

Clearwater Yacht Club

Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East

February 17 – 21, 2016

The Organizing Authority for the 2016 Laser Midwinter's East is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC), 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater FL 33767. The event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33767.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 will apply

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors who are members of the ILCA-North America or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing the registration and paying the required fees.
- 2.2 Coaches shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required coach registration fee.
- 2.3 Competitors shall present signed and completed Release and Medical Consent forms at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website.
www.clwyc.org/Regatta

3 FEES

- 3.1 The Entry Fee for each Competitor is \$210 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight February 10, 2016 will be charged a \$40 USD late fee.
- 3.2 The Coaches registration fee is \$50 USD. An additional \$35 USD refundable coach flag deposit will be collected at registration. Coaches shall prominently display their assigned coach flag.
- 3.3 Competitors and Coaches are encouraged to register and pay online at US Sailing Regatta Network. www.regattanetwork.com
- 3.4 The fee includes water and food at CCSC daily before and after racing, a regatta souvenir and Saturday night dinner at CYC. Participants may obtain a CYC Regatta Membership Card at Registration for additional use of CYC.

4 EVENT FORMAT

If any fleet has a large number of entries, the Organizing Authority may divide that fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1	Wednesday February 17	Registration & Measurement Medical & Release Forms Required	0900 – 1300 1600 - 2000
	Thursday February 18	Late Check-in & Measurement Only For Registered Competitors Skippers Meeting First Warning Races to follow	0800 - 0900 0930 1100
	Friday February 19	First Warning Races to follow	1030
	Saturday February 20	First Warning Races to follow Dinner & Music at CYC	1030 1830
	Sunday February 21	First Warning Races to follow Closing Ceremonies and Awards to follow at CCSC	1030

5.2 No more than three races per fleet will be scheduled for each day

5.3 No race shall start after 1400 on Sunday

5.4 A total of 10 races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Sail measurement will be required at this regatta. Please ensure that your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules

6.2 National letters are not required but if used must also comply with class rules. Numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent inkpen are not legal. Refer to www.laserinternational.org (then Rules & Regulations, then Sail Numbers) for detailed instructions

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

8 VENUE

The Racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico West of Clearwater Beach

9 COURSES

The courses will be Trapezoid or Windward / Leeward.

10 SCORING.

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.
- 10.2 There will be one discard when five (5) or more races are completed. When nine (9) races are completed there will be two discards

11 SUPPORT BOATS

Race Committee boats will fly a Race Committee "RC" flag or an Official "O" flag,
Judges will fly a "Judge" or "J" flag.
Coaches will fly a white numbered flag,
Safety Boats will fly an orange numbered flag

12 ADMINISTRATIVE

Competitors will be welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Tuesday February 16. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier or leave later than Monday February 22 need to make reservations with the CCSC Office and pay an additional fee of \$10/day or \$50/week to CCSC.

Competitors arriving when CCSC is closed on Monday February 15th or after closing on Tuesday February 16 or Wednesday February 17 may leave their boats & trailers in the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC) parking lot overnight.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio, telephone or electronic transmissions not available to all competitors while racing.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
See **RRS 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 regatta.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Clearwater Yacht Club	830 South Bayway Blvd	Clearwater, FL 33767
www.clwyc.org/regatta	email: office@clwyc.org	Ph 727-447-6000

US Sailing Regatta Network
www.regattanetwork.com

Clearwater Community Sailing Center	1001 Gulf Blvd	Clearwater, FL 33767
www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org		Ph 727-517-7776

Event Organizer: P/C Dick Boblenz	
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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site.