Notice Of Race
2017 Laser Masters North American Championships
August 25-27 2017
Buffalo Canoe Club, Point Abino, Ontario

1.0 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ILCA (International Laser Class Association) regulations and the prescriptions of Sail Canada.

1.2 Competitors are responsible to ensure their equipment complies with applicable class rules.

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

2.0 Advertising

2.1 Competitor advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3.0 Entry and Registrations

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser classes, including Standard (full) rigs, Radial rigs and 4.7 rigs. Registrants must meet the Masters Age eligibility requirements below. Competitors must have reached the age indicated by August 25, 2017.

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Competitors must be members of the International Laser Class Association. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of the regatta:

4.1.1 Apprentice – 35-44 years of age

4.1.2 Master – 45-54 years of age

4.1.3 Grand Master – 55-64 years of age

4.1.4 Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age

5.0 Fees

5.1 Pre-registration fee is $225 Canadian. $250 Canadian after August 11, 2017. Register online at www.regattanetwork.com. The registration fee includes post race snacks and refreshments on Friday and Sunday. BBQ on Saturday after racing. Breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additional BBQ tickets will be available for purchase on-site.

6.0 Schedule

6.1 Registration/Check-in desk will be open Thursday at the BCC from 1700 to 1900 and Friday from 0830 to 0930.

6.2 A competitors' meeting will be held at 0930 Friday on the east lawn.

6.3 The warning signal for the first race Friday and Saturday is 1130. The Warning Signal for the first on Sunday is 1030. No warning signal will be given after 1400 Sunday.

6.4 An awards ceremony will occur ASAP after the last race on Sunday.

7.0 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Shall be available at registration on August 24 and 25, 2017

8.0 Location

8.1 The Buffalo Canoe Club is located at 4475 Erie Road, Ridgeway, ON L0S 1N0. Specific information is available at www.buffalocanoeclub.com. Boats and trailers may be stored on-site. Camping is not permitted on the grounds.

9.0 Race Area

9.1 Racing will take place on Lake Erie in the vicinity of Point Abino.

9.2 Course details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.0 Penalty System

10.1 See Sailing Instructions

11.0 Scoring System

11.1 Races will be scored in accordance with rule A4

11.2 It is the intent of the organizing authority to run 10 races. One (1) race will constitute a regatta. A maximum of 4 races will be sailed per day.

11.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of his/her race score, excluding his/her worst score.

11.4 The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.

11.5 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

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

12.0 Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows

12.1.1 Overall winner

12.1.2 Top female

12.1.3 Top finisher in each age division

12.1.4 Top 3 Radials (if started separately)

13.0 Safety

13.1 Life jackets shall be worn at all times while racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification. This changes RRS 40.

14.0 Disclaimer of Liability

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

15.0 Insurance

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Appendix II - Standard Sailing Instructions

The following pages contain the ILCA-NA standard Sailing Instructions (SIs) which can be used for all events. Information that needs to be filled in by the organizing authority appears in underlined red text. Example descriptions, where needed, are given in green text. As stated in guidelines, these SIs must be used for all major championship events.

It is recognized that it will sometimes be necessary to modify these SIs to accommodate special circumstances. For all major championship regattas any changes must be approved in writing by the ILCA-NA office.

If modifications are necessary, please keep in mind the following considerations (taken from the ISAF Standard SIs found in Appendix L of the RRS):

The principles on which all sailing instructions should be based are as follows:

1. They should include only two types of statement: the intentions of the race committee and the obligations of competitors.
2. They should be concerned only with racing. Information about social events, assignment of moorings, etc. should be provided separately.
3. They should not change the racing rules except when clearly desirable.
4. They should not repeat or restate any of the racing rules.
5. They should not repeat themselves.
6. They should be in chronological order; that is, the order in which the competitor will use them.
7. They should, when possible, use words or phrases from the racing rules.

REGATTA LOGISTICS & AREA INFORMATION

Passports & Border Crossing:

The Buffalo Canoe Club is located in Ontario, Canada, 15-20 minutes from the U.S. border (Peace Bridge).

Everyone, regardless of age, is required to present a valid passport or Nexus card to cross the border. Minors not crossing the border with their parents should have a letter from their parents explaining the purpose of the trip and giving permission to their guardians to take them across the border.

Airports & Shuttle Services:

The Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) is located 15 minutes from the U.S./Canadian border. Most major airlines including United, American, Delta, Southwest, and Jet Blue fly to Buffalo. The Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) is an hour and half drive from the BCC. Toronto offers more direct flights from major international cities. International competitors not wishing to have both a US and Canadian visa should consider flying into Toronto. The Hamilton International Airport (YHM) is located 45 minutes from the BCC.

The Niagara Airbus provides shuttle bus service from all the region's airports to Fort Erie (Canadian border town, 15 minutes from the BCC). For schedule & reservations: www.niagaraairbus.net.

Accommodations:

Cottage Rentals:

Crystal Beach is a summer vacation community with many cottages to rent.

http://www.vacationrentals.com/vacation-rentals/ontario/crystal-beach.html

http://www.cottagesincanada.com/cottage-rentals/ontario/southeastern-niagara/crystal-beach

http://www.dwhowardrealty.com/listings/ontario-ca-rentals.html

Motels & Hotels:

Limited rooms are available 2 miles from the club at the simple Crystal Beach Motel http://www.crystalbeachmotel.com/ .

More upscale chain hotels are located within a 15 minute drive from the club in the town of Fort Erie such as the Clarion Hotel (closest), Comfort Inn, & the Econo Lodge. Detail on these hotels can be found at Bookings.com: **Bookings.com**