

NOTICE OF RACE

2015 NORTH AMERICAN LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP
CAROLINA YACHT CLUB
50 EAST BAY STREET, CHARLESTON, SC
MAY 22-24, 2015

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 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 Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston, SC.
- 1.4 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code and the Class Rules.

2. LANGUAGE

The official language of this regatta will be English.

3. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Sails, blades, and boats may be measured prior to racing, and may be spot checked at any time during the regatta. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pens are not legal and competitors that do not comply with class rules will be disqualified. Refer to <http://www.laserinternational.org> for current class rules.

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 The organizing authority will provide a colored band to place on the mast of all boats between the vang fitting and the gooseneck. The colors are: Green for apprentice, Red for Masters, Blue for Grand Masters and Yellow for Great Grand Masters.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by (INSERT THE FIRST DAY OF THE REGATTA) are eligible to compete.

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

- 5.2 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline (before April 23), 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).

Providing that a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, 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.

- 5.3 Competitors agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Carolina Yacht Club, as the Class and the competitors are guests of the Club.

6. RISK

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. (See RRS rule 4). The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept Standard responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta. All competitors are required to complete an on-line liability waiver/media release prior to racing. The form can be found on the regatta website at www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/carolina.html. 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, 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.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Thursday, May 21

Club open for boat storage & practice sailing

01800 – 1930 Registration Packet pick up & Welcome beverages

Friday, May 22 :

0800 - 0930 Late Registration

1000 - Skippers Meeting, followed by make your own lunch buffet

1200 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.

Attitude adjustment immediately following racing.

Saturday, May 23 :

09:30 - Make your own lunch buffet

1100 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.

1900 - Dinner

Sunday, May 24 :

1100 - First Warning Signal, races to follow.

Hamburger cookout and awards immediately following racing.

- 7.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. The number of races per fleet each day will be adjusted by the race committee to accommodate weather conditions.

- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day of the regatta.

8. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Competitors may register in advance by completing online registration before May 1, 2015. Online Registration is available at www.regattanetwork.com/clubs/carolina.html. Registration is limited to the first 90 boats. After the 90 boat limit has been reached you may register online to hold your place in the event waitlist.

Because of its location in the city, CYC has some space constraints, so please plan to car pool, especially on Friday. Members at James Island Yacht Club will be able to “invite” competitors who wish to launch from there.

9. FEES

9.1 Required Fees. The entry fee is \$145 USD. **A late fee of \$55 USD will be charged after April 22, 2015. Those that enter on or before April 22, 2015 will receive a tee shirt (please be sure to state your tee shirt size online entry).**

9.2 The entry fee includes water provided on the course, keg Thursday, keg Friday after racing, lunch on Friday and Saturday, buffet dinner on Saturday night with open bar for beer and wine, a hamburger cookout Sunday after racing and a regatta souvenir. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased for Saturday night for \$25. Additional event shirts may also be purchased online as well.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available during on-site registration.

11. COURSES & RACING AREA

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward-Windward and Triangle-Windward-Leeward-Windward.

11.2 The racing area will be in the Charleston Harbor, Southeast of the Carolina Yacht Club.

12. SCORING

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

12.2 Ten races are scheduled. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

12.3 When six or more races are completed a sailor may discard his/her worst score.

12.4 NA Master handicap system will apply. The overall trophies will be determined by each competitor's overall finish after handicap points have been applied. Apprentices add 3 points per race, Masters add 2 points per race, Grand Masters add 1 point per race, and Great Grand Masters add 0 points to their score.

13. AWARDS

13.1 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.

13.2 The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Only support/coach boats which have registered with the Regatta Chairman by Friday, May 7th, will be allowed in the racing area, however the number of support/coach boats may be restricted and boats must be launched by Thursday afternoon and not hauled-out until Sunday afternoon if using the CYC ramp. Trailers will not be allowed to be stored in the CYC parking lot during the regatta.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION: Event website: www.carolinayachtclub.com for updates, charter/visitor information, weather links, and directions to Club. If you are looking for housing please email Hillary Bennett at hillary@carolinayachtclub.com. For general information, including accommodations, please visit <http://www.charlestoncvb.com/visitors/>

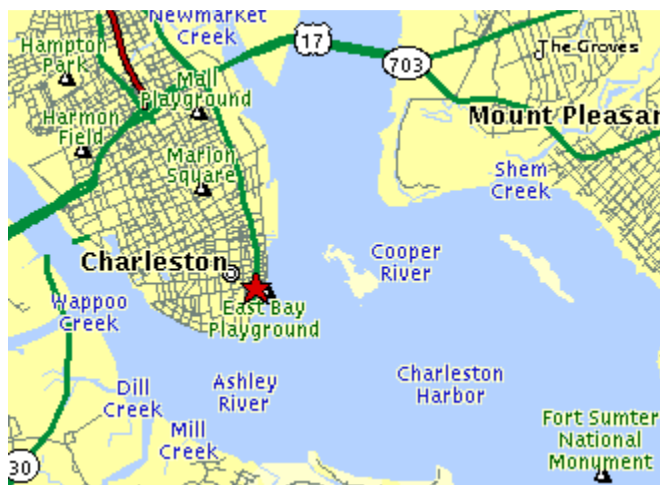
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Directions and Lodging Near the Carolina Yacht Club



- Lodging within walking distance of the club (located at 50 E. Bay Street):
 - Harborview Inn -- 1-800-853-8439
 - Lodge Alley Inn -- 843-722-1611
 - King Charles Inn -- 843-723-7451
 - Mills House Inn -- 843-577-2400
 - Hampton Inn Riverview -- 843-556-5200
 - Days Inn -- 843-722-8411
 - Marriott -- 843-722-7229
 - Comfort Inn Riverview -- 843-577-2224
 - Howard Johnson -- 843-722-4000
- All major hotel chains are represented in the Chas area.
 - Downtown area (\$\$\$),
 - Mt. Pleasant(\$\$),
 - West Ashley(\$\$), or
 - N. Charleston areas(\$)
 - Charleston B & B Service -- 1-800-743-3583

