

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

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the International Laser Class Assn. in conjunction with the Buffalo Canoe Club. This event will be held at Buffalo Canoe Club, located at 4475 Erie Rd, Ridgeway ON. 905-894-2750

1.3 15 Standard and 15 Radial entries have 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). Rig-Swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect.

2. Eligibility and Entry

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch at BCC clubhouse

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole in front of BCC clubhouse

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Friday, August 25,

0830-0930 registration

0930 Skippers Meeting

1030 Harbour Start

1130 1st warning signal, races to follow

1830 Regatta Cook Out (ASAP after Racing)

Saturday, August 26.

1030 Harbour Start

1130 1st warning signal, races to follow

1830 Regatta Cookout (ASAP after Racing)

Sunday, August 27

0930 Harbour Start

1030 1st warning signal, races to follow

(Awards to follow ASAP after last race)

6.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal when the last race of the day has been completed.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be on lake Erie in the Vicinity of Point Abino

8. Course

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of approximately 45-60 minutes.

9. Marks

9.1 All marks will be orange inflatables or orange balls.

9.2 The start and finish marks will be orange flags.

9.3 New marks, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Change of Course, will be yellow marks. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The Class Flags will be:

Laser Standard White Flag with a Red Laser Burst.

Laser Radial Green Flag with a Red Laser Burst.

10.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.

10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS, this changes RRS A4.1.

10.6 The warning signal for a succeeding start may be made at, or any time after, the starting signal for the preceding start.

11. Change Of Course

A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the finish mark and the orange flag on the signal boat.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

13.2 Appendix P will apply, except that RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changes so that the word first is deleted.

14. Abandonment & Time Limit

14.1 Target time for all classes will be approximately 45-60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

14.2 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

14.3 The Race Committee will abandon any race it judges not to be a fair test of sailing skill.

15. Protests

15.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish Boat and report to the Finish Boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee Boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protests should be lodged at BCC front desk within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee Finish Boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

15.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the protest time. This is the notice required by RRS 63.2.

16. Scoring

16.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, modified as follows by the ILCA-NA Masters handicap system:

16.1.1. To calculate overall fleet results, points will be added to each competitor's finish according to his or her age bracket, as follows: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points.

16.1.2. Competitor's overall scores will be the sum of their included finishes plus total handicap points.

16.1.3. Results within each age division will be determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

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

16.2.1. Within an age division, ties will be broken as described in Appendix A8.

16.2.2. Across age divisions, ties will be broken in favor of the older division sailor.

16.3. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.

16.4. 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.

17. Safety

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

17.2 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. Equipment & Measurement Checks

19.1. Boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. Trash Disposal

20.1. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

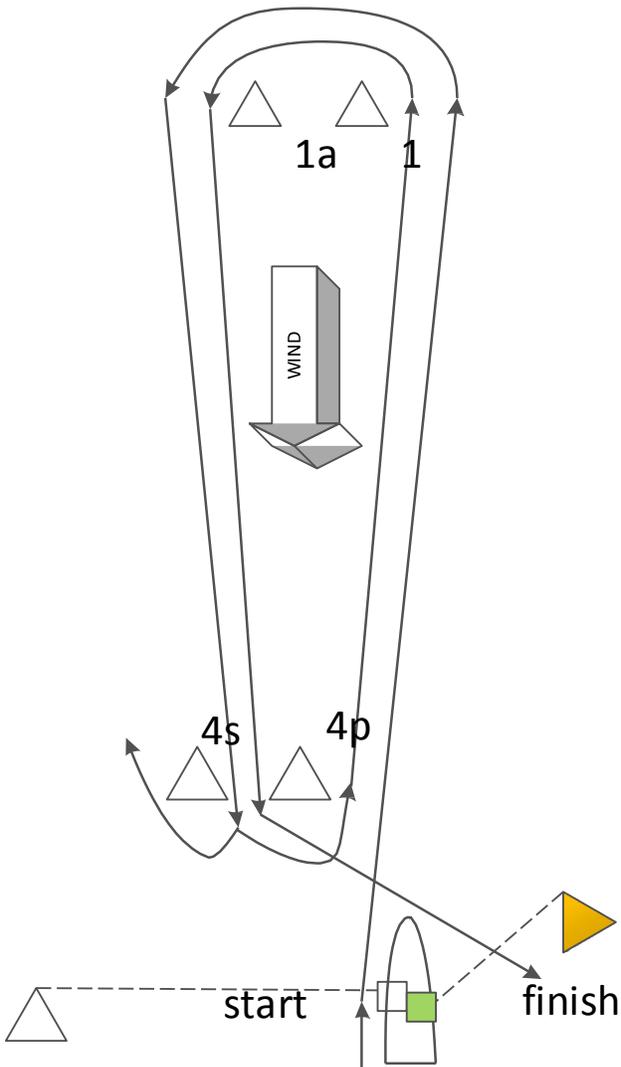
21. Trophies

Laser: 1st- Overall, 1st Woman, 1st Apprentice, 1st Master, 1st Grand Master, 1st Great Grand Master.

Laser Radial: 1st- Overall, 1st Woman, 1st Apprentice, 1st Master, 1st Grand Master, 1st Great Grand Master.

"The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority."

APPENDIX 'A' – The Course



Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p - Finish

If one of mark 1 or 1a is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port and the course will then be directly to the gate or mark 4p, as appropriate

If one of mark 4p or 4s is missing, the remaining mark will be rounded to port. Mark 4s is not a mark of the course on the second rounding.

