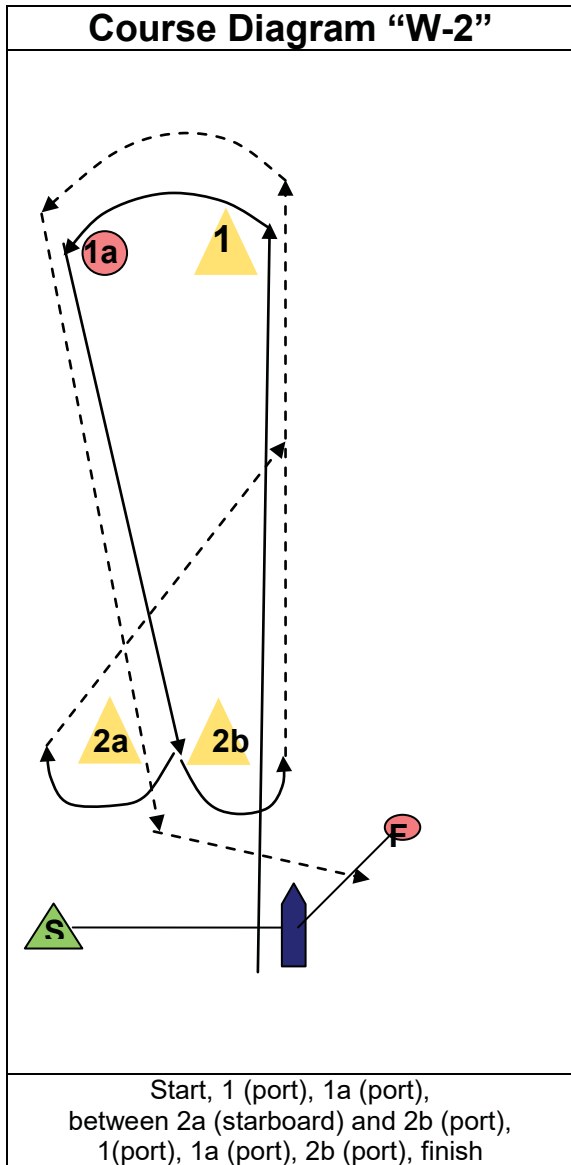
15.4. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 'Decision To Race'. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16. Prizes

16.1. 1st Overall, 1st Overall Female, 12 prizes to be awarded for the Age divisions with distribution at the discretion of the OA.

Attachment A

An "OFFSET" mark (1a) may be used at the windward mark. If present, it MUST be rounded



Course "W-3"
Start, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard) and 2b (port), 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard) and 2b (port), 1 (port), 1a (port), 2b (port), finish.

Course "T-3"
Start, 1(port), 1a (port if present), 2 (port), 3 (port), 1(port), 1a (port if present), 3 (port), 1(port), 1a (port if present), 3 (port), finish.

Attachment A

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Trapezoidal Courses

Outer Trap

Start, 1 (to port), 2 (to port), 3 (S or P), 2 (to port), 3P (to port), Finish



Inner Trap

Start, 1 (to port), 4 (S or P), 1 (to port), 2 (to port), 3P (to port), Finish

