

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The Buzzards Yacht Club.

1. Eligibility and Entry 1.1 The Laser series is open to all members in good standing of The Buzzards Yacht Club and others who have paid the registration fee of \$50 and signed the liability waiver. A racer may pay \$10 to compete for the day but will not be scored in the season series. 1.2 Entry for any and all series must be completed on Regatta Networks before racing. Any boat not registered will not be scored. Go to Home page at Buzzardsyc.org to register.

2. Rules 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020. 2.2 The rules of the Laser Class will apply

3. Series, Schedule of Races & Number of Races 3.1 Laser Class will contest for one Summer series: 3.2 Race Dates -6/23, 6/30, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 8/25. 3.3 Racing Calendar <http://buzzardsyc.org/calendar.htm> 3.4 Number of Races – The goal is to hopefully conduct a minimum of 5 races on each Race Date.

4. Scoring & Re-sails 4.1 A Low-Point Scoring System will be used in scoring all series. DNC will be scored two more points than the number of boats starting that race. DNS, OCS, RET, and DSQ will be scored one more point than the number of boats starting that race. The scoring will be done in accordance with class rules and be by the person. 4.2 Summer Series – For the Laser Class a minimum of fourteen (20) races will constitute a series. For every five races run there will be one throw out 4.4 Postponements – The race Committee will make every effort to reschedule postponed Race Dates on another Sunday

5. Cancellations & Changes to Schedule of Racing Racing will be canceled or delayed if there are sustained winds over 25mph and/or any other conditions deemed unsuitable for racing. An automated e-mail, text message or phone call will be sent to registered competitors detailing the cancellation, change or other instructions.

6. Race area The racing area will be in the general vicinity inside Wings Neck and Scraggy Neck closer to Bassetts island and Eustis Rock Green Can.

7. Sailing Instructions Sailing instructions will posted on the Buzzards Yacht Club website (www.buzzardsyc.org). A laminated copy will also be available on race days from the Committee Boat.

8. Prizes 8.1 Flags will be awarded by Race Committee at the Buzzards Clubhouse after each race day based upon the following guidelines: If two boats race a blue first place flag will be awarded. If five boats race a blue first place flag and a red second flag will be awarded. If six or more boats race a blue first place flag, a red second flag and a yellow third place flag will be awarded. 8.2 Summer Series awards are given at the Buzzards Labor Day Cocktail Party (September 1, 2019) A Series Pennant will be awarded to the first place boat for the Summer Series. First, second and third place finishers may receive smaller “keeper” prizes at the discretion of the Race Committee. These are awarded based upon the same criteria as 8.1 except substituting number of boats entered in each series for number of boats raced in a specific race.

9. Boat Launching. Lasers may be launched off the beach at Buzzards Clubhouse (99 South Road, Pocasset) on the North Side of the Wings Neck Trust Dock. Parking should be available on South Road. Parking is not allowed on the Wings Neck Trust Beach and no tie ups are allowed at the Wings Neck Trust Docks.

10. Life-saving Equipment. Each racer is required to wear appropriate Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) conforming to government regulations.

11. Disclaimer of Liability Competitors participate in these races 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 races.