



2013 Laser Masters North American Championship



October 18-20, 2013
Newport, Rhode Island

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING (except the prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply), the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Class Rules and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions including any appendices.
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Flag "Y" will not be displayed.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association.
- 1.4 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code and the Class Rules.
- 1.5 There will be separate starts for Standard rigs and Radial rigs, with each start combining all Masters categories using that rig.

2 Language

The official language for this regatta will be English.

3 Inspection and Measurement

Sail numbers shall be applied in accordance with the ILCA class rules. Sails may be spot checked at any time during the regatta.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by October 18, 2013 are eligible to compete. Competitors who are not members of the ILCA-NA or their national Laser Class Association may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Masters shall be divided into the following categories:
 - 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

5 Disclaimer of Liability

- 5.1 **Waiver Form:** As a condition of entry, each competitor shall complete an online liability waiver/media release prior to racing. The Waiver Form can be found on the regatta website at www.nyyc.org.
- 5.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, New York Yacht Club, ILCA, and any sponsors or affiliated companies 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. The safety of the sailor and his/her boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the competitor.

6 Schedule of Events

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| 6.1 | Thursday, October 17 | 1600-1800 | Registration & Measurement |
| | Friday, October 18 | 0900-1100 | Registration & Measurement |
| | | 1130 | Skippers Meeting |
| | | 1300 | First warning signal |
| | Saturday, October 19 | 1100 | First Warning signal |
| | Sunday, October 20 | 1100 | First warning signal |
| | | TBD | Awards to follow ASAP after last race |
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on the final day of the regatta

7 Advance Registration

Competitors may register in advance by completing the online registration thru Regatta Network link at www.nyyc.org.

8 Entry Fees

- 8.1 The entry fee is \$145. A late fee of \$55 will be charged for entries after September 30, 2013.
- 8.2 The entry fee includes fresh water for the competitors during each race day, Friday dinner, post-race beer and munchies and a regatta shirt.

9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available during registration and online at www.nyyc.org.

10 Courses & Racing Area

- 10.1 Courses will be modified trapezoid courses and will be described in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 The racing area will be in Narragansett Bay.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.
- 11.2 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta. No more than four (4) races shall be run on any one day.
- 11.3 When six (6) or more races are completed a sailor may discard his/her worst score.
- 11.4 Overall results will be calculated using the Masters handicap system as described in the *Guidelines for Laser Masters Championship Regatta*:

Points are added to each finish according to the competitor's age bracket, as follows:

- Apprentice: add 3 points
- Master: add 2 points
- Grand Master: add 1 point
- Great Grand Master: add 0 points.

Results are recalculated after adding in handicap points, and the person with the lowest score wins.

12 Prizes

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

13 Additional Information

A limited number of charter boats may be available on a first come first served basis.

- Sturgis Boat Works - Contact: john@sturgisboatworks.com; 508-778-9187; www.sturgisboatworks.com/Laser_Charter_p/chartlaser.htm
- The Boat Locker - Contact: scott@boatlocker.com; 203-259-7808; www.boatlocker.com

14 Further Information

For further information, please contact the NYYC Sailing Office at sailingoffice@nyyc.org or Regatta Chair Steven Kirkpatrick at steve_kirkpatrick@hotmail.com.