

2014 US Laser Masters Championship  
11-14 September 2014  
Rochester Yacht Club  
5555 St. Paul Blvd.  
Rochester, New York 14617 USA

NOTICE OF RACE

**1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the Rochester Yacht Club.

1.3 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline (22 August 2014), all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 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 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline (22 August 2014), the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).

This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

1.4 The sailing instructions will change rule Appendix P, Immediate Penalty for Breaking Rule 42, and is modified as follows:

- P2.2 is changed to “second time and subsequent times”
- P2.3 is deleted.
- P3 is changed to read “If a boat has been protested under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty or penalties are cancelled”.

1.5 The sailing instructions will change rule 40 to read: “Competitors are required to wear personal floatation devices while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.”

1.6 The sailing instructions will change Laser class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: Only one person shall be on board while racing. The person shall be the name on the entry form.

1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20 and the Class Rules, in accordance with rule 80.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 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 THE REGATTA:

- Apprentice – 35-44 years of age (Green)
- Master – 45-54 years of age (Red)
- Grand Master – 55-64 years of age (Blue)
- Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age (Yellow)

3.2 Category shall be determined by competitor's age on 12 September 2014.

3.3 All competitors 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](http://www.laser.org).

3.4 Eligible boats may enter and pay the entry fee online through Regatta Network at [www.rochesteryc.com/lasermasters](http://www.rochesteryc.com/lasermasters)

3.4 Registration is limited to the first 100 boats. After the 100 boat limit has been reached, you may register online to hold your place on the event waitlist.

**3.5 COMPETITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO AGREE TO A WAIVER OF LIABILITY AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY. THIS WAIVER MAY BE COMPLETED EITHER DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION OR AT THE EVENT CHECK-IN. ORIGINALS SIGNATURES WILL BE REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN.**

## **4 FEES**

4.1 The entry fee is \$ 145 USD.

4.2 A late fee of \$55 USD will also be charged for payments received after August 22, 2014.

4.3 Competitors will receive:

- Continental breakfast each morning
- Fresh water for the competitors during each race day
- Beer and snacks after racing on Friday
- Buffet dinner on Saturday with open bar for beer
- Hamburger/Hot Dog cook out after racing on Sunday with beer

- Launch/Haul on RYC premises
- Onsite car and trailer parking
- Regatta shirt
- Awards and Prizes
- Support boat dockage
- Full guest privileges at RYC, including all on site dining and bar services. RYC guest cards will be available with your credit card.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 5.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thurs	11 Sept	Registration, Check-in and Measurement On water coaching (tentative)	1800-2000 1300-1700
Fri	12 Sept	Continental Breakfast  Registration, Check-in and Measurement  Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar  Racing  Daily Awards/Social event	0830-0930  0900-1100  1100  first warning at 1200
Sat	13 Sept	Continental Breakfast  Racing  Daily Awards/Social event  Buffet Dinner	0800-0900  first warning at 1030
Sun	14 Sept	Continental Breakfast  Racing  No warning signal after  Closing Ceremonies/Cookout and Awards @ RYC	0800-0900  first warning at 1030  1530

There will be a maximum of ten races

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

Up to four races will be held each day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 6 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 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.

**6.2** COMPETITORS MUST PRESENT THEIR SAILS AT CHECK-IN FOR INSPECTION TO ENSURE THAT SAIL NUMBERS AND SAIL BUTTONS COMPLY WITH ILCA CLASS RULES (REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS AT [WWW.LASERINTERNATIONAL.ORG](http://WWW.LASERINTERNATIONAL.ORG)).

**6.3** THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE COLORED BANDS WHICH COMPETITORS SHALL AFFIX TO THEIR MAST BETWEEN THE VANG TANG AND THE GOOSENECK TO IDENTIFY THEIR DIVISION. COLORS SHALL BE GREEN FOR APPRENTICES, RED FOR MASTERS, BLUE FOR GRAND MASTERS, AND YELLOW FOR GREAT GRAND MASTERS.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 10 September 2014 online at the event web site.

## **8 VENUE AND THE COURSES**

8.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses as described in the ILCA-NA Masters Regatta Guidelines or variations whereof and further described in the sailing instructions.

8.2 Attachment A shows the location of the Rochester Yacht Club, and the racing area on Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Genesee River.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

9.1 The US Sailing prescription Appendix T; Sections A, B and D will apply.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.

10.2 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.

10.3 Overall results will be calculated using the Masters handicap system as described in the Guidelines for Laser Masters Championship Regattas:

For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points:

- Apprentices, 3 points
- Masters, 2 points
- Grand Masters, 1 points
- Great Grand Masters, 0 points

Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

10.4 DIVISIONAL POSITIONS ARE DETERMINED BY EXTRACTION FROM THE OVERALL RESULTS WITHOUT RE-SCORING.

10.5 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. THIS CHANGES RULE A8.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

11.1 SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS MUST REGISTER AT THE RACE OFFICE DURING THE CHECK-IN PERIOD. DURING RACING, SUPPORT BOATS SHALL MONITOR THE RACE COMMITTEE VHF CHANNEL AND REMAIN MORE THAN 50 YARDS FROM THE COURSE AREA, EXCEPT WHEN ASKED TO ASSIST BY THE RACE COMMITTEE.

11.2 Support boat operating instructions will be given during registration.

## **12 BERTHING**

12.1 BOATS SHALL BE KEPT IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS ON PREMISE AT ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB.

## **13 PRIZES**

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

13.2 If 15 Radials have not pre-registered by Aug. 22, 2014 (and all entrants start and finish together and are scored as a single fleet), awards will be given to 1st overall, 1st-3rd in each age category and 1st female overall."

13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 event.

14.2 Competitors in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Rochester Yacht Club. The Rochester Yacht Club, ILCA, and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat. The safety of the sailor and his/her boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the competitor.

## **15 INSURANCE**

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current must be supplied to the OA.

## **16 RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES**

16.1 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.

## **17 RACE OFFICIALS**

Race Committee PRO: Hank Stuart (IRO-USA)

## **18 ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION**

Additional useful information to include: accommodation information (hotel, motel, camping), directions and Club features, will be available on the event web site at [www.rochesteryc.com/lasermasters](http://www.rochesteryc.com/lasermasters)

## **19 FUTHER INFORMATION**

For Regatta Information please contact:

Event Chairman:

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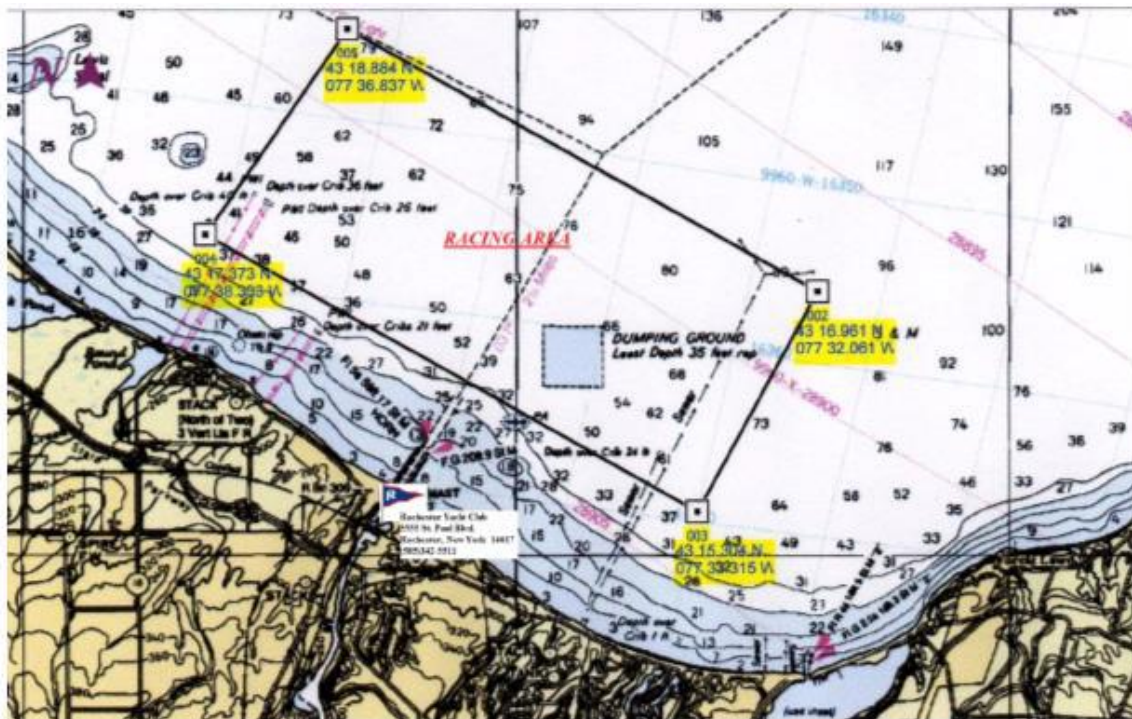
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Attachment A  
Racing Area and Location of RYC Clubhouse



Not to be used for navigation

