

2016 Masters US National Laser Championships  
Eastern Yacht Club  
September 30-October 2, 2016  
Notice of Race

**1. Rules:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 The organizing authority will issue colored bands to identify age groups and must be applied to the mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck.
- 1.3 All hails will use the last four digits of the sail number. If there is a duplicate, a “simple black line” under one of the sail numbers will be sufficient.
- 1.4 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.5 *Unless a minimum of 15 Standard and 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline of September 15, 2016, 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, and change rigs throughout the regatta, 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 Standard and 15 Radial entries has been received by the preregistration 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). Rig-Swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.*

**2. Eligibility and Entry:**

- 2.1 Members of ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter.
- 2.2 Proof of ILCA membership will be required at registration.
- 2.3 Registration may be made online at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com>
- 2.4 Entry deadline is Friday, September 30, 2016 at 0900.

**3. Inspection and Measurement:**

- 3.1 Boats, equipment, and sails may be spot checked at any time during the regatta to ensure compliance with the Laser Class Rules.
- 3.2 Sails that do not comply with the Laser Class Rules are not permitted.
- 3.3 National Letters or “Red Rhombus” are not required.

**4. Fees**

- 4.1 Entry fee is \$160
- 4.2 Entries received after September 15 will be subject to a \$40 late fee.

**5. Schedule**

Thursday September 29

- Free sail
- 1600-2000 Registration/Check in
- Enjoy Marblehead

Friday September 30

- 0800-1000 Late check-in
- 1000 Competitor Briefing
- 1200 First Warning Signal
- 1900 Dinner

Saturday October 1

- 1100 First Warning Signal
- 1900 Dinner

Sunday, October 2

- 1100 First Warning Signal

1500 No Warning Signal after this time

Awards and snacks to follow as soon as practical after racing

## **6. Scoring**

One (1) race will constitute a regatta.

It is the intent of the organizing authority to run 10 races.

A maximum of four (4) races will be sailed per day.

When five (5) or more races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores minus her worst score.

The North American Masters Handicap system will be used to score the overall series.

Apprentices add 3 points to each race score, Masters add 2, Grandmasters add 1, and Great Grandmasters add 0.

When two or more competitors are tied the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8.
- Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

## **7. Sailing Instructions and Courses**

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

7.2 Course descriptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **8. Racing Area**

The racing area will be in the open waters of Massachusetts Bay. At the discretion of the race committee, racing may be moved to Salem Sound or the mouth of Marblehead Harbor.

## **9. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## **10. 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 this regatta.

## **11. Charter Boats**

11.1 Charter boats are available through [sturgisboatworks.com](http://sturgisboatworks.com).

## **12. Further Information**

13.1 Regatta Chairman: Patrick Andreasen 847 624-6005 [andreasensail@gmail.com](mailto:andreasensail@gmail.com)

13.2 Eastern Yacht Club 47 Foster St. Marblehead, MA 01945. 781 631-1400

**Letter to competitors**

Housing-New rooms are available at Eastern Yacht Club and available to sailors on a first come basis, please contact the Club directly 781 631-1400. Marblehead also has many fine B&Bs

Trailer Parking-Overflow trailer parking will be at Riverhead Beach.

Social

Thursday Night-enjoy Marblehead

Friday Dinner (regatta casual)

Saturday dinner (regatta casual)

Sunday Awards and snacks

\*Extra dinner tickets may be purchased.