

# SEIDENBERG NEW ENGLAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP



September 12-13, 2020

Cold Spring Beach, Wickford, RI

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*Wickford Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority*

- 1. Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of the Laser Class.
- 2. Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board.
- 3. Entry Fee:** Early registration opens August 17 and closes noon CST September 9 during which time the fee is \$30. A \$10 late fee will apply to all entries after that time. Fee includes bottled water on the course.

[www.tinyurl.com/SeidenbergNE2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/SeidenbergNE2020) or <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20426>

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be made orally from the vicinity of the race office tent. All official announcements will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS 90.2.(c).

### 5. Eligibility and Entry:

**5.1** All entrants must be current Laser Class members.

**5.2** Competitors may alternate between Standard rig, Radial rig, or 4.7 rig throughout the regatta, as long as the sail number remains the same.

**5.3** Only Class legal sails may be used.

### 6. Event Schedule

#### Saturday September 12

0900 – 1000	Check in and late registration
1030	No skipper's meeting.
1200	Warning signal for first race. Subsequent races to follow immediately
1600	No warning signal after this time

#### Sunday September 13

1100	Earliest possible start time. Subsequent races to follow immediately
1500	No warning signal after this time

- 7. Class Flag:** The class flag is a white flag with red Laser logo.
- 8. Racing Area:** See Appendix A. The Alpha course will be used.
- 9. Courses and Marks**
  - 9.1** See Appendix B for course diagrams and descriptions.
  - 9.2** All marks will be 4' yellow APS cylinders except mark F which will be a 32" yellow APS cylinder.
- 10. Start**
  - 10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.
  - 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the signal boat and a 2' bright orange buoy on the port end of the starting line or an orange flag on the port end boat.

**11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:** The distance and direction to the next mark up to a maximum of 10 degrees may be changed without any signal. The new mark shall be in place before any boat begins the leg. This changes **RRS 33**. Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course shape.

**12. Finish:** The finish shall be between an orange flag on the starboard side of the signal boat and a 32" yellow APS buoy.

**13. Penalty System:** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is altered so that "One-Turn Penalty" replaces "Two-Turns Penalty".

**14. Time Limit and Target Times**

Time limits and target times for the first boat are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>	<i>Time limit after the first finisher</i>
80 minutes	40 minutes	15 minutes

**15. Protests**

**15.1** The intent to protest must be announced to the Race Committee after finishing the relevant race and the protested boat must be notified and acknowledge the notice. Any protests will be heard at the venue as soon as practical after racing. Social distancing will be observed and masks must be worn. No protest forms will be used. Hearings will be organized after racing and a white board and miniature boats will be available to diagram the incident. The protest committee will be formed as needed from willing competitors.

**15.2** Competitors are reminded that this is a "gentlemen's and ladies' regatta" and that protests should be avoided at all costs.

**16. Scoring:**

**16.1** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. There will be one throw-out if 5 or more races have been completed.

**16.2** Eight races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.

**16.3** No more than 4 races will be sailed in one day.

**16.4** In addition, the North American Masters Age Handicap system will be used to determine the overall winner as follows: Legends(75+), add 0 points per race, GGM (65-74) add 1 point per race, GM (55-64) add 2 points per race, M (45-54) add 3 points per race, and APP (35-44) add 4 points per race to their score.

**16.5** The age of the competitor on the first day of the Regatta determines the age division in which the competitor will be placed for applying the Laser Master Handicap Points.

**16.6** Ties will be broken as follows:

- a) within age divisions: according to RRS A8 and
- b) across age divisions: in favor of the sailor from the older division

**17. Safety:** Each competitor will be responsible for wearing an USCG approved PFD at all times on the water. This changes RRS 40.

**18. Prizes:**

**18.1** One overall prize will be awarded for the New England Masters champion determined by the NA age handicap system

**18.2** Divisional prizes will be awarded for the top 3 in each age division

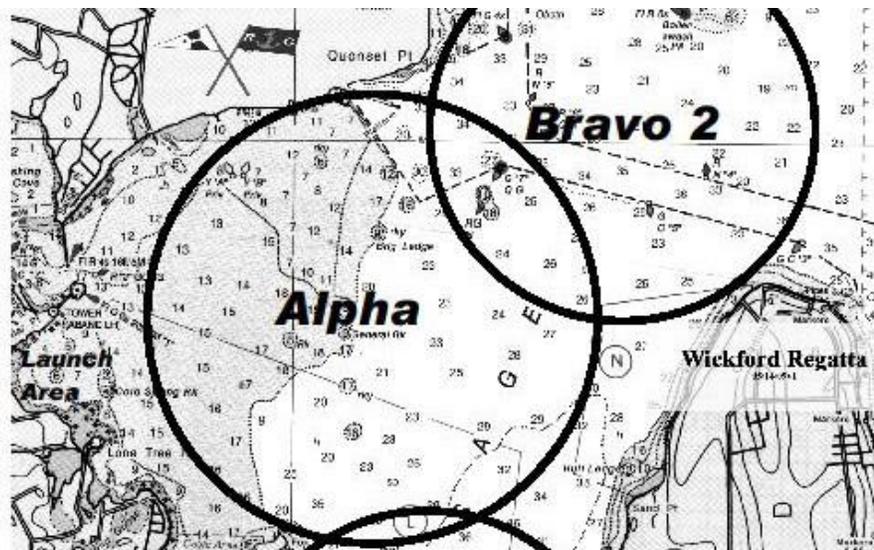
**18.3** One prize will be awarded for the top female finisher

**18.4** Divisional finishing positions will be extracted from the overall results without re-scoring.

**19. Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

# Appendix A

## Course Areas



### Tide Times and Heights

	Lo	Hi	Lo
Sat 12	9:06 AM 0.78'	4:03 PM 3.74'	10:49 PM 0.78'
Sun 13	10:12 AM 0.55'	5:09 PM 4.01'	11:34 PM 0.48'

## Appendix B – Course Diagrams

Course "A" = Start, 1, 2G, 1, 2G, Finish

Course "B" = Start, 1, 2G, F, 2G, Finish

Course "C" = Start, 1, 2G, Finish

